

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday June 28, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-05)

- 2011-05/1**      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2011-05/1a**      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2011
- 2011-05/2**      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2011-05/3**      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2011-05/3a**      Executive Committee Report
- Please see document SC 11-05.01
- 2011-05/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2011-05/4a**      Ruling 2011-01 of the DIE Board (CRO Re: Endorsements/Joint Use of Resources)
- Please see document SC 11-05.02
- 2011-05/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2011-05/5a**      Question for the Vice-President Academic from Councillor Ferguson:  
In your June 14th to Council, you announced that you support the Faculty of Education's program change to being a direct-entry program in addition to a 1+3 year program and after-degree, resulting in an increase in Education graduates. With the current cuts to teaching positions in Calgary and Edmonton, as well as other school boards across Alberta, the Alberta Teacher's Association is projecting a loss of 1000 teaching positions. How is this increase in graduates beneficial for University of Alberta Education graduates seeking a teaching position within the province, if they are being told that there won't be a position for them immediately upon graduation, especially in the 2015-17 graduation classes?
- 2011-05/5b**      Question for the Vice-President Academic from Councillor Ferguson:  
In your June 14th to Council, you stated that the addition of a direct-entry option in the Faculty of Education's program would "allow the Faculty of Education to participate in the annual Orientation, which may boost spirit within the faculty." The Faculty of Education already does participate in Orientation through the University of Alberta Exclusive (UAX) track, formerly Bridge to the University (BTU), which is especially for transfer students, and

operates at the same time and alongside the Orientation for first year students. Would you care to clarify your position on this, especially in regard to the students who either participate in this program as transfer students or volunteer for Orientation in the UAX program?

2011-05/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2011-05/6a

**YAMAGISHI/WOODS MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill 2, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Student Engagement, in first reading based on the following principles:

1. That the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

2. That the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the greater community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.

Please see document SC 11-05.03

2011-05/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2011-05/7a

**THOMAS MOVES TO** endorse the Edmonton CBCF's Pink Glove Dance youtube video with a segment featuring the name University of Alberta Students' Union

2011-05/8

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2011-05/8a

CAC Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 11-05.04

2011-05/8b

Bylaw Committee- Report

Please see document SC 11-05.05

2011-05/8c

2011 Summer Retreat Debrief

Please see document SC 11-05.06

**2011-05/8d** Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 11-05.07

**2011-05/8e** Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-05.08

**June 9**

ISKANDAR/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$1400.00 for the Vice President Operations and Finance Andy Cheema for the purpose of attending the Finance Operation Summit from June 20-22, 2011 in Toronto, Ontario.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**June 16**

ISKANDAR/YTIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2550.00 for the purpose of the General Manager, President, Vice President Operations & Finance, Vice President Student Life to touring student centers from June 20-23, 2011 in Ontario.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

ISKANDAR/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve Sustain I SU: The Student Sustainability Service as the new name for The Environmental Coordination Office of Students.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

ISKANDAR/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Allocation not to exceed \$750.00 for the purpose of swag and a double booth at the U of A open house.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

ISKANDAR/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Allocation not to exceed \$4500.00 for the purpose of a maximum of thirty attendees attending Hugh Phillips Training Program at the University of Alberta.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

**June 21**

CSORBA/ISKANDAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1300.00 for the Vice President Student Life Colten Yamagishi for the purpose of attending the Leaders Hall Conference from June 26-29, 2011 in Calgary, Alberta.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

# **Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board**

## **Ruling of the Board**

### **HEARING DETAILS**

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Style of Cause:</b>          | Reference Re: Bylaw 2000   |
| <b>Hearing Number:</b>          | Ruling # 01 2011/2012  |
| <b>Hearing Date:</b>            | June 20, 2011  |
| <b>DIE Board Panel Members:</b> | Megan Mickalyk, Chief Tribune, Chair;<br>Joanna Waldie, Associate Chief Tribune;<br>Tim Mallett, Tribune |

### **ISSUES**

- [1] 1) Are "slate-like" campaigns allowed under Bylaw 2000?
- [2] 2) Is expertise of volunteers (e.g. design or web development skills) excluded from "No Joint Use of Resources," Bylaw 2000(37)?

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

- [3] **From Bylaw 2000:**

#### **37. No Joint Use of Resources**

No two (2) or more candidates or sides shall jointly use any resources, including tables, posters, banners, and budgets but excluding volunteers.2000 (13)

#### **38. Endorsements**

- (1) Any member with the exception of the C.R.O, the D.R.O.s, and incumbent members of the Executive Committee who are not also candidates shall be free to endorse any candidate.
- (2) Any member with the exception of the C.R.O, the D.R.O.s, candidates, and incumbent members of the Executive Committee shall be free to act as a volunteer for any candidate.
- (3) Notwithstanding Section 38(1), regulations regarding the endorsement of candidates by Students' Union employees not referenced in Section 38(1) shall be subject to the Students' Union operating policy.
- (4) Notwithstanding Section 38(2), regulations regarding the capacity of Students' Union employees not referenced in Section 38(2) to act as a volunteer shall be subject to the Students' Union operating policy.
- (5) Incumbent members of the Executive Committee and the incumbent Board of

Governors Representative are allowed to endorse sides in a Students' Union election

### **55. General Labour**

For purposes of Section 53, general labour and any expertise had by a significant portion of the population, including, but not limited to, poster design, web page design, and web page programming, shall be considered to have a fair market value of zero.

### **DECISION**

[4] **Issue One:** Candidates may endorse each other, and there is no restriction on running a similar platform. However, candidates cannot form "slate-like" campaigns to the extent that such activity would result in profiting off of one another's resources. This is contrary to s. 37 which prohibits joint use of resources.

[5] **Issue Two:** So long as it is an expertise shared by a significant portion of the population as per s. 55, then it is not an issue to have the same volunteer doing general labour for different candidates, as there is no budget value assigned.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF MICKALYK, CHIEF TRIBUNE**

[6] With respect to the first issue, s. 38 of Bylaw 2000 allows candidates to endorse one another. However, there are limits on the extent of such an endorsement. An endorsement cannot extend to the point where one would derive a benefit from another candidate's resources, as s. 37 disallows joint use of resources. Deriving a benefit from another candidate's resources (for example through promotion or endorsement on another candidate's poster) would constitute sharing of resources. Resources include anything which comes from a campaign budget. Consequently verbal endorsements would not be considered resources, and are not inconsistent with s. 37. However, any campaign materials which would be deemed, at the discretion of the CRO, as collectively identifying candidates, would be indicative of a shared benefit, and thereby contrary to this Bylaw. D.I.E. Board is cognizant of the fact that candidate platforms can appear on campaign materials such as posters and banners; and that candidates may choose to use similar platforms. However our interpretation of Bylaw 2000 would not place limits on the degree of similarity amongst candidate platforms. A candidate's platform is indicative of the values which a candidate wishes to put forth; they are not put on banners or posters for the sake of collective identification.

[7] Regarding the second issue, so long as the expertise falls within the definition provided in s. 55, there is no reason the expertise of a volunteer involved with more than one campaign would be limited by the s. 37 "no joint use of resources" provision. Section 55 provides that "...any expertise had by a significant portion of the population... shall be considered to have a fair market value of zero" (s. 55, Bylaw 2000). Consequently, such volunteer expertise would not be construed as a resource which impacts a candidate's budget.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF WALDIE, ASSOCIATE CHIEF TRIBUNE**

I concur.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF MALLET, TRIBUNE**

I concur.

## VI. ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS the University has declared the importance of student involvement in building a great university;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS a comprehensive and holistic student experience is one that balances exceptional academic and extra-curricular opportunities and experience, both on campus and in the larger community;

WHEREAS involvement opportunities lead to improvements in the mental, physical and social health on campus and the larger community;

WHEREAS community and campus involvement actively develops the leadership qualities of individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.

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<sup>2</sup> Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 2-3, Learning, Discovery and, Citizenship §1-3, 7.



## Council Administration Committee SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: June 14<sup>th</sup> 2011*

*Time: 5:10pm*

2011 – 2012 *MEETING #4*

### **Motions**

|    |  |                   |
|----|--|-------------------|
| 1. | BELLINGER/ZHAO moved that June 14 <sup>th</sup> 's agenda be approved as tabled.   | CARRIED<br>14/0/0 |
| 2. | ZHAO/CRONE moved that May 31 <sup>st</sup> 's minutes be approved as amended.  | CARRIED<br>14/0/0 |
| 3. | BELLINGER/CRONE moved to direct the Chair to obtain goals from committee chairs by next Committee meeting.   | CARRIED<br>14/0/0 |
| 4. | WOODS/CRONE moved to direct the Council Administration Committee Chair to submit the report of the Summer Council Retreat directly to Council.                                       | CARRIED<br>12/0/2 |
| 5. | ISKANDAR/FERGUSON moved to, on the recommendation of the Senate Selection Committee, appoint Jessica Zvonkovic, Matthew Li, and Vanessa Johnson to the University of Alberta Senate. | CARRIED<br>12/0/2 |
| 6. | FERGUSON/YAMAGISHI moved to table discussion of SIC Pilot Project to the next Committee meeting.   | CARRIED<br>13/0/0 |
| 7. | KARUVELIL/SUMAR moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 pm   | CARRIED<br>13/0/0 |

In our last meeting of Bylaw, we made some fairly significant changes to the Impeachment Document first written by James Eastham. All of these changes came at the recommendation of legal aid which the Students' Union has asked for in this matter. The first major change made were two additions to the definition of "Just Cause" for Impeachment. Along with "Multiple or significant breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, the Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal law, insolence or insubordination", we have added "Dishonesty, acting without the sincere intention of dealing fairly with others, or acting against the best interests of the Students' Union" and "Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances". Next, we changed having an automatic referral to the D.I.E. Board for review after second reading to "If the motion passes, the accused member shall have the right to an appeal conducted by the D.I.E. Board". This change was made because an automatic referral goes against the protocol of D.I.E. Board. Instead, the accused member may appeal the decision if he or she wishes. Finally, on the recommendation from legal aid, we have struck the line which read " All information surrounding impeachment proceedings shall be treated as confidential. A motion to impeach will be held during an in camera session of Council". While this may be deemed a risky decision, it was done to ensure the Students' Union is acting in a transparent manner. We feel this document is almost ready to come before Council in first reading. When we do vote on this document in first reading, our entire committee hopes for debate and feedback. This is the sort of Bylaw that must be perfect in order for it to work properly, therefore we must consider all potential problems with it. Please feel free to ask any questions.



## Preamble

This report is a submission as the Chair of the Council Administration Committee - in the June 14th meeting, the Council Administration Committee moved to have me submit the report directly to Council. Therefore, the views expressed are my own. The schedule for retreat is attached as Appendix 1. A survey was made and approved by the Council Administration Committee to aid this report, and is both referred to in this report, as well as attached as raw data as Appendix 3. Appendix 2 is comprised of survey response suggestions for the Summer Retreat as well as suggestions for the Fall Retreat.

I'd like to thank the staff of the Students' Union, including Tracy Hayden, Jerry Daley, Nicole Buchholz, Craig Turner, and Amanda Henry, as well as President Tighe and Speaker Ross for their assistance in the planning and execution of the Retreat. I extend this thanks as well to the presenters, attendants, our bus drivers from Golden Arrow, and staff of Teen Time Ranch for their part in the Retreat as well. Finally, I'd like to thank the Council Administration Committee for their contributions as well as their support.

Kim Ferguson  
Chair, Council Administration Committee  
Students' Union Councillor, Faculty of Science

## Overview of Retreat

As per section 37(1) of the Standing Orders of Students' Council, a summer retreat is to be held before June 30 of each year. As per section 37(3) of the Standing Orders of Students' Council, the Council Administration Committee shall be responsible for the planning and organization of all retreats. With this in mind, general planning for the retreat took place as soon as the 2011/2012 Students' Council was assembled and the Council Administration Committee began meeting regularly. Detailed preparation was performed by the Chair of the Council Administration Committee, with approval and input from the members of the Committee. The retreat was held on June 10, 2011 to June 12, 2011.

## Location

The location had been selected beforehand by members of the Students' Union administrative staff, including Tracy Hayden (Manager of Office and Administrative Services), Nicole Buchholz (Administrative Assistant to Students' Council), and Craig Turner (Digital Media Coordinator and

former Council Administration Chair, 2010/2011), and was approved by the Council Administration Committee.

The location was Teen Time Ranch, just north of Westlock, Alberta. We had access to the main lodge as well as the general grounds, including access to Elbow Lake. Transport to the location was overseen by Tracy Hayden and Nicole Buchholz, and reported to the Chair.

## **Food**

Food preparations were put together by Jerry Daley, Senior Manager of Food and Beverage Services at the Students' Union. A three day menu that included vegetarian options was delivered to the Chair, and meals were delivered pre-made on the day-of.

## **Presentations**

Presentations would be made with emphasis on being beneficial to incoming and returning members of Students' Council. With archived documents of past retreats, as well as input from the Council Administration Committee and the Executive, the following presentations were made at retreat.

The History of the Students' Union. Presented by General Manager Marc Dumouchel.

Governance 501. Presented by Student Governance Advisor Amanda Henry.

Individual Goals session. Led by President Tighe.

How to Draft a Bill. Prepared by Amanda Henry, presented by Councillor Woods.

Policy and the Exec. Presented by Vice-President Iskandar.

Executive Goals. Led by the Executive Committee.

Who's Who in 2-900. Presented by Councillor Ferguson.

Twitter Presentation. Presented by Councillor Ferguson.

Robert's Rules of Order. Presented by Speaker Ross.

Mock Council. Led by Speaker Ross.

## **Survey Results**

### **General**

There were 18 survey respondents out of 24 attendees. Overall, 100% agreed that not only did they have a great time, but it was also beneficial to their role within Students' Council. With the exception of one individual, it was a generally a convenient time of year for them to attend, with some (22.2%) expressing that they had to shift their schedule a bit. Though all respondents agreed that they were given enough notice to attend, those who couldn't attend expressed difficulties in scheduling due to other events, work commitments, or distance. With 24 of 39 voting members of Council in attendance (61.5%), this is considered high attendance in terms of recent memory.

### **Location**

Survey responses in regard to location were generally positive, and focused on distance from Edmonton, large areas such as the dining hall and rec room, kitchen, dorms, amenities, outdoor

grounds, “feel” of the place, and likelihood that the respondent would suggest the location for next year. A scale of 1 to 5 was given, with 1 representing “Lousy”, and 5 representing “Superb”. While the spread of responses is different for each response variable, aside from the location’s distance from Edmonton, all other variables scored highest within the 5 range. Distance scored highest within the 4 range.

### **Food**

Overall, the food quality at retreat was rated in a positive way (88.9% agreeing on great or good). Suggestions for improvement included bringing less, as there were plenty of leftovers, a solitary suggestion of removing curry from the menu, and opposing factions in terms of cookies. Comments also included positive comments as to the collective manner of preparing meals as a team and the relative ease of preparing meals.

### **Presentations**

Presentations were listed and then given a rating scale from 1 to 5, with 1 representing “This presentation was a complete waste of time”, and 5 representing “This presentation made my life complete”. The presentations that scored the highest on the scale with a majority of response frequency was Mock Council (38.9% rated it a 5), followed by Governance 501 (33.3% rated it a 5). Similar scores in the 5 range are observed for the Robert’s Rules of Order, Executive Goals, and History of the Students’ Union presentations, but experienced a wider spread. The average score of all presentations were at or about 3.

### **Programming**

The final survey portion was devoted to the programming of the retreat, mostly relating to scheduling. It was a multiple-answer question, where respondents chose statements that they agreed with. The statements included those pertaining to in-between time, balance of free time and structured time, team-building activities, breakfast start time, dinner end time, and other entertainment avenues.

88.9% of respondents felt that the programming was well planned, 83.30% felt that there was a good balance of free time and presentations, 83.3% felt that breakfast started at a good time, and a resounding 88.9% were disappointed that President Rory Tighe did not sing Britney Spears’ acclaimed hit, “Oops, I Did It Again”.

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### **Chair’s Recommendations**

Retreat was a quite a bit of work to take on, but I believe that it was worth it, as it turned out great! As mentioned previously, I had a lot of help, and it wouldn’t have been so successful if not for those individuals.

From the survey results as well as anecdotal experience, I would suggest that this year’s Council Administration Committee select the location and date for next year’s Summer Retreat - our standing orders actually dictate this, and has proved useful in other years. This way, the date can be

communicated much earlier, such as the Start-up Council meeting. I would also suggest that less food be taken, and that Teen Time Ranch be the location again. This year, a duty roster was composed to better share the duties, and is suggested for future retreats.

My final suggestion that is particular to the Council Administration Committee is the continuance of a reporting process for retreat. This report isn't mandated by any Standing Orders or Bylaw, but knowing that I may not be able to aid the transition of next year's CAC Chair as well as Craig had done for me, reports like this are necessary to ensure a high-quality retreat.

### Appendix 1: Summer Retreat Schedule

Friday:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Load bus and leave town   |
| 18:00         | Arrive, unpack  |
| 18:30         | Icebreaker (Kim), rules and expectations of this weekend, then either prepare dinner or free time, depending on who signed up to help with dinner |
| 19:00         | Dinner  |
| 19:30 – 20:15 | History of the SU, by Mark  |
| 20:15 – 21:00 | Governance 501, by Amanda   |
| 21:00         | Shenanigans!  |

Saturday:

|       |   |             |
|-------|---|-------------|
| 9:00  | Breakfast   |             |
| 10:00 | Individual Goals                                    | Rory        |
| 11:00 | How to Draft a Bill                                 | Adam        |
| 11:30 | Team Bonding – capture the flag                     | Kim/Michael |
| 12:30 | Lunch   |             |
| 13:30 | Policy and the Exec                                 | Farid       |
| 14:00 | Exec Goals  | Exec        |
| 14:30 | Team Bonding – helium pole and human knot           | Kim         |
| 15:00 | Who’s who in 2-900 – Staff that Council should know | Kim         |
| 15:30 | Twitter presentation                                | Kim         |
| 16:00 | Free time/ Meeting of Chairs                        | Kim         |
| 17:30 | Dinner  |             |
| 18:45 | Robert’s Rules of Order                             | Michael     |
| 19:30 | Campfire  |             |

Sunday:

|         |                   |                 |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 9:30    | Breakfast         | Delegated later |
| 10:30   | Mock Council      | Michael         |
| 12:00   | Lunch - leftovers | Kim             |
| 13:30   | Clean up          | Delegated later |
| 14:30** | Bus picks us up   |                 |

## Appendix 2: Suggestions for Fall Retreat

The final section of the survey was reserved for input related to the upcoming Fall Retreat, some time following the September by-elections. It included input related to content, programming, time, and what was missed in the Summer Retreat that could be covered in fall.

“Weekend afternoon preferred. Presidential presentation of vocal ability in way of Britney Spears. How to achieve your individual Councillor goals.”

“Nothing to add, everything was full of information and run very well. I had a great time.”

“More structured icebreakers and team-building - focus more on conversation rather than group dynamics, I want to know people, not just lower a pole with them”

“Weekend. Presentations about how to ask good questions, how to debate, etc.”

“I think that the presentations need to do more to challenge the councillors in attendance. Most of the presentations were communicated passively, and the Executive barely had any time to present - and to be questioned about - their goals.”

“A quick governance is always a good way to integrate new Councillors.”

“Weekend afternoon. In terms of programming, maybe a few more team building activities. Presentation-wise, maybe a presentation on asking good questions, what's what on the agenda, brief rundown of UASU policies and bylaws (very brief), modes of engaging students and keeping in contact with FAs, short summary of the exec goals for the year and their progress, and (because of the great interest in this during first council retreat) a short presentation on Aramark and their contract with the university (if possible)”

“Any time on the weekend as long as enough notice is given to plan ahead around school and work.”

“Evening. No presentations, just dancing, singing, and javelin throwing competitions.”

“Nothing particularly.”

“Weekend - Saturday and Sunday. Progress on goals. A place for submitted questions.”

“I didn't go to the summer retreat last year, so the Dewey's one was a first for me. I think it will be really useful to everyone who didn't go to the summer one. I think it should be half intro to SU. Half planning for the rest of the year. Summer Retreat: I think it might be a good idea to have set aside a time where we divide councillors per exec. Each Exec gets 15-20 minutes to familiarize a group of councillors with their portfolio.”

“Too early to tell about the timing.”

“Preferably a Saturday afternoon, and with a goals update from the Executives.”

“Weekday evening. Rory Tighe, Hit Me Baby, One More Time.”

“Dewey's, maybe a Saturday afternoon. Cash bar. A few presentations, and then a mini-breakout session where Executives and the BoG rep are at tables, and Councillors can just drift between them and talk about their goals, ideas, air complaints, figure stuff out, etc., as well as talk to each other about their goals and ideas. Just remember that Executives aren't the focus of the event. Hint hint. Also, was I the only person that noticed that the girls floor had the kitchen and the guys floor had the pool table?!”

## Appendix 3: Raw Survey Data

### Summer Council Retreat Feedback Survey

The survey opened on June 14th, 2011 and closed on June 22nd, 2011.

There were 18 responses out of 24 participants (75%)

|   | Response (%) | Response (n) |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Question #1   |              |              |
| Were you given enough notice to attend the Retreat?                             |              |              |
| Yes   | 100%         | 18           |
| No  | 0.00%        | 0            |
| Not Applicable  | 0.00%        | 0            |
| Question #2   |              |              |
| Was it a generally convenient time of year for you to attend?                   |              |              |
| Yes   | 72.20%       | 13           |
| Yes, but I had to shift my schedule around a bit                                | 22.20%       | 4            |
| No, I had to cancel a few commitments and could have used more notice           | 0.00%        | 0            |
| No, I'm always quite busy during the summer                                     | 0.00%        | 0            |
| Other (please specify)  | 5.60%        | 1            |
| è It was fine but I had to cancel going to a conference                         |              |              |
| Question #3   |              |              |
| Did you have a good time?   |              |              |
| Yes   | 100%         | 18           |
| No  | 0%           | 0            |
| Unsure  | 0.00%        | 0            |
| Question #4   |              |              |
| Do you think that the Retreat was beneficial to your role in Students' Council? |              |              |
| Yes   | 100.00%      | 18           |
| No  | 0.00%        | 0            |
| Unsure  | 0.00%        | 0            |

Appendix 3: Raw Survey Data cont.

Question #5

On a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being "This presentation was a complete waste of time", and 5 being "this presentation made my life complete, rate the following presentations:

|                                | 1           | 2           | 3         | 4         | 5 Rating Average |      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------|
| History of the Students' Union | 0           | 0 16.7% (3) | 50.0% (9) | 33.3% (6) | 4.17             |      |
| Governance 501                 | 0 16.7% (3) | 16.7% (3)   | 33.3% (6) | 33.3% (6) | 3.83             |      |
| Individual Goals               | 0 11.1% (2) | 22.2% (4)   | 44.4% (8) | 22.2% (4) | 3.78             |      |
| How to Draft a Bylaw           | 0 5.6% (1)  | 33.3% (6)   | 33.3% (6) | 27.8% (5) | 3.83             |      |
| Policy and the Executive       | 0 5.6% (1)  | 27.8% (5)   | 44.4% (8) | 22.2% (4) | 3.83             |      |
| Executive Goals                | 0           | 0 11.1% (2) | 50.0% (9) | 38.9% (7) | 4.28             |      |
| Who's Who in 2-900             | 0 16.7% (3) | 27.8% (5)   | 33.3% (6) | 22.2% (4) | 3.61             |      |
| Twitter Presentation           | 16.7% (3)   | 16.7% (3)   | 27.8% (5) | 27.8% (5) | 11.1% (2)        | 3    |
| Robert's Rules of Order        | 0           | 0 16.7% (3) | 44.4% (8) | 38.9% (7) | 4.22             |      |
| Mock Council                   | 5.6% (1)    | 22.2% (4)   | 16.7% (3) | 16.7% (3) | 38.9% (7)        | 3.61 |

Question #6

What did you think of the overall quality of food on Retreat?

|                           | %      | n     |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| Great                     | 61.10% | 11    |
| Good                      | 27.80% | 5     |
| Ok                        | 11.10% | 2     |
| Hit and miss, mostly miss | 0%     | 0%    |
| Awful                     | 0.00%  | 0.00% |

Question #7

Any comments about the food on the Retreat?

|   | n (out of 7) |
|---|--------------|
| Too much, bring less                    | 2            |
| No curry next time                      | 1            |
| Cookies were great                      | 1            |
| Too many cookies                        | 1            |
| Easy to prepare, we all cooked together | 2            |

Appendix 3: Raw Survey Data cont.

Question #8

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being "Lousy", and 5 being "Superb", rate the following aspects of the venue, Makewin Lodge and its grounds.

|   | 1           | 2           | 3                 | 4                 | 5 Rating Average |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Location and distance from Edmonton                         | 0           | 0 11.1% (2) | <b>61.1% (11)</b> | 27.8% (5)         | 4.17             |
| Large rooms, such as dining hall and rec room               | 0           | 0 5.6% (1)  | 27.8% (5)         | <b>66.7% (12)</b> | 4.61             |
| Kitchen   | 0           | 0 5.6% (1)  | 27.8% (5)         | <b>66.7% (12)</b> | 4.61             |
| Dorms   | 0 5.6% (1)  | 22.2% (4)   | 27.8% (5)         | <b>44.4% (8)</b>  | 4.11             |
| Amenities   | 0 11.1% (2) | 16.7% (3)   | 27.8% (5)         | <b>44.4% (8)</b>  | 4.06             |
| Outdoor grounds   | 0           | 0 5.6% (1)  | 16.7% (3)         | <b>77.8% (14)</b> | 4.72             |
| "Feel" of the place   | 0           | 0 11.1% (2) | 22.2% (4)         | <b>66.7% (12)</b> | 4.56             |
| Likelihood that I would suggest this location for next year | 0           | 0 16.7% (3) | 22.2% (4)         | <b>61.1% (11)</b> | 4.44             |

Question #9

How did you feel about the programming and scheduling overall?

These are general statements - if you agree with any, select them.

|   | Response %    | Response (n) |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Overall, the programming was well planned                           | <b>88.90%</b> | 16           |
| I felt that there was too much time in-between programming          | 11.10%        | 2            |
| I felt that there was enough time in-between programming            | 66.70%        | 12           |
| I felt that there should have been more time in-between programming | 11.10%        | 2            |
| There was a good balance of free time and presentations             | <b>83.30%</b> | 15           |
| There was too much free time  | 11.10%        | 2            |
| There were too many presentations                                   | 0.00%         | 0            |
| There was too much time devoted to presentations                    | 0.00%         | 0            |
| There were too many team building activities                        | 5.60%         | 1            |
| There was a good amount of team building activities                 | 50.00%        | 9            |
| There weren't enough team building activities                       | 38.90%        | 7            |
| Breakfast started at a good time                                    | <b>83.30%</b> | 15           |
| Breakfast started too early   | 0.00%         | 0            |
| Breakfast started too late  | 11.10%        | 2            |
| Dinner ended at a good time   | 72.20%        | 13           |
| Dinner ended too early  | 0.00%         | 0            |
| Dinner ended too late   | 0.00%         | 0            |
| I'm disappointed that Rory did not sing Britney Spears              | <b>88.90%</b> | 16           |

Hello Council,

By the time you read this I will likely be off on my vacation. I will try to skype in during council on Tuesday, however this will largely depend on whether or not my family will allow such a thing (I haven't seen them in a little over a year).

## **CAUS Lethbridge Meeting**

On Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) met in Lethbridge. We had a meeting scheduled with the Alberta Chief Electoral Officer, as well as Raj Sherman, MLA and currently running for the Liberal Party leadership. We also conducted a regular council meeting (CAUS council, not an SU one).

### **Chief Electoral Officer (CEO):**

The CEO is not an elected representative, and hence does not have the ability to change legislation, so it was more of informational meeting than a lobby one. We asked if he would entertain our recommendations to the Election Act in his post-election report. His response was that recommendations are not a necessary part of the report, the purpose of the report was more of a description of what happened in the election. However he didn't oppose the idea. He informed us about the Enumeration process which you could read all about in policy committee report (attached below), or in my blog post:

<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/council/executives/blog/vpexternal/entry/34/voting-101/>

### **Raj Sherman, Lobby meeting:**

We lobbied Raj on our vision document for PSE. Let me remind you with our priorities:

- Increase Alberta's participation rate
- Increase Alberta's retention rate
- Increase grants and debt relief

While Raj was hesitant to commit to most of our points, he was certainly interested. He did promise that he would try to make the necessary changes to the Election Act that we are asking for. For more details, please see the attached Policy Committee report.

## **CAUS**

At the Council meeting we passed important motions, including our 2011-2012 budget. Some of the important highlights are:

- Spending \$22,000 on GOTV, with \$15,000 coming from CAUS' election campaign reserve
- Purchasing a new phone in 2011
- Reducing the promotions budget by 24%

We are budgeting for a \$3,878 surplus. We also discussed the GOTV marketing ideas that were presented by myself that day, which leads me to my next paragraph.

## **GOTV Marketing**

I presented the initial ideas that the marketing department has come up with up until Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> to CAUS. The reception of those ideas was not as best as they could have been, mainly because of my poor skill to transfer what other people have in mind. So, on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Duncan Wojtaszek and I had a

meeting with the marketing department to better communicate what we had in mind for the campaign, as well as better understand what marketing had in mind. After explaining that, we have found common grounds, on which we can both stand on. The following is the initial themes/ideas that GOTV campaign might look like. The campaign is going to be unique for the 4-dimensional space-time continuum that we live in. Meaning it is campaign for *Alberta* (space) and for *2011-2012* (time):

- The campaign will ask people to vote not to be “a part of something bigger”, but because in Alberta, for the first time in 40 years we have an election where you can be “a part of something interesting”
- It's okay if you never voted in previous elections, they didn't really matter. This time however, everything matters: *New Parties, New Leader, New Premium*. This is the by the best time to cast a ballot in Alberta. Things are suddenly getting interesting.

### **Vacation**

As you can see, I'm taking the week off to visit my family. I'll be back on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope I can skype in during council.

Cheers,  
Farid

*“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.” - George Bernard Shaw*

June 20, 2011

To: Policy Committee

Re: Report to Policy Committee

## Meeting with O. Brian Fjeldheim, the Alberta Chief Electoral Officer:

On Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> CAUS met with the Alberta Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). Here are some of the topics discussed in the meeting:

### *Enumeration*

Enumeration is a process whereby employees of Elections Alberta go knock on all the doors of Alberta's residences in order to count the number of eligible voters. It is not done before every election. However this year Elections Alberta is conducting enumeration from **August 26 to September 19, 2011.**

Why does this matter?

It is of extreme importance since **Advanced Polls are set up depending on the concentration of the population in a certain area.**

Why does this matter?

Lister. **Because of Lister.** Lister has about 3000 residences. The Elections Act §14 states that each subdivision should contain no more than 450 electors, if possible. However, when talking to the CEO, he said that he aims to have an advanced poll every 250-300 Albertans. Meaning that we should at least have one advanced poll close to campus. This is the proverbial "boom".

We expressed worry regarding the fact that Enumeration will start late August when not many Lister Students are going to be settled in. The CEO promised that he would not start the Enumeration process in Student Residence until after they have all moved in.

I have already contacted Michael McPhillips, President of Lister Hall Students' Association, to notify him about the process of enumeration. It is important the FCs and RAs are aware of this, and to make the residence on their floor aware with this. The Enumerator, will ask three questions: 1) Are you a Canadian Citizen? 2) Are you 18 or older? Where do you consider yourself to be a resident? The first two questions are easy. The last one is tricky. If you answer with your parents place, then you would have to go vote there. If you answer here, then you vote on campus.

### *Flyers and Posters on Campus*

The CEO showed us the different flyers and Posters Elections Alberta is planning to target Post Secondary Students with. We suggested some edits to both the posters and flyers, in hopes of better attracting Student Attention. For example one poster had the following message in huge font size "PROVINCIAL ENUMERATORS ON CAMPUS", which needless to say would be completely meaningless to a first year student. The flyers will be sent out in all the Lister mailboxes, as well as other residences on campus.

### *Vouching*

Here's another interesting bit we learned at the meeting. In Alberta you don't have to register in order to vote. According to §95:

- (2) An elector may instead prove his or her identity and residence by signing a declaration if he or she is accompanied by an elector whose name appears on the list of electors for the same polling subdivision and that elector*
- (a) provides to the registration officer or deputy returning officer the piece or pieces of identification referred to in subsection (1)(a), and*
  - (b) vouches for him or her by signing a declaration.*
- (3) The registration officer or deputy returning officer shall indicate on the declaration referred to in subsections (1) and (2) the nature of the identification accepted.*
- (4) An elector who has been vouched for at an election may not vouch for another elector at that election.*

So hypothetically speaking, one person in Lister can vouch for an unlimited number of unregistered voters if that person is registered themselves. Just a thought.

### *Vote Mobs*

Last worthy of note bit out of that meeting was that the CEO is concerned about Vote Mobs of 100-200 people coming to vote at advanced polls at the same time. It would be extremely hard on the returning officers to handle groups of 200 people coming to vote at the same time.

On a completely unrelated note, I think we should encourage vote mobs to go vote in groups of 200 people.

## **Lobby Meeting with Raj Sherman, Candidate for ALP Leadership**

On the same day, following the meeting with the CEO, we met Raj Sherman (candidate for the Alberta Liberal Party) to lobby him on our Post Secondary Vision for Alberta. Raj was interested in our asks, but only committed to one. When asked about the Modernization of the Elections Act to include On-Campus Polling Stations for multiple constituencies, Raj responded with one word "Done!" Raj also wanted to increase student representation on the Board of Governors to become between 25% and 33%. While this is not one of CAUS' priorities it is something we would support as long as Undergraduates are treated proportionally.

There is one last striking point about that meeting. We were introduced to the two people who will help Raj write his PSE Platform. The first is a gentleman by the name Keith McLaughlin. Keith was the Vice President Academic at the University of Lethbridge Students' Union. He also happens to be last year's Vice Chair of CAUS (the position I currently occupy). The other gentleman who is helping Raj with his PSE platform goes by the name Hardave Birk. Hardave held the post of Vice President External last year at the University of Calgary. Oddly enough, he also happens to be last year's Chair of CAUS

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday June 14, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-04)

2011-04/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

2011-04/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, June 28, 2011

2011-04/1b

Election timeline

Speaker made item 2011-04/2a a special order to move onto the main agenda

2011-04/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2011-04/2a

The results of the Deliberation on Campus Sustainability- Presented by presentation by Logan McIntosh. Sponsored by Councillor Fehr/Ferguson.

Abstract

Sustainability has been identified as a defining issue of our generation, but where and how does the campus community want to see sustainability progress at the University of Alberta? This presentation will explain the unique engagement process used in *Deliberation on Campus Sustainability (DoCS)*, a project that actively involved campus in sustainability planning at the U of A. The final outcomes of this DoCS process are provided in the *Campus Voices Executive Summary*, and by reviewing the recommendations generated by a group of diverse and committed students, faculty and staff, Council will gain a better understanding of the issue areas that the campus community wants to see addressed by its leadership

2011-04/3

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

Raphael Lepage Fortin, BoG Rep- Oral Report

2011-04/4

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee chair proxy- Oral report

Kim Ferguson, CAC chair- Oral Report

Adam Woods, Bylaw Committee chair- Oral Report

Saadq Sumar, GAC chair- Oral Report

2011-04/5

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period extended 15 minutes

Question Period extended another 15 minutes

2011-04/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**ISKANDAR/FERGUSON MOVED THAT** on the recommendation of Council Administration Committee, to appoint Jessica Zvonkovic, Matthew Li, and Vanessa Johnson to the University of Alberta Senate.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**ISKANDAR MOVED TO adjourn**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm**

