

UNBF Senate Briefs

First Senate meeting of the Academic Year

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Three individuals, Edward Byrne, John Little and David Trimble - will be awarded honorary degrees when UNB holds its Fall Convocation ceremonies next month.

The announcement was made by UNB's Vice-President Academic John McLaughlin at a meeting of the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate earlier this week.

No background information has yet been released by the University on all three individuals and calls to the offices of the President, Vice-President Academic, University Secretary and the Office of Development and Public Relations did not provide any additional information before The Brunswickan's Wednesday press deadline.

Dr. Geoffrey Ozin of the University of Toronto will deliver the 2000 E.J. Toole Lectures on the UNB Fredericton campus from Monday, September 25th to Wednesday, September 27th.

The lecture on Monday, the 25th, takes place at 4:00 p.m. in Room 03 of Toole Hall. On Tuesday, the 26th, Ozin's lecture will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Room 105 of MacLaggan Hall, while his final lecture will take place Wednesday, the 27th, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 303 of Toole Hall.

UNB Chemistry Professor, Saba Mattar, told members of the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate this week that Ozin is a high-profile researcher and an excellent speaker who will appeal to those

involved in various scientific disciplines.

Mattar, who worked with Ozin in the early 1990s, is also urging students to attend the lectures.

Further information on the E.J. Toole Lectures can be obtained by contacting Dr. John Neville, in the UNB Chemistry Department at (506) 447-3115.

The UNB Fredericton Academic Senate has approved an increase in the Dr. Florence Snodgrass Prize for Graduate Student Research in Psychology.

The prize will now amount to \$900 rather than \$500 previously.

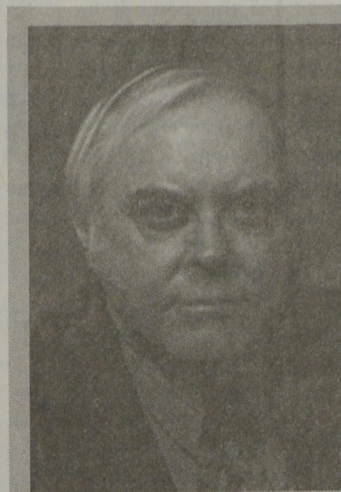
Two new academic prizes for graduate students in the fields of Marine Geoscience and Data Visualization were also approved.

The Larry Mayer Prize in Marine Geoscience, valued at \$1,000, will be awarded annually to a graduate student at the Masters or Doctoral level, who makes an outstanding contribution to Marine Geoscience.

The Colin Ware Prize in Data Visualization, valued at \$1,000 will also be awarded annually to a graduate student taking either a Masters or Doctorate degree who makes an outstanding contribution in the field of Data Visualization.

Members of Senate are asking questions about what is being planned in the long term to fill the position of Vice-President Research and International Cooperation.

Dr. John McLaughlin is serving as both Vice-President Research and International Cooperation and Vice-President Academic. He plans to vacate the



Dr. John McLaughlin, Vice-President Academic and Vice-President Research and International Cooperation chaired the UNBF Academic Senate meeting this week.

former post by the end of December.

McLaughlin, who chaired the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate meeting this week in the absence of President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, deferred the question until the October Senate meeting when the President will be on hand.

Senators are also asking when the results will be tabulated from the 1999-2000 course evaluation survey completed by UNB students last April.

More information is expected to be provided when the Senate meets again next month.

The Faculty Council in Administration is recommending the name of the Faculty of Administration on the UNB Fredericton campus be changed to the Faculty of Business Administration.

The name change reflects the fact that courses in public administration are no longer offered in the Faculty.

"Fridays at 4," a new initiative to encourage interaction among faculty. Every Friday at 3:30pm starting today, faculty will be invited to gather in the Alumni Memorial Building for light snacks, a cash bar, and a speaker. McLaughlin will host today's event.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission has approved two new academic programs at UNB - a new degree program in Software Engineering and a new Certificate in Film Production.

The Dean of Renaissance College, Terry Haggerty, can't vote on the Academic Senate without an amendment to the provincial act which governs the university, the University of New Brunswick Act. University Solicitor Gordon Petrie examined the issue and reported to Academic Senate this week.

Ordinarily, Deans of Academic departments are automatically full members of the Senate, but in this case, the unique character of Renaissance College as a separate entity from UNB does not allow for Haggerty to vote. It will be at least the Spring of 2001 before the Provincial Legislature could enact the change. In the meantime, Haggerty has been accorded full speaking rights at Senate meetings. It's not the first time such an interim solution was needed. When the Vice-President Research and International Cooperation portfolio was created in 1994, a similar difficulty arose. At the time, Senate enacted a similar solution.

Ruggeri named Vaughan Chair

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Dr. Joe Ruggeri, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Economics at UNB Fredericton since 1999, has been named to the Vaughan Chair in Regional Economics.

Ruggeri, who holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a PhD from the State University of New York, is the author of several books and a former chief of structural analysis with the federal department of finance.

"One of my objectives is to strengthen the links between UNB and federal, provincial and local government departments and agencies so we can develop research agendas that are closely tied to public policy needs," Ruggeri said.

He also said Atlantic Canada needs more young people trained in policy analysis.

The Vaughan Chair in Regional Economics was established at UNB Fredericton in 1992 with money from the late Murray and Marguerite Vaughan, who were long-time benefactors of UNB.

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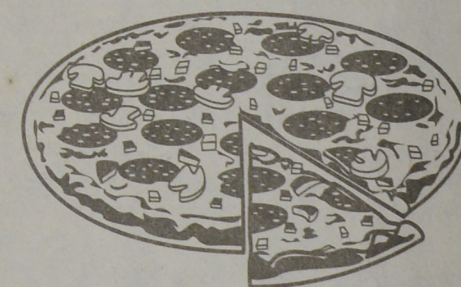
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