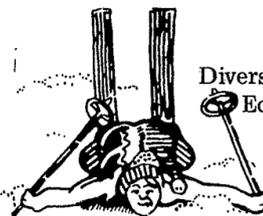


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Edward Beane, director of business affairs at Potsdam State

## New FTE Alters Potsdam Ratio From 19:1 To 17:1

by Nancy Doane

"It is unfortunate that a department of government, which has no connection with the University system should play with numbers to our disadvantage," stated John Ryan, union representative for Potsdam State professors.

Ryan made this statement last week in reference to the change in calculating annual average full-time student (FTE's— by the New York State Bureau of the Budget.

The change appears within the '77-'78 proposed budget for the New York State University System.

Previously, FTE was known as full-time equivalent. This figure was calculated by multiplying the average number of credit hours per student by the number of students, then dividing that number by the number of teaching faculty.

The standard FTE previously was a student with 15 credit hours. In addition to this, courses were weighted giving more points for upper division courses. This is not taken into account under the new system.

The new FTE represents "full time equated" students. A full-time equated student is anyone who pays full-time tuition.

For example, a student taking 12 credit hours per semester is one equated student, while someone who is taking 16, 18 or 20 credit hours is also an equated student.

Edward Beane, director of business affairs at Potsdam said "the reason behind the change was to place the SUNY system on a comparable basis

with CUNY and private schools in regard to state aid."

Richard Hutcheson, Dean of Liberal Studies, believes that although the FTE will create problems, "it will provide an accurate accounting system."

"It will keep us honest," Hutcheson said. "There will be no profit to generate empty credit hours."

One of the problems foreseen by Hutcheson, will be determining the proper enrollment for a department." Also an "honest faculty workload will be difficult to calculate," he said.

According to Hutcheson this will result in "more crowded classes." It will be necessary to increase the class size "to generate a faculty position," he added.

There is a discrepancy between the faculty-student ratio generated by the new FTE and the ratio established by the old FTE. According to the old FTE the ratio is 19:1, by the new FTE the ratio stands at 17:1.

Hutcheson is worried about this difference. "They (the state) will say that we have a better student ratio, when it isn't true," he pointed out.

Beane questions whether it "is right to compare SUNY colleges against CUNY and New York State private schools."

Hutcheson, along the same vein believes there may be "undue emphasis on state aid to private schools."

Ryan believes that this change will "hurt" the State University system and will have "serious consequences in the long run."

## Questions Raised On Validity Of Duggan Senate Appointments

by Nancy Doane

Due to resignations and graduations the SGA senate is presently operating with 13 vacant seats.

John Duggan, president of SGA, has appointed seven people to fill vacant positions. Only three of these appointees however, were accepted at the last senate meeting. The other four were not present to be voted upon.

The three accepted by senate are Mark Skwarek, Bob Craig and Peter Ford.

During the senate meeting, senator Doug Chilton raised a question as to the validity of these senate appointees.

Chilton argued that within the constitution, the president only has the power to appoint temporary senators. These senators would hold office until an election could be held.

According to Duggan the validity of his actions lay behind the fact that 34 appointments to senate had been made in the past two years without an election.

"I was acting upon the precedence of past years," said Duggan. "We more than went out of our way to facilitate an election," said Duggan, referring to the elections held in the fall semester.

Mark Skwarek, newly appointed senator, believes that senator Chilton "brought up a valid point."

"There really ought to be an election," Skwarek said. "Just because it was done before doesn't make things right."

Bob Craig, another senate appointee, took a different tract. "I can see Duggan's point," Craig said. "We have to get things rolling. What's the point of having an election if there

isn't anybody to run against."

Both Skwarek and Craig said they "wouldn't mind running if there was an election."

When Duggan was asked how

the remaining senate seats would be filled, he stated "It's up to the election committee, they will decide whether or not there will be a campus election."

## Lack Of Input Slows Up Judiciary Implementation

by William R. Herrick

Although the President and Senate of the Student Government Association at Potsdam State have been in the centering for the last few weeks, it can not be said that the Judicial Branch hasn't had its troubles.

The main problem is simple; it isn't functioning.

At the next Senate session, Senate is expected to approve seven appointments to fill nine vacant seats in the SGA Supreme Court, and two prospective members of the Student Judiciary.

The Attorney General, Gary Lefkowitz was approved last fall.

The reasons attributed for the incompleteness and dormancy of the court system is considered by SGA President John Duggan to be three-fold.

"It would've worked if they came to me," stated Duggan

as he explained why his original method of appointment failed.

Duggan asked Senate, the Attorney General, professors, and dorm councils to help him find students for the courts. They suggested no one.

Duggan termed this a "gross in-cooperation." He added, "I tried something but it failed."

Traditionally, the President selects the courts, with little outside soliciting. This route was rejected by Duggan because of speculation that he, himself, would be facing the courts.

"I was damned sure I was," stated Duggan when asked of the possibilities of student court action against him. Duggan's speculation stems from threats of court action by two former SGA Treasurers.

"I was afraid of criticism (of appointments)," said Duggan.

## Kilmartin Appoints Six

by Andrea Matros

"Recent budget cuts have made it necessary to keep running tabs on general expenditures of SGA organizations," stated Tom Kilmartin, treasurer of SGA.

Kilmartin has found it necessary to appoint assistant treasurers to "help do the job more efficiently." The assistant treasurers will insure that money spent has been allocated for.

Dr. Spencer, economic professor at Potsdam State sponsored students through the economics department to become assistant treasurers.

Six students have been approved by Kilmartin to take the assistant treasurer positions.

Mason Wexler, Charlie Gold, and Diane are filling the positions on a voluntary basis.

Barb Kurpita, Dorothy Graham, and Carol Maishfield must be approved by the student senate before taking office.

The latter three will have the power of signature for checks up to \$50.

At this time, the assistant treasurership is a one semester position. According to Kilmartin, if the position proves to be beneficial to the student government as a whole, the senate could pass a bill to make the position permanent.

The assistants work will entail bookkeeping, handling disbursing orders, and the recreation of last years books.

