

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

6:00PM

SUB 6-06

AGENDA (BC 2016-14)

2016-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-14/1a Call to Order

2016-14/1b Approval of Agenda

2016-14/1c Approval of Minutes

2016-14/1d Chair's Business

2016-14/1d Attendance

2016-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-14/2a Bylaw Committee attendance policy - Feedback for the Committee of Chairs (COC)

2016-14/2b Committee written reports discussion - Abolishing Bylaw 100, Section 16

2016-14/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-14/3a **Bill #9 - Student Involvement Endowment Fund (SIEF) Reform - First Principles**

1. The Student Involvement Endowment Fund has been used to support specific initiatives for the Students' Union.
2. The Student Involvement Endowment Fund has grown in scope since it was conceived in Bylaw.
3. These changes have been described in the current objectives of the society.
4. Bylaw 3000 shall be amended to reflect these changes.

Background: Bill #9 was referred to Bylaw Committee on October 18, 2016. Above is the original wording which was deemed to be too general. Please see the Google Drive working folder for current modifications to the above, including measures for additional oversight.

2016-14/3b

UPASS Referendum Question

Edmonton Transit Services (ETS) provides a U-Pass to all students at a lower price than a monthly pass, in order to encourage the use of city transportation among undergraduate students. All undergraduate students pay this U-Pass, and as a result the cost of the U-Pass is lowered for University of Alberta undergraduates.

The current U-Pass deal expires in August 2017, and a referendum is being held to renew the U-Pass. The deal proposed by ETS will see the cost of the U-Pass rise by no more than \$5 per year until 2020 - 2021.

The University of Alberta provides a subsidy to further reduce costs to students and has committed to continuing this subsidy. The current cost of the U-Pass to other institutions is \$170 while University of Alberta undergraduates pay \$141.67.

The U-Pass will cost University of Alberta undergraduates, after subsidy, \$145.00 in 2017-18, \$148.00 in 2018-19, \$153.00 in 2019-20 and \$158.00 in 2020-21.

The conditions of this fee shall include:

1. Students can not opt-out of this fee.
2. This fee will not be assessed to Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.

Do you support a fee of \$145.00 in 2017 - 2018, \$148.00 in 2018 - 2019, and \$153.00 in 2019 - 2020 and \$158.00 in 2020-2021 per term for full time and part time undergraduates to fund a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass)?

2016-14/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-14/4a

This is the last meeting of Bylaw Committee for 2016. The winter semester meeting schedule is as follows. Please mark your calendars.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

2016-14/5

ADJOURNMENT

2016-14/5a

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06.



**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016
9:00 PM
Council Chamber, University Hall**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Brandon Christensen (Chair)		Y
Bismillah Kiani	Sandy Brophy	Y
Brandon Prochnau		Y
Delane Howie		Y
Eilish McKinlay		Y
Reed Larsen		Y
Robyn Paches		Y

MINUTES (BC 2016-13)

2016-13/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-13/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 21:12 (9:12 PM) by CHRISTENSEN.

2016-13/1b Approval of Agenda

PACHES/HOWIE MOVE to approve the agenda.

7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-13/1c Approval of Minutes

LARSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the minutes.

6/0/1 (Abstention by BROPHY)

CARRIED

2016-13/1d Chair's Business

Attendance was taken. Proxies in attendance were noted above.
Councillor Flaman and Farooq were also in attendance.

2016-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-13/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-13/3a DFU Plebiscite Question #2 - WUSC

PROPOSED QUESTION:

The World University Services of Canada (WUSC) through the Student Refugee Program has been helping bring refugee students to the University of Alberta for over 25 years. It helps these people access this life changing program. WUSC helps bring refugee students to the University of Alberta by operating the Student Refugee Fund. All student fee dollars will go to the student refugee fund.

A fee of \$0.48 per student assessed in the Fall and Winter semesters, supports the Student Refugee Fund which sponsors one refugee student every year at the University of Alberta.

The conditions for the fund shall include:

1. Students cannot opt out of this fee.
2. This fee shall be assessed to both Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.
3. The board shall be composed of: Co-Chairs (2), Treasurer, Secretary, SRP Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and a SU Councillor
4. At least one member of Students' Council shall also sit on this board.

Do you support a \$0.24 fee, for full-time and part-time students, in both Fall and Winter semesters for the Student Refugee Fund?

CHRISTENSEN:

This is the updated question. I would suggest everyone to refer to the working folder as there have been a few adjustments.

HOWIE:

I have an issue with the acronyms. It says "SRP coordinator". I don't know who that is.

LARSEN:

I think it refers to the Student Refugee Program.

HOWIE:

OK. But, it should be defined.

FLAMAN:

With the exception of Vice-president Paches, I bet I'm the only part-time student here. Although the fee is very small, I would suggest the committee to go on an equitable route rather than an equal route where you charge everybody the same fee. Maybe you can use a sliding scale depending on how many credits you're taking. I don't think it's equitable to charge somebody taking just one class and somebody taking 5-6 classes the same fee.

PROCHNAU:

Correct me if I'm wrong, but we don't set the numbers. It's up to the Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) to decide how much they want to charge students.

FLAMAN:

Can you send it back to them for review?

HOWIE:

We can send it back to them.

CHRISTENSEN:

I don't think that's within our mandate. We are solely here to put what the D.F.U. wants into a question that is not biased, and to see if they follow all the procedures stipulated in Bylaw 6100. If the D.F.U. decides to charge \$500 per student, for example, and if it passes, we'll have to honor that. I think the Students' Council has more authority on this. That's where you should bring your question up. When we get to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG), you'll see that the fee is half for part time students. So, it's totally up to organization submitting the DFU question.

HOWIE:

Which bylaw has the instructions for plebiscite questions?

CHRISTENSEN:

It's bylaw 6100. I also want to make it abundantly clear that the fee is \$0.24 per semester for full-time and part-time students.

PACHES:

We should add that the fee is per student in the question as well.

HOWIE:

I think that may make the whole thing confusing, and certain parts redundant.

PACHES:

I'm just going by precedent.

HOWIE:

That's fine then.

FLAMAN:

Can you forward my concerns to the contact person of this D. F. U.?

CHRISTENSEN:

I will. If there aren't any more concerns, we can go ahead with the motion.

FINALIZED QUESTION:

The World University Services of Canada (WUSC) through the Student Refugee Program (SRP) has been helping bring refugee students to the University of Alberta for over 25 years. It helps these people access this life changing program. WUSC helps bring refugee students to the University of Alberta by operating the Student Refugee Fund. All student fee dollars will go to the student refugee fund.

A fee of \$0.48 per student assessed in the Fall and Winter semesters, supports the Student Refugee Fund which sponsors one refugee student every year at the University of Alberta.

The conditions for the fund shall include:

1. Students cannot opt out of this fee.
2. This fee shall be assessed to both Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.
3. The board shall be composed of: Co-Chairs (2), Treasurer, Secretary, SRP Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and a SU Councillor
4. At least one member of Students' Council shall also sit on this board.

Do you support a \$0.24 fee per student per semester, for full-time and part-time students, in both Fall and Winter semester for the Student Refugee Fund?

MOTION:

PACHES/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve the finalized WUSC DFU question as listed above.

7/0/0

CARRIED

2016-13/3b

DFU Plebiscite Question #1 - APIRG

PROPOSED QUESTION:

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) seeks to foster positive social change and empower students with the tools to become active, engaged citizens. Annually, APIRG distributes \$30,000 in direct granting to student and community-led social initiatives.

The conditions of the funds will include:

1. Students shall have the option to opt out via the SU website at the beginning of each term and receive a full refund of their fee;
2. The fee will be assessed only in the Fall and Winter Terms;
3. APIRG continues to function as a student-run non-profit organization in accordance with its mandate of “research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest” as per Schedule 6000 of the Students’ Union Bylaws.
4. Composition of board:
5. Augustana Students are exempt.
6. Off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar, are included.

Do you support a fee of \$3.50 per term, for each of the Fall and Winter semesters, for full-time students and \$1.75 per part-time students to fund APIRG?

CHRISTENSEN:

The plebiscite question listed here is not up to date. So please direct your attention to the working folder.

MCKINLAY:

We still aren’t exactly clear what APIRG does.

HOWIE:

I think the question is pretty good now.

CHRISTENSEN:
Yes, it looks fine.

FINALIZED QUESTION:

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) seeks to foster positive social change and empower students with the tools to become active, engaged citizens. Annually, APIRG distributes \$30,000 in direct granting to student and community-led social initiatives.

The conditions of the funds will include:

1. Students shall have the option to opt out via the SU website at the beginning of each term and receive a full refund of their fee;
2. The fee will be assessed only in the Fall and Winter Terms;
3. APIRG continues to function as a student-run non-profit organization in accordance with its mandate of “research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest” as per Schedule 6000 of the Students’ Union Bylaws.
4. The Board will be made up of up to 9 elected or appointed members, 1 SU Councillor, and up to 2 continuity appointments from the previous Board year. The Board must have a majority of elected members.
5. Augustana Students are exempt.
6. Off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar, are included.

Do you support a fee of \$3.50 per term, in each of the Fall and Winter semesters, for full-time students and \$1.75 per part-time students to fund APIRG?

MOTION:

HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the finalized APIRG DFU question as listed above.

7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-13/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-13/4a

Winter Semester meeting schedule:

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The committee unanimously agreed to the meeting schedule as above.

7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-13/5 ADJOURNMENT

2016-13/5a Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06.

2016-13/5b PROCHNAU/BROPHY MOVE to adjourn at 9:26 PM.

7/0/0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 21:26 (9:26 PM).

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
PACHES/HOWIE MOVE to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 CARRIED
LARSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the minutes.	6/0/1 (Abstention by BROPHY) CARRIED
PACHES/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve the finalized WUSC DFU question as listed above.	7/0/0 CARRIED
HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the finalized APIRG DFU question as listed above.	7/0/0 CARRIED
The committee unanimously agreed to the meeting schedule as above.	7/0/0 CARRIED
PROCHNAU/BROPHY MOVE to adjourn at 9:26 PM.	7/0/0 CARRIED