

# **STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

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**Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
6:00PM  
Council Chambers, University Hall**

**LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2017-16)**

- 2017-16/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS**
- 2017-16/2      PRESENTATIONS**
- 2017-16/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2017-16/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2017-16/5      OPEN FORUM**
- 2017-16/6      QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2017-16/7      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2017-16/7a      **PACHES MOVES** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Physical Activity & Wellness Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC).**
- 2017-16/8      GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2017-16/9      INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2017-16/9a      Votes and Proceedings, SC-2017-15-VP-20171205 - Tuesday, December 5, 2017**
- See SC 2017-16.01



University of Alberta Students' Union

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**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**  
**Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM**

### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2017-14)**

#### **2017-14/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

#### **2017-14/2 PRESENTATIONS**

#### **2017-14/2a *Title: Student Event Initiative Updates***

**Abstract:** General Manager Marc Dumouchel will present on the Student Events Initiative and provide an update on the related renovations.

**Presenter:**

- Marc Dumouchel, General Manager (Students' Union)

**PACHES/FLAMAN SPONSOR** the *Student Events Initiative Updates* presentation.

**DUMOUCHEL:** Described the renovation plan for the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Emphasized the programme of modernization will attract larger clients and energize Campus life. Noted the expansion will promote student activities and clubs. Underlined the renovation costs per term, per student.

#### **2017-14/2b *Title: UAFAR (University of Alberta First Aid Responders): Becoming A Dedicated Fee Unit***

**Abstract:** The University of Alberta First Aid Responders (UAFAR) is a student group dedicated to improving campus health and safety through first aid education, skill development, and service. Securing a DFU would be instrumental in supporting UAFAR's goal of expanding beyond current campus event coverage service and into the University of Alberta's on-call campus first aid service.

**Presenter(s):**

- Victor Mocanu

**JONES/CHOI SPONSOR** the *UAFAR: Becoming a Dedicated Fee Unit* presentation.

MOCANU: Explained the role of University of Alberta First Aid Responders, a student group, as promoting health and safety through training and event volunteerism. Requested Students' Council remove the petition requirement for their Dedicated Fee Unit referendum.

**SORENSEN/CHOI MOVED** to extend question period by thirty-minutes.  
21/9/0 - CARRIED.

See SC-2017-14.09

**2017-14/3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ilya USHAKOV, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Marina BANISTER, President - Report.

Robyn PACHES, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

Shane SCOTT, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Reed LARSEN, Vice President (External) - Report.

**2017-14/4**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Audit Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Council Administration Committee (CAC) - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Nominating Committee - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.

Board of Governors - Report.

Gateway Student Journalism Society - Report.

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.

Council on Aboriginal Initiatives - Report.

**2017-14/5**

**OPEN FORUM**

**2017-14/6**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**2017-14/7**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2017-14/7a**

**SCOTT, PACHES MOVED** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Nominating Committee.

SCOTT: Requested Student's Council fill one vacancy on Nominating Committee. Noted the committee will principally review applications for undergraduate representation on the University of Alberta Senate.

FARRIS nominated SORENSEN: accepted.  
THIBAUDEAU nominated PALINDAT: accepted.  
WILSON nominated BILYK: accepted.  
THIBAUDEAU nominated Anderson: accepted.  
LARSON nominated BILAK: declined.

BILYK is declared appointed to Nominating Committee via secret vote

**2017-14/7b PACHES, SCOTT MOVED** to appoint two members of Students' Council to the Finance Committee.

PACHES: Requested Student's Council fill two vacancies on Finance Committee. Noted members can expect to engage in the deliberation of dedicated fee units.

PALINDAT nominated FLAMAN: accepted.  
PACHES nominated CHRISTENSEN: declined.  
LARSON nominated BILYK: accepted.  
USHAKOV nominated SORENSEN:declined.  
SORENSEN nominated ANDERSON: accepted.

BILYK and ANDERSON are declared appointed to Finance Committee via secret vote.

**2017-14/7c BROPHY/SORENSEN MOVED** to appoint two members of Council to the Audit Committee.

BROPHY: Requested Student's Council fill two vacancies on Audit Committee. Noted the committee reviews financial statements and ensures fiduciary accountability.

JONES nominated LIU: accepted.  
CHOI nominated BYLAK: accepted.  
SORENSEN nominated FARRIS: accepted.  
THIBAUDEAU nominated BILAK: declined.  
CHRISTENSEN nominated FLAMAN: accepted.  
PACHES nominated THIBAUDEAU: declined.

LIU and FLAMAN are declared appointed to Finance Committee via secret vote.

**2017-14/7d Bill #5 - Students' Council Legislative and Committee Structure Reform - *First Reading***

**HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVED** to approve the first reading of Bill #5, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the below, amended first principles, following the referral to Bylaw Committee on Nov. 21.

First Principles (*Amended Nov. 28, 2017*):

1. Bylaw 100 is the premiere piece of legislation of Students' Council, housing much of the administrative and operational regulations of the body.
2. Legislation within Bylaw 100 is loosely defined with little direction given surrounding the procedures and protocols of the various forms of legislation. There are currently legislative processes for the creation of bylaws, political policies, and the budget that are described in Students' Council's standing orders, but are not reflected in bylaw. As these processes do not change year to year and are binding, they should be reflected in bylaw.
3. The legislative process of approving bylaws shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate each piece of legislation go through first and second reading, with second reading being drafted by Bylaw Committee.
4. The legislative process of approving policies shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate each piece of legislation go through first and second reading, with second reading being drafted by Policy committee.
5. The legislative process of approving the budget shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate the first reading of budget principles and the itemized budget be drafted by Finance committee.
6. In light of DIE Board Ruling 2017-02, there is a lack of clarity surrounding the timing of the start up meeting and first meeting of Students' Council as defined in Bylaw 100.
7. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to allow the startup meeting to occur anytime within April.
8. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to relax the mandated timing of the first meeting of each Students' Council term from before May 7 to before May 15 of each year.
9. In light of recent discussions surrounding committee structure, four new categories of committees will be defined with definitions including, but not limited to:
  - a. "Legislative" committees

- i. Committees whose mandate include a delegated, legislative function of Students' Council.
    - 1. Audit, Bylaw, Policy, Council Administration, Finance, and Nominating Committee shall be reclassified as "Legislative" committees.
  - ii. These committees shall have a closed membership of only elected members of Students' Council or Designates.
  - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
  - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall remain in Bylaw 100.
  - v. These committee shall only be created or eliminated through two readings of Students' Council amending Bylaw 100.
- b. "Oversight" committees
- i. Committees whose mandate include providing recommendations on internal and external Students' Union policies and providing guidance, advice, oversight, or other information to the organization on a general topic.
  - ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
  - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
  - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.
  - v. These committees may be created, approved, or formalized by a simple majority vote of Students' Council.
  - vi. These committees shall only be eliminated by two majority votes of Students' Council amending the Bylaw 100 Schedule B at two separate meetings occurring not less than one week apart.
- c. "Ad hoc" committees:
- i. Committees whose mandate is narrow surrounding a particular topic, initiative, project, or investigation.

- ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
  - iii. Expire at a designated time not to exceed 1 year.
  - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.
  - v. These committees may be created, approved, formalized, eliminated or renewed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive committee.
  - vi. Ad hoc committees may also be referred to as "task forces."
- d. "Operational" committees:
- i. Committees whose mandate is to serve a specific operational function of the Students' Union.
  - ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
  - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
  - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.
  - v. These committees may be created, approved, or formalized by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive committee.
  - vi. These committees shall only be eliminated by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive Committee.
10. The definition of "standing committee" shall be eliminated.
11. Under the new classification, all formalized committees shall be eligible for the administrative support of Discover Governance or the Students' Union, as needed.
12. The current "Bylaw 100 Schedule" shall be renamed "Bylaw 100 Schedule A".
13. A new "Bylaw 100 Schedule B" shall be created.

HOWIE: Described the updated Bill #5 having incorporated feedback as per its referral. Noted points nine through thirteen are those which have been amended as they were areas of central contention. Noted the updated Bill renamed committees

and increased the requirement for dissolving oversight committees. Established that all committees have the same powers to represent students.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern over the differentiation between legislative and oversight committees. Suggested the fact both committees have the same powers is proof no differentiation is required. Noted Bylaw 100 does not explicitly prohibit the participation of students at large. Advanced the Bill unfairly excludes Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee. Expressed concern about the insubstantial consultation done with Aboriginal students.

CHRISTENSEN: Affirmed that the differentiation is designed to allow for larger, community-based committees to be instituted with ease. Noted the classification framework allows for the engagement of any specific group as interest-groups can form into a oversight committee.

SCOTT: Noted the designation of ad-hoc and operational committees is valuable. Suggested the legislative and oversight classifications are unnecessary. Urged Students' Council to engage more broadly with marginalized students.

PACHES: Identified the classification framework as a means of recognizing formerly unofficial committees. Noted the Bill provides pathways for consultation and acts as a toolbox for direct governance.

**USHAKOV/CHRISTENSEN MOVED** to call the motion to question.  
16/0/15 - FAILED.

**USHAKOV/SORENSEN MOVED** to extend the meeting by half an hour.  
16/0/15 - FAILED.

BROPHY: Suggested there is a substantive difference in mandate between legislative and oversight committees. Noted legislative committees (Finance/CAC/Audit) have specific tasks to fulfill whereas oversight committees (ARRC, Policy) are issue-based.

PIASECKI: Advanced the categorization of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee as the single and only oversight committee is contrary to the spirit of reconciliation.



**HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVED** to call the motion to question.

14/0/18 - FAILED.

**SCOTT/SORENSEN MOVED** to extend the meeting by five minutes.

18/0/12 - FAILED.

(Meeting time expired, 2017-14/7d postpone debate for next meeting).

**2017-14/7e** Bill #6 - The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee Restructuring -  
*Second Reading*

**CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVED** to approve the second reading of Bill #6, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) historically was a committee of the Students' Union executive.
2. Formally, the committee no longer functions as part of the Students' Union executive and continues to exist as a unregulated committee of the Students' Union proper.
3. Bylaw 1100 shall be amended to remove The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee as a formal part of the Students' Union executive.

Please see SC-2017-14.10 for second reading wording changes.

(Meeting time expired, 2017-14/7e postpone debate for next meeting).

**2017-14/8** **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2017-14/8a** **SCOTT/SUNDAY MOVED** to approve the proposal for a Faculty Association Membership Fee Referendum for the Engineering Students Society.

**SCOTT/SORENSEN MOVED** to special order 2017-14/8a to appear after 2017-14/4.

SCOTT: Noted he special ordered the item out of respect for the engineering students who attended the Students' Council meeting and wished to take part in discussions. Anticipated the meeting would run overtime.

26/1/6 - CARRIED.

SCOTT: Established the rationale for the proposed increase for the Faculty Association Membership Fee was detailed in *2017-14/9k*. Urged Students' Council to pass the motion and permit engineering students a referendum with which they will decide whether they wish to see a fee increase.

PACHES: Commended the Engineering Students Society in its utilization of an online third-party system for tracking expenditure. Supported their designation of a executive financial manager executive position.

BROPHY: Noted the last audit of the Society occurred in 2014-2015. Submitted the absence of a 2016-2017 audit is problematic.

**USHAKOV, CHRISTENSEN MOVED** to call the motion to question.

20/1/10 - CARRIED.

**24/1/6 - CARRIED.**

See SC-2017-14.11

**2017-14/9    INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-14/9a    Report from Vice President (Student Life)

See SC 2017-14.01

2017-14/9b    Report from the President

See SC 2017-14.02

2017-14/9c    Report from Vice President (Academic)

See SC 2017-14.03

2017-14/9d    Report from Vice President (Operations and Finance)

See SC 2017-14.04

2017-14/9e    Executive Committee Motion Tracking

See SC 2017-14.05

2017-14/9f    Student Council Motion Tracking Sheet

See SC 2017-14.06

2017-14/9g Students' Council Attendance

See SC 2017-14.07

2017-14/9h *Votes and Proceedings*, SC-2017-12-OP-20171107 - Tuesday, November 7, 2017

See SC 2017-14.08

2017-14/9i *UAFAR: Becoming a Dedicated Fee Unit* Presentation

See SC 2017-14.09

2017-14/9j *Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (Bill #6)* Second Reading

See SC 2017-14.10

2017-14/9k Engineering Students' Society FAMF - Final Proposal (2017)

See SC 2017-14.11

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:03PM.**