

# Vice-president claims constitution contradictory

There is nothing like having a well outlined democratic guide within a democratic system. Unfortunately, I think it was proven at the last Council meeting that the UPEI Student Union doesn't have one...literally & figuratively.

Last Sunday night, four members of the present Student Union Council were automatically impeached. They were Sandra Dunsford, Byron Carr, Dave Cairns, and myself for missing four meetings since our election. From there the meeting went up to the skies!!! The total validity of the whole

Constitution came under fire and the final synopsis of the members was that the Constitution is a complete contradiction within itself. One article says one thing while somewhere else in the Constitution exactly the opposite is said; some articles within the Constitution are followed to the letter while others are left out completely. In other words, it consists of numerous pages of ignored garbage.

For two of the meetings that I did miss, I wasn't even on the Island. Does sitting at a conference of Student Union radio stations immediately imply that I am not representing

the students? I don't know, the Constitution does not specify for anything like that.

What really irks me is the fact that Byron & Sandra, especially, always voiced their opinions at the meetings & seemed to let the students they represented know what was going on & now they're off while some members are elected to the Council, sit on it, never open their mouths, & never get back to the students that they represent! It's ridiculous!!!

The general consensus of the meeting came down to the decision that the whole Constitut-

ion be changed to make it workable. Above, where I mentioned that the Constitution was invalid is exactly that. The present Constitution was never passed by a quorum, so by the letter of the law, the thing isn't legal itself.

I don't know how the other members feel about the whole situation but I'm not too happy. I enjoyed the job of Vice-President and the indignity of impeachment seems a pretty low anticlimax to the year. If you have any interest whatsoever in what is happening please voice your opinion and attend the General Meeting on Feb. 17.

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