

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday May 31, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-03)

2011-03/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-03/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 2011

2011-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-03/2a Introduction to CAUS and CASA- Presented by Farid Iskandar, VP External.
Sponsored by Farid Iskandar, VP External

Abstract

This presentation will introduce to council the two lobby groups the UASU is a part of. The first is a provincial lobby group called CAUS, the Council of Alberta University Students. The second is a federal lobby group called CASA, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. As a councillor you should understand why the Students' Union spends money on these groups, and the benefits we gain from them.

2011-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-03/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 11-03.01

2011-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2011-03/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-03/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2011-03/7a **TIGHE/CSORBA MOVE** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the position of Collective Body of Arts Students (CBAS) liaison.

2011-03/7b **KUSMU MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve the Bill 1 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Replace all instances of "Myer Horowitz Forum" with "Students' Union Forum";
2. "Students' Union Forum" shall be any event organized by the Students' Union at which campaign activities are facilitated;
3. "external forum" shall be any event organized by an entity other than the Students' Union, a candidate, side, or a volunteer acting on behalf of a candidate or side at which campaign activities are facilitated;
4. No candidate or side shall participate in any external forum unless each candidate or side in his/her race has received at least twenty-four (24) hours notification of the external forum and will be afforded an equal chance to speak at it; and
5. The C.R.O. (or designate) shall chair each forum administered by the Students' Union and shall enforce the regulations as outlined under Section 25(2-4).

2011-03/8**INFORMATION ITEMS****2011-03/8a**

CAC summary report to Council

Please see document SC 11-03.02

2011-03/8b

ERC summary report to Council

Please see document SC 11-03.03

2011-03/8c

Policy Committee summary report to Council

Please see document SC 11-03.04

2011-03/8d

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 11-03.05

2011-03/8e

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-03.06

2011-03/8f

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 11-03.07

2011-03/8g

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-03.08

MAY 19

TIGHE/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Capital Allocation not to exceed \$1000.00 for the purpose of CSD purchasing a new video camera and tripod.

4/0/0 CARRIED

CHEEMA/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$500.00 for the Vice President External Farid Iskandar for the purpose of attending the ACIFA Conference from June 1-4, 2011 in Calgary, Alberta.

4/0/0 CARRIED

CHEEMA/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a contingency reserve expense not to exceed \$2500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new ice machine for Juicy.

4/0/0 CARRIED



Council Administration Committee SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 17th 2011

Time: 5:13pm

2011 – 2012 *MEETING #2*

Motions

1.	LIANG/ZHAO moved that May 17 th 's agenda be approved.	CARRIED 5/0/0
2.	LIANG/JOHNSON moved that May 8 th 's minutes be approved.	CARRIED 5/0/0
3.	YAMAGISHI/ZHAO moves to approve Zachary Fentiman as Chief Returning Officer for the 2011-2012 term.	CARRIED 7/0/0
4.	FERGUSON/LIANG move to adopt the new standing order 26(3).	CARRIED 7/0/0
5.	YAMAGISHI/ZHAO moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:51pm	CARRIED 7/0/0



CAC SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: *May 5, 2011*

Time: *5:06 pm*

2011 – 2012 *MEETING # 1*

Motions

1.	<i>BELLINGER/KUSMU</i> moved that the <i>May 5, 2011</i> agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>
2.	<i>KUSMU/YAMAGISHI</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>



Elections Review Committee Meeting SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 26, 2011

Time: 4:59PM

2011 – 2012 MEETING # 1

Motions

1.	<i>Ferguson moved to present to Council necessary changes to Bylaw 2000 by August 16.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/2</i>
2.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>
3.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>
4.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>



POLICY COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **May 23, 2011**

Time: **6:05 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #01**

Motions

1.	<i>ISKANDAR/WOODS</i> moved to amend the agenda: make the renewal of the political policies as a discussion item.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
2.	<i>ISKANDAR/WOODS</i> moved that the <i>May 23, 2011</i> minutes be approved with the amendments.	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
3.	<i>WOODS/KHINDA</i> moved to make an amendment to the amendment to the Policy Committee's Standing Orders: change the brackets to dots under "Mandate".	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
4.	<i>ISKANDAR/KARUVELIL</i> moved to approve the amendments to the Standing Orders.	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
5.	<i>KARUVELIL/FEHR</i> moved to leave the division of the policies to be determined by the Executive Committee (PAD–Policy Accountability Delegation) and have the Policy Committee adopt it verbatim.	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
6.	<i>ISKANDAR/WOODS</i> nominates Fehr to be the interim Chair for the June 6, June 20, July 4, July 18 and August 1 meeting. <i>FEHR</i> accepts the nomination.	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
7.	<i>KARUEVLIL/KHINDA</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0

2011/2012 Report to Council

May 26, 2011

Vice President (Student Life)

Prepared by: Colten Yamagishi, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2011/12

The last two weeks have been a lot of fun! I have been having 1on1's with the many talented people that I will be collaborating with this year. Though time has been flying by fast, it feels like it has been a long time since we have had council so I hope that you have lots of great questions.

Programming

Week of Welcome Theme:

We are down to three themes! We are now awaiting marketing to give us proofs of their ideas for each theme before we make a final decision. I am not sure if the three remaining themes are a secret so I am going to keep quiet on them for now. I will give you a hint and say that they are all very exciting...

Dodgeballs and Fighter Pilots:

Our World Record for the largest dodgeball game has been unofficially broken again by the US Airforce Academy. They reported having 3623 cadets playing in the gigantic game. The Academy is still awaiting official approval from Guinness.

Services

On Wednesday the executive received an awesome services orientation from the services staff. We got a quick brief on each service in a speed-dating style meeting and concluded with a very fun game to test our services knowledge. I am proud to say that we did very well!

ECOS Renaming/Rebranding:

The rebranding of ECOS is nearly complete... I hope. We are testing out the name "Balance" Shaping a Sustainable Campus Community. This name still has to pass through the exec and we are also waiting to see what the University's Office of Sustainability thinks about the name. If you have any great ideas for names let me know! I also attended a number of sustainability related meetings.

Peer Support Center:

We are currently meeting with a number of people to discuss the movement of the Peer Support Center to the second floor of SUB. The floor plans and renovation plans look awesome! The plan has been approved but we still have questions regarding what we will do with the PSC's old space in the basement.

Advocacy

Last week I had a great meeting with Frank Robinson (Dean of Students) and we discussed a number of important and exciting initiatives for the year regarding items such as residences, campus wide programming, mental health, and my plans to enhance the scope of services that we offer.

Residences:

First off, I would like to say that I have been extremely impressed with the work that Adi Rao (the new Residence Hall Association President) has already put into the position. The other RHA executives are also doing a great job as well. I am happy that they are such an energetic, ambitious, and diverse bunch.

I met with Michael McPhillips (Lister Hall Students' Association President) and Michelle Villetard (Lister Admin Assistant) to discuss their goals for the year. The dynamic duo laid out some big plans including reworking the LHSA constitution, ensuring that the meal plan is fair for residents, and building a strong Lister culture and community. The SU will be working with the LHSA very closely this year as we have a vested interest in creating the best residence experience for our students.

U-Pass:

I had a number of meetings regarding the U-Pass that I attended with Justin Williams (SU Director of Research and Political Affairs or DRPA). It seems that we are making ground on the Spring/Summer U-Pass and I hope to get a survey out this summer to see if Spring/Summer students are interested. Edmonton Transit System (ETS) has offered to provide a combined mandatory Spring/Summer U-Pass and is doing research to see if they can afford to allow us to create a Spring/Summer U-Pass that only students registered for both Spring and Summer classes will receive. If you have any strong opinions on this topic please let me know. We will also be meeting the student executives from NAIT and Grant Macewan for lunch as a meet and greet and to discuss topics as coordination for our combined effort to add three new municipalities to the U-Pass coverage.

PAW:

This week we met with the Group 2 engineers to discuss the Site Plan and parking that will surround the PAW Centre. They offered a lot of very interesting designs and innovative ideas. Last week I got a tour of a number of current Van Vliet and Pavilion facilities including the climbing wall, the ARZ (Activity Registration Zone) and the Glen Sather Sports Medicine Clinic. We talked a bit about the Paw Centre Proshop and Registration Zone. I will also be working with a number of student groups like the Healthnuts on the Teaching Kitchen for the PAW Centre.

New Student Experience Working Group:

I attended a meeting hosted by Norma Rodenburg (the Student Affairs Officer from the Dean of Students' Office) regarding this new initiative to have a sort of "orientation round 2" in November to supplement student needs. We brainstormed a number of ideas

for sessions that could help students with common problems that often come up in the first few months of University.

Health and Wellness

Andy and I spoke to Donna Cave (Director of the University Health Centre) about a number of health and wellness initiatives for the year as well as many of the service gaps that she hopes to fill with more staff. We are meeting with Jameela Murji from the Health and Wellness Team on Monday to bounce ideas off of each other.

Opportunities for you to get involved:

-Please sign up to volunteer for Week of Welcome at <http://goo.gl/P4vMs>.

-Let me know if you want to help on any of my initiatives!

Summary:

My job is awesome! I have completed almost all of my reading and will soon begin working on my goals. I am extremely excited to see that many of the issues that I am passionate are being brought to the table for major changes this year by both student and staff leaders.

p.s. I apologize for this report being so long. I had a lot to talk about!

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

Colten Yamagishi
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Emerson Csorba VPA Report (for May 31 meeting)

Prepared by: Emerson Csorba, SUVPA – 27 May 2011



To: University of Alberta Student Council

Introduction

I don't have too much to report at the moment, as I have only been in for a week since returning from Europe. On a very positive note, I have recovered quite quickly from what was a physically and emotionally rigorous trip. Thankfully, there was no jet lag on the arrival or return portion of the trip. I just pushed through. Anyway, without further ado, my report:

General Faculties Council Student Caucus

For students on GFC, a student caucus exists and prepares representatives for each GFC meeting that takes place. At the moment, I am preparing for the first GFCSC of the year, where the student representatives on GFC will be introduced to the SU executive, debriefed on two issues on the upcoming GFC agenda (travel policy and grading and assessment policy) and then view a presentation on Discovering Governance from the SGA, Amanda Henry. Overall, I am looking forward to the initial GFCSC of the year, as this year's group of students is stellar and enthusiastic.

Transfer Credit

As internationalization becomes an increasingly important topic at the university, the need to ameliorate the transfer credit system – especially for study abroad terms – is more apparent. Up to this point, a university task force called the Academic Policies and Procedures Review Task Force has discussed transfer credit at the university. However, a transfer credit committee is being formed from APPRTF, and will study this issue more in depth. As Vice-President Academic, I will be sitting on this committee, and I look forward to keeping Council apprised regarding its progress.

Undergraduate Research

One of the major issues for the VPA in the upcoming year is undergraduate research, as you all know. Prior to leaving on my trip, I learned that the university, through the new Undergraduate Research Initiative, will fund the November 16 and 17 undergraduate research symposium. This is phenomenal news, as it saves the Students' Union money, and increases the chance of seeing an outstanding symposium. The University Policy and Information Officer of the SU has already done some superlative research on undergraduate research symposiums that exist at other major G13 Canadian universities, like UBC and the University of Toronto.

My next few weeks will be replete with meetings regarding undergraduate research on campus, primarily with representatives from the Undergraduate Research Initiative. Some issues that will

come up in the meetings are as follows: the November symposium, increasing awareness of prominent undergraduate research journals, Yaffle and outlining what can be considered as undergraduate research on campus (internships, Roger S. Smith scholarships, NSERC scholarships, serving as a research assistant, in-class research, etc.).

Sustainability

As I indicated in my last report prior to the trip, the Students' Union is now sitting on the academic advisory branch of the Office of Sustainability: OSAAC. Although I was away for OSAAC's initial meeting of the year, Vice-President Yamagishi proxied for me, and we discussed what occurred during the meeting. One issue that I will be pushing over the next months is implementing a double-sided examinations policy. This idea came to me through a few volunteers within ECOS, and we have had consistent meetings about this subject since the beginning of the winter exam period.

Social Media

So far, I have written five blog posts, though the Students' Union executive blog is still not up. After talking to the relevant department within the Students' Union, however, I learned that the blog will soon be working. Once the blog is up, I will share what I have written through Facebook and the VPA Twitter account. Please take the time to read some of my posts if you have some spare moments, and provide comments and questions. Rather than simply list what I have been working on in each blog post, I have attempted to create something more meaningful. Most blog posts explore my views regarding different issues that face student leaders in general, such as the importance of showing empathy toward others, which still understanding that one can never truly place oneself in another's shoes.

Fall Reading Week

In a few hours, I will attend my first Fall Reading Week Task Force. I am quite looking forward to sitting on this committee, as I believe that a fall reading week is something that will be auspicious for U of A students. This task force is only in its early stages of development, but I will keep you apprised on what occurs within it over the next few months.

Grading and Assessment Policy

Over the last year and a half, the development of an improved grading and assessment policy for the university has taken place under the guidance of Provostial Fellow, Dr. Bob Luth. As Dr. Luth nears the end of his term, I would just like to highlight his leadership on this issue, which has been nothing short of exemplary. The consultation that occurred between Dr. Luth and the Students' Union was consistent and thorough, which attests to the effort that Dr. Luth dedicated to the project. At the upcoming GFC meeting on May 30, I will voice the Students' Union strong support of the current version of the grading and assessment policy.

On a similar note, a student named Dustin Chelen served as the SU representative on the Committee on the Learning Environment Subcommittee on Assessment and Grading, which headed up the project. Much like Dr. Luth, Mr. Chelen worked tirelessly on grading and

assessment, becoming an expert on this issue and a key leader and player as the assessment policy and grading procedure transformed. As some of you know, Mr. Chelen recently served as President of the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society, which made tremendous progress during his time at the organization's helm. Again, I thank Dr. Luth and Mr. Chelen for their work on grading and assessment; the current version of the policy is something that the university should be proud of.

Conclusion

The first week back in the office has been productive. I managed to avoid jet lag entirely, and have been working consistent hours throughout the week, from 7:30 AM to around 5:00 PM. If you ever have questions, concerns or ideas, bring them to me. Feel free to give me a call, send me an e-mail or drop by my office.

Solidarity,

-Emerson Csorba

Report to Students' Council

May 26, 2011

Farid Iskandar, Vice-President (External)



Hello Hello,

Reading the VPX report I see.
Lots of acronyms there will be.
Never hesitate to question me:
"What the hell is GOTV!"

CASA Western Transition

On Friday May 13th, Rory, Justin Williams the Director of Research and Political Affairs (DRPA), attended the CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Association) Western Transition. We have met our counter parts from UBC, MRU, UFV, SAIT, UofC, UofL, AUGSA. The transition is an introduction to CASA, and the roles and responsibilities of its members.

CAUS Meeting

On Thursday May 19th, Rory and myself had a Conference Call Meeting for The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS). We discussed the two documents we are about to produce that will outline the shape of our year. As I mentioned in my last report to council the first document will be a "Vision for Alberta Post-Secondary" targeting candidates for and party leaders and a "Priorities" document that targets Civil Servants. Once those documents are finalized we will begin to send them to important stakeholders.

GOTV

Still dreaming about the May 2nd Federal Election? Well, brace yourself for another potential election coming up. There is a strong chance that a provincial election will be called during my term, either in October or March. This might very well be the most exciting election Alberta has seen in the last 40 years. UASU cannot miss this opportunity to make Post-Secondary the hot topic of the election. A lot of progress has been made for the creation of a yearlong "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) campaign. The purpose of which is to outreach to students on campus and to convince them to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. This would be a great way to engage students on campus for a noble purpose. There are certain risks with this campaign those, as nothing on that scale has been done before.

ACIFA Conference

On June 1st Duncan Wojtaszek, the executive director of CAUS, and I will be attending the Alberta College Institute Faculty Associations (ACIFA) Symposium 2011, at Mount Royal University in Calgary. It is a daylong discussion on PSE in Alberta. Some of the potential topics are listed below:

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- PSE Funding Sources and Trends
 - Tuition, Scholarships and Bursaries
 - Improving Access
 - Enhancing Quality
 - Advocating in the Community
 - Lobbying Governments
 - System Articulation, Transfer and Mobility
 - Defining Shared Values
 - Improving Communications and Shared Messaging
 - External Challenges, Threats, Opportunities
 - Copyright, Learning Resources and Libraries
 - Supporting Under-represented Groups

I will write a report after the conference to brief the execs and council about the outcomes of this conference

Alberta Student Summit

Right after the ACIFA Conference, Mount Royal University Student Association (MRUSA) is hosting another conference. The “Alberta Student” Summit is for Student Associations across Alberta. The topic will be to create an election strategy for the upcoming provincial election. Duncan Wojtaszek, Matt McMillan (VPX UofC), Dylan Jones (President UofC), will also attend. This is a great opportunity to discuss the potential for all the Student Associations of Alberta to join efforts in one big Election Strategy.

Alberta Party

Raphael Lepage Fortin has been asked by the Alberta Party to communicate some thoughts on Post-Secondary. So Raph and I met and discussed potential topics to discuss with the Alberta Party when the meeting is set.

Cheers,
Farid

“Humility is a weapon”
-Marc Dumouchel, General Manager of the University of Alberta Students’ Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday May 17, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-02)

2011-02/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

2011-02/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, May 31, 2011

2011-02/2

PRESENTATIONS

2011-02/2a

International Students Presentation- Presented by Councillor Zinyemba. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic

Abstract:

International students enrich the University of Alberta financially and increase the student body's cultural capital. However, they face certain challenges at different stages of their undergraduate career which inhibit them from fully benefiting from services available to them and realizing their full potential both in and out of the class room. While many challenges are similar to those faced by new immigrants, studies have shown that students from other countries often fear disappointing parents and sponsors to pay for the students' education which is triple that of local students and thus tend to be only academically inclined. This presentation, backed by statistics will shed more light on the specific challenges faced by international students, as well as present recommendations as to how the Students' Council can facilitate participation of international students in extra-curricular activities within the Students' Union, as well as maintain the grades required of them.

2011-02/2b

The SU Strategic Plan- Presented by Rory Tighe, President. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

ABSTRACT:

This presentation will outline the Students' Unions Strategic Plan and should provide some clarity on where the organization is headed over the next five years. It will also give Council a bit of context for how our Executive goals will fit in with everything else.

2011-02/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2011-02/7b

ISKANDAR/TIGHE MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council

to the 2012 Search Committee for Chancellor

Nominations: Iskandar

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Iskandar

2011-02/7c

CHEEMA/FERGUSON MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors.

Nominations: Haider

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Haider

2011-02/7d

CHEEMA/WOODS MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Board of Directors.

Nominations: Khinda

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Khinda

2011-02/7e

KUSMU/LIANG MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors.

Nominations: Woods, Power

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Woods

2011-02/7f

KUSMU/THOMAS MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board of Directors.

Nominations: Power, Sumar

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Power

2011-02/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Students Life- Oral Report

2011-02/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Petros Kusmu, Policy Committee Chair- Oral Report

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Saadiq Sumar, GAC Chair- Oral Report

Adam Woods, Bylaw Committee Chair- Oral Report

2011-02/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes

2011-02/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-02/6a

FERGUSON/LIANG MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer Selection Committee, appoint Zachary Fentiman as Chief Returning Officer for the 2011-2012 term.

FERGUSIN/LIANG MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
FERGUSON/LIANG MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer Selection Committee and the Council Administration Committee, appoint Zachary Fentiman as Chief Returning Officer for the 2011-2012 term.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

ISKANDAR/KUSMU MOVED TO adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

