

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday August 16, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-08)

2011-08/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-08/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, August 30, 2011

2011-08/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-08/2a Impeachment Process Presentation- presented by Adam Woods. Sponsored by Councillor Woods

Please see document SC 11-08.01

2011-08/2b CASA Policy and Strategy Conference - Presented by Farid Iskandar, VP External. Sponsored by Farid Iskandar, VP External.

Abstract

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a federal lobby group that the University of Alberta Students' Union is a part of. CASA officially meets three times a year, the first time is at a conference called Policy and Strategy. At this conference CASA decides on its lobbying and policy priorities for the year. As councillor you should know what are CASA's priority for the year, as well as how much time the VPX and President will be spending on CASA.

2011-08/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-08/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 11-08.02

2011-08/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-08/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2011-08/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-08/6a **CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #3, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Research, in second reading based on the following principles:

XII. Research

1. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;
2. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta contextualizes research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution;
3. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta values the totality of research undertaken within the institution;
4. that the Students' Union advocates for more opportunities that allow undergraduate students to partake in research;
5. that the Students' Union advocates for increased student and faculty awareness of undergraduate research opportunities at the University of Alberta; and
6. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Please see document SC 11-08.03

2011-08/6b

YAMAGISHI/LIANG MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Affordable Housing, in second reading based on the following principles:

II. Affordable Housing

1. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and that the University of Alberta passes any ensuing savings to students in residence.
2. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing.
3. that the Students' Union shall oppose any University of Alberta student

residence rent and/or meal plan increase exceeding CPI.

4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Please see document SC 11-08.04

2011-08/6c

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #6, that Students' Council update the Political Policy, Engagement, in second reading based on the following principles:

VI. ENGAGEMENT

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.

3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Please see document SC 11-08.05

2011-08/6d

CSORBA/WOODS MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #5, that Students' Council update the Political Policy, Internationalization, in second reading based on the following principles:

VIII. INTERNATIONALIZATION

1. that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta;

2. that the Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta increasing differential tuition for international students;

3. that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience;

4. that the Students' Union advocates to the University for clear and transparent

transfer credit processes at the faculty, Campus Alberta, national, and international levels; and

5. that this policy shall expire on April 30, 2014.

Please see document SC 11-08.06

2011-08/6e

SUMAR/JOHNSON MOVE THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, adopt Bill #7 based on the following principles:

A motion to impeach a member of the Executive or the Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and with just cause. Just cause shall be defined as:

- i) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Policies. It is required that contraventions of Students' Union Legislation be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.
- ii) Charges posed against the respondent by the Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal Law.
- iii) Acting dishonestly or without the best interests of the undergraduate students.
- iv) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

A motion to begin impeachment procedures shall be submitted to the Speaker of Students' Council via a motion by petition, which shall require the endorsement of at least one third of the voting members of Council

At least nine business days before impeachment proceedings begin, the accused member shall be informed in writing of the allegations being levied against him or her.

A motion to impeach shall require two readings. The second reading may not occur at the same council meeting as the first reading.

The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for removal.

Each reading will require a 2/3rds majority to pass.

After the passage of the 1st reading, the respondent shall be placed on suspension until the second reading occurs. This will relieve the accused of his or her ability to act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union

Upon the passage of the second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

The impeached officer has the right to appeal the decision of Council through a hearing with the D.I.E. Board."

2011-08/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2011-08/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2011-08/8a

Audit Committee- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.07

2011-08/8b

BFC- Summary report

Please see document SC 11-08.08

2011-08/8c

CRO- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.09

2011-08/8d

Audit Committee- Summary report

Please see document SC 11-08.10

2011-08/8e

Bylaw Committee- Summary report

Please see document SC 11-08.11

2011-08/8f

CAC- Summary report

Please see document SC 11-08.12

2011-08/8g

Josh Le- Resignation

Please see document SC 11-08.13

2011-08/8h

Rory Tight, President- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.14

2011-08/8i

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.15

2011-08/8j

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.16

2011-08/8k

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 11-08.17

2011-08/8l

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-o8.18

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JUNE 23, 2011

CSORBA/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$1850.00 for the purpose of filing, storage units and chairs for the Elections offices.

5/0/0 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$5200.00 for the Vice President External Farid Iskandar, President Rory Tighe, and Director of Research and Political Affairs Justin Williams for the purpose of attending the Policy and Strategy Conference from July 24-29, 2011 in Hamilton, Ontario.

5/0/0 CARRIED

CHEEMA/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the creation of a temporary CSL Coordinator position beginning in July and ending in December with the possibility of renewal for an extension until April to report to the General Manager.

5/0/0 CARRIED

JULY 5, 2011

ISKANDAR/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2250.00 from the 2010/2011 projects allocation for the purpose of archiving elections posters.

4/0/0 CARRIED

JULY 19, 2011

TIGHE/YAMAGISHI MOVES that the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$4500.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing two new water-fill stations in the Students' Union Building.

4/1/0 CARRIED

AUGUST 2, 2011

CHEEMA/ISKANDAR MOVES to approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$400.00 for the University of Alberta International 2011 Freshman Break.

5/0/0 CARRIED

XII. RESEARCH

WHEREAS research and teaching represent the foundation of any comprehensive higher education institution;

WHEREAS research is a valuable aspect of the University;

WHEREAS conducting research is a necessary activity that improves the reputation of the University;

WHEREAS teaching and research have a symbiotic connection within the framework of any comprehensive higher education institution;

WHEREAS university culture lends itself to celebrate the successes of research while overlooking successes in teaching;

WHEREAS indirect costs of research are necessary expenses not covered by research funding and are therefore covered by the University operating budget;

WHEREAS when the indirect cost of research competes with undergraduate education for funding, it encroaches on the quality of education delivered to undergraduates;

WHEREAS undergraduate students should be able to take advantage of the research infrastructure of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta contextualizes research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution;

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II. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS the cost of housing is a significant financial burden for students often comparable to tuition;

WHEREAS mandatory meal plans comprise a significant portion of residence fees for students living in Lister Centre;

WHEREAS municipal property taxes on residences, passed on through increases to rent, represent an increased strain on affordability for students;

WHEREAS vacancy rates in the Edmonton area are traditionally low and rental costs relatively high;

WHEREAS a lack of affordable housing discourages both prospective and current students from pursuing post-secondary education;

WHEREAS Alberta is the only jurisdiction in Canada to assess property taxes on university residences;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and that the University of Alberta passes any ensuing savings to students in residence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall oppose any University of Alberta student residence rent and/or meal plan increase exceeding CPI.

VI. ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS the University has declared the importance of student involvement in building a great university;

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;¹

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 and student involvement 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.

¹ 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.

VIII. INTERNATIONALIZATION

WHEREAS international student differential represents a serious threat to affordability and accessibility;

WHEREAS international students should not bear the burden of institutions' financial deficits;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta clearly recognizes the importance of international students;

WHEREAS the government of Alberta does not require educational institutions to charge international student differential fees;

WHEREAS the Public Post-Secondary Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation makes no provisions for international student differential fees;

WHEREAS international student differential limits the geographic diversity of our international students;

WHEREAS international students may work in Canada for up to three years after completion of their program and may also apply for landed immigrant status;

WHEREAS a diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education;

WHEREAS studying abroad is a unique and highly valuable experience that all University of Alberta students should be able to access;

WHEREAS the transfer credit system plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of internationalization at the University of Alberta;

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Campus Alberta, national, and international levels.

RE: Report on Audit Committee's Activities
TO: Students' Council, University of Alberta Students' Union
FROM: Scott Nicol, Chair, Audit Committee
DATE: July 26, 2011

Dear Council,

On July 19, 2011 the Audit Committee held its first regular meeting. At the meeting the, the following business was completed:

- Review of credit card packages March to May
- Review of RATT April 2011 income statement
- Review of Juciy May 2011 income statement
- Review of January to April trimester PR posted to credit cards
- Confirmation that a request was given to the administrative staff to send a reminder to DFU recipients of the requirements of Bylaw 6000
- Confirmation that the Senior Manager of Finance was invited to present at the current meeting regarding the previous year's actual financial figures – the Senior Manager was unavailable

The Audit Committee was very concerned about the credit card packages. 7 of 23 packages received were incomplete, otherwise inadequate, or revealing suspicious transactions. No packages were stapled or attached with the relevant receipts and some receipts were found distant from the relevant credit card statement and summary sheet, elongating the review process. Concerns included missing receipts, incorrect inclusion of receipts, a high annual fee for one card (\$120 while most cards had a fee of \$50), failure to include receipts with all relevant information such as tips, failure to include the credit card receipt as opposed to a vendor's invoice, amounts entered incorrectly, and amounts for which the Audit Committee believes the Students' Union may not be required to and perhaps should not be paying.

The Audit Committee will require new packages for those packages found to be insufficient and will advise the administration that it will exercise its power to compel attendance at the Committee by employees or supervisors as appropriate to explain incomplete packages if this trend continues.

The Audit Committee was particularly concerned about the posting to an employee's credit card of a speeding ticket at a value of \$136.00. The receipt was entered as "airport transportation". The Audit Committee notes that the vehicle was observed travelling 92 km/h in a 70 km/h zone northbound on Anthony Henday Drive (western leg) at 0038h. Therefore, the vehicle was travelling in the opposite direction from the airport. The audit Committee notes that incidental expenses incurred in personal vehicle travel (such as insurance) are not covered per Operating Policy 4.05 and that speeding tickets are no longer deductible as business expenses under current federal income tax rules. The Audit Committee is concerned that payment of a violation ticket would constitute condoning the violation of provincial law by the Students' Union and, having strained itself to consider acceptable justifications found none. A request will be forwarded to the Senior Manager of Finance to look into this matter, propose a justification or remedy, and confirm that any remedy proposed is carried out. The Audit Committee will consider the appropriateness of any action at a future meeting.

Scott Nicol
Chair, Audit Committee



BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: July 27, 2011

Time: 5.27pm

2010 – 2011 #3

Motions

1.	CHEEMA moved that the Budget and Finance Committee recommend that Students' Council approve an allocation from the elections reserve not to exceed \$16,000 for the purpose of planning and executing a "Get Out The Vote" Provincial Election Campaign.	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
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July 28, 2011

To: Michael Ross, Speaker of Students' Council

Farid Iskandar, Chair, Elections Review Committee

Re: July Report of the Chief Returning Officer

Hello Council,

In this report, I will provide for you a (non-exhaustive) listing of activities I have undertaken during the month of July.

(Impromptu) Meeting with the Digital Media Coordinator, Craig Turner

I met with Craig primarily to learn how to update the su.ualberta.ca/elections website, but as Mr. Turner is also a former C.R.O., he was able to provide me with a few pointers and reminders of things I need to get done for the Fall By-election.

Elections Office Clean-up

New furniture has arrived! I have received two lockable cabinets (one houses elections computers and confidential files, another houses two-way radios) as well as 2 of 3 office chairs. Things are organized and a new filing system has been implemented. Polling station computers are tagged and catalogued. Old records not worth saving have been destroyed.

I have also cleaned up and organized paint supplies and other universal materials the Elections Office provides to candidates during election period. Turns out we have a lot of red paint.

Meeting with Services, re: Elections Awareness

I was invited to a meeting with several service employees, Colten, and Farid to discuss elections awareness amongst services volunteers and how the Students' Union can make volunteers aware of the opportunities available. For more information, I would follow up with Colten and/or Farid.

Twitter

You can now follow @uasuvote on Twitter! I have acquired access to the old account (@uofavote) and renamed it. Don't expect frequent tweets until elections season(s).

Nomination Package

I have re-constructed the Nomination Package to prepare for the Fall By-election. I am just waiting to confirm vacancies as at August 15, 2011 in order to release it to the public. A demonstration edition was provided to ERC for review.

Certificate of Destruction, September 2010 By-election Data

Yikes! I needed to destroy the 2010 By-election student data provided by the registrar and certify its destruction for their purposes—this should have been completed months ago.

UAPPOL Policy Proposal, re: Posting Announcements, Notices, and Banners

A new policy from University Facilities & Operations is being proposed to codify practice regarding poster/banners on campus. I am looking into the implications for elections, and possibly a general exemption from any onerous policies for campaign periods. More on this later.

Elections Review Committee

Not much to say here: I attended the July 21, 2011 meeting. See ERC minutes or the report of the chair for more details.

Reminders for Council:

If you are considering resigning, please do make sure it is effective (prior to or on) August 15, 2011, so I may fill the vacancy in the by-election. See Bylaw 2000 s. 74(1).

If you need anything from me, I am very open for meetings by appointment—email cro@su.ualberta.ca me with your questions/concerns or to set up a meeting.

Cheers,

Zach



Audit Committee Meeting SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: July 19, 2011

Time: 6:26PM

2011 – 2012 *MEETING # 2*

Motions

1.	<i>NICOL</i> moved that the <i>July 19, 2011</i> agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> . Seconded by <i>FERGUSON</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/3</i>
2.	<i>FERGUSON</i> amended minutes to amend the word “adoped” to “Adopted”. <i>NICOL</i> moved that the <i>April 26, 2011</i> minutes be approved as <i>amended</i> . The motion was seconded by <i>FERGUSON</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/3</i>
3.	<i>KARUVELIL</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by <i>ROBERTO-CHARRON</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/3</i>



Bylaw Committee Meeting SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: July 27, 2011

Time: 6:06PM

2011 – 2012 MEETING # 6

Motions

1.	<i>JOHNSON moved that the July 21, 2011 agenda be approved as tabled. Seconded by GOULD.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/3</i>
2.	<i>SUMAR moves to send this finalized impeachment document to council for first reading. Seconded by JOHNSON</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/1</i>
3.	<i>SUMAR moves to direct the chair to create a presentation for the next council meeting on August 16. Seconded by ESLINGER</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/1</i>
4.	<i>SUMAR moves to schedule the next meeting on August 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM Seconded by JOHNSON</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/1</i>
5.	<i>SUMAR moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by KARUVELIL.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/1</i>

Date: July. 26, 2011

Time: 5:02pm

2010 – 2011 MEETING 07

Motions

1.	<p><i>FERGUSON</i> moves to alter Appendix 4: Councillor Mentorship Program in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rename the heading "Advertising" to "Administration". 2. Under it, insert a new point 4. to read: "4. The Council Administration Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of this program." 3. Underneath the new point 4. under the same heading will be point 5. regarding advertising, and remain as written 4. The rest of the Appendix will be renumbered as appropriate. 5. Under point 8., add subpoint (v) to read: "(v) debrief the mentee at a future time to discuss their experience." <p>Seconded by <i>LUIMES</i>.</p>	<p><i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/1</p>
2.	<p><i>LUIMES</i> directs the committee chair to bring promotional ideas and materials (text) to the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/1</p>
3.	<p><i>FERGUSON</i> addresses the CAC Committee to decide what to do with the discussion of the proxy pool. It is moved to New Business.</p>	<p><i>CARRIED</i></p>

Hello Mr. Ross,

It is with great joy and regret that I submit my resignation as the Open Studies Councillor because I have been accepted into the School of Business at the University of Alberta. I would like to make my resignation official as of August 14, 2011. It's been a pleasure serving with you, the Execs and all the other Councillors. I wish all the best for Students' Council and the Students' Union in the upcoming year.

Regards,
Josh

August 11, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

The Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I attended the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference from for the last week of July. The Vice President (External) did a very good job of getting our priorities on the CASA agenda. He was also nominated to be the chair of the Bylaw Committee and will serve in that capacity for the year. I am very satisfied with the outcome of the conference. The Vice President will soon provide you with CASA's lobby priorities and we will be able to more clearly communicate the work that was done at the conference at that time.

Council of Alberta University Students

Along with other members of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), the Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I met this week with Alison Redford, a leadership candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party, and Glenn Taylor, leader of the Alberta Party. Both meetings were very informative and productive. CAUS also met with the Alberta Graduate Council and the Alberta Student Executive Council, which are the other two student lobby groups in Alberta, to discuss our priorities for the year. There was some great discussion and I very much look forward to working together in the future. The three groups also all attended a Government Orientation session where we had an opportunity to talk with the Deputy Minister and other members of the Advanced Education and Technology Ministry.

Fall Reading Week

The Fall Reading Week Task Force met again and had a very productive discussion on the format of the final report and on a process to narrow down the options. I feel that we are now getting close to a final report and recommendation of options.

Meeting with Facilities and Operations

The Executive met with the senior members of the Universities Facilities and Operations portfolio this week to share goals. The meeting was a great opportunity to share ideas and talk about collaborative opportunities. We have a lot of goals that involve F & O and I am optimistic that we can work together to accomplish them.

Communications

I have been attending a lot of meetings regarding SUtv and Infolink. We will be finalizing the Infolink re-branding soon and will begin working more closely with the University on finding space for the

expansion. We have also made some progress on the Infolink un-staffed terminals and will be working more closely with the University more closely on that front as well.

PAW Centre

The Vice President (Operations & Finance), the Vice President (Student Life), the General Manager and I attended a PAW Centre Steering Committee where many of the ongoing issues were discussed. We are optimistically that sustainability continues to be a priority of the project and that the design work will be finalized soon.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at president@su.ualberta.ca.

August 10th, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

CASA Policy and Strategy Conference

I have attached a detailed report on the conference, as well I'm presenting to council on the highlights of the conference. Overall the conference was a success for UASU, all our asks have made it as a CASA priority.

Get Out The Vote Campaign meetings

As promised, I have started a series of meetings to start advertising the GOTV campaign. I have met with Justin Williams (the Director of Research and Political Affairs), who will be responsible for the hiring of the Volunteer Coordinator, to plan how to best utilize the month of August. I met with the Student Services Manager, Jane Lee to talk about how to incorporate the campaign with some of the services. I then met with the Assistant Manager of CSD (Center for Student Development), Tim Ira, and the Manager of Student Group Services Kelin Flanagan, as well as Infolink Manager Hallie Brodie. I will try to recruit volunteers from Orientation Training in September, and have a table set up in clubs fair, and do some advertising in our infolink booths. Next up, I will be meeting Jennifer Wanke to see if we can incorporate GOTV in some Week of Welcome activities, as well as some of the politically oriented group on campus. The Job posting was delayed a bit because I had to get it approved by the executives first that has happened today. It will hopefully be up by tomorrow.

If you haven't done so already, start spreading the word. Things are about to get interesting.

The Alberta Student Summit (Part 2)

On Sunday August 7th, the Second Alberta Student Summit has occurred. The UASU hosted the summit, and attending were members from AGC (Alberta Graduate Council), ASEC (Alberta Student Executive Council), and all the members of CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students). Together the Alberta Student Summit (ASS) grouped the three student lobby groups in the province. We each discussed what our goals for the year were, areas where we could collaborate, and progress we have made so far. We have agreed that greater communication between the three groups is beneficial to all parties. We will work together to share resources on the Elections Campaign. ASEC's strategy this year is to create a website, similar to what CASA did in the May 2nd Election, and update it on a regular basis. Overall the summit is a great step forward in terms of effective communication between the three groups

Lobby Meeting: Alison Redford

The next day, August 8th, we met with Alison Redford a Leadership Candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party race. Alison was knowledgeable about the issues we presented: a Better Student Financial System, Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, and Improving the Elections Act. Out of all the topics, the Elections Act interested her the most. She committed to allowing students to choose what their Ordinary Residence is which is part of our ask (It's on twitter check out the #uasus hashtag). While she did not fully commit to allowing multiple constituency voting, she did say she would need more research to come up with a decision. Alison suggested creating a proper structure for student representation in the Ministry of Advanced Education. Something where the Ministry, the Institutions, and the Student Unions meet to become involved in decision making

Lobby Meeting: Glenn Taylor

Same day, half an hour after the Redford meeting, we met the Leader of the Alberta Party, Glenn Taylor. Same drill. Our asks for the Elections Act are already incorporated in the Alberta Party's platform (<http://www.albertaparty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/AB-democratic-policy-web.pdf> Section 4 second bullet point). Glenn agreed that there is a need for a better student financial assistance, especially to increase access for rural students. Glenn understands the need for a regulation on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, since it makes for a predictable tuition/fees planning for students.

CAUS Meeting

That same day, following the Glenn Taylor meeting, we held a Council of Alberta University Students Meeting in SUB. The meeting lasted four hours. The following topics were covered:

- We passed our provincial Election campaign budget
- Discussed the renewal of our tuition's fee policy
- Had a detailed update from each of the campuses GOTV campaign
- Gave some direction to the Marketing campaign for GOTV
- Discussed what to include in the Government of Alberta Budget Submission
- Discussed the progress made in the Alberta Student Summit

Government Orientation Day

The next day, August 9th, was an all-day event hosted by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology known as "Government Orientation Day". The purpose of the day is to explain to Student Union leaders from across the province on the role of the ministry on policy, budget, student financial assistance, and legislation. It was also a chance to share some of the new initiatives the ministry is working on, as well as for student leaders to share some of their ideas on how to improve PSE. Minister Greg Weadick was not present, so lobbying did not necessarily occur, as it is hard to lobby bureaucrats, not elected officials.

"If you want the truth to stand clear before you, never be for or against. The struggle between 'for' and 'against' is the mind's worst disease." Sent-ts'an

August 3rd, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: CASA Policy and Strategy Conference Report

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a federal lobby group with 26 member institutions. CASA is a member-driven organization that meets at least 3 times annually. The first meeting is CASA Policy and Strategy (P&S) conference, this is where CASA sets its lobbying, research and policy goals for the year. The next meeting is CASA Lobby Conference (LobbyCon), this is where CASA meets in Ottawa to lobby Members of Parliament on the priorities we set in P&S, usually in November. And finally CASA Annual General Meeting or (AGM), usually in March, there CASA makes any final changes or recommendations that came for the committees' year worth of work.

This year P&S was held during Sunday July 24th through Friday July 29th. The President, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and I attended. P&S is arguably the most important of all meetings for CASA, as it is the meeting where each member institution gets to lobby all the members of CASA on their own goals. This year the U of A came with 6 asks on the table:

- 1) Removal of Book Importation Regulation/ Make textbooks GST exempt
- 2) Copyright reform
- 3) International Student Visas, and Work Permits
- 4) Increase funding for Canada Student Grant Program
- 5) Increase funding for Undergraduate Research through the Tri-Council funding
- 6) Full funding of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) for First Nations

In this Report, I will go through everyday of the conference, and I will highlight major aspects of the week. I will then make recommendation to future VPXs and Presidents.

Sunday July 24th

This day was mostly used for registration, check in, and setting expectations for the rest of the week. Many delegates had not arrived yet by this point, so there was very little business to do. However it is worth to note that this is the first day that delegates from western Canada got to meet delegates from Central and Eastern Canada.

Monday July 25th

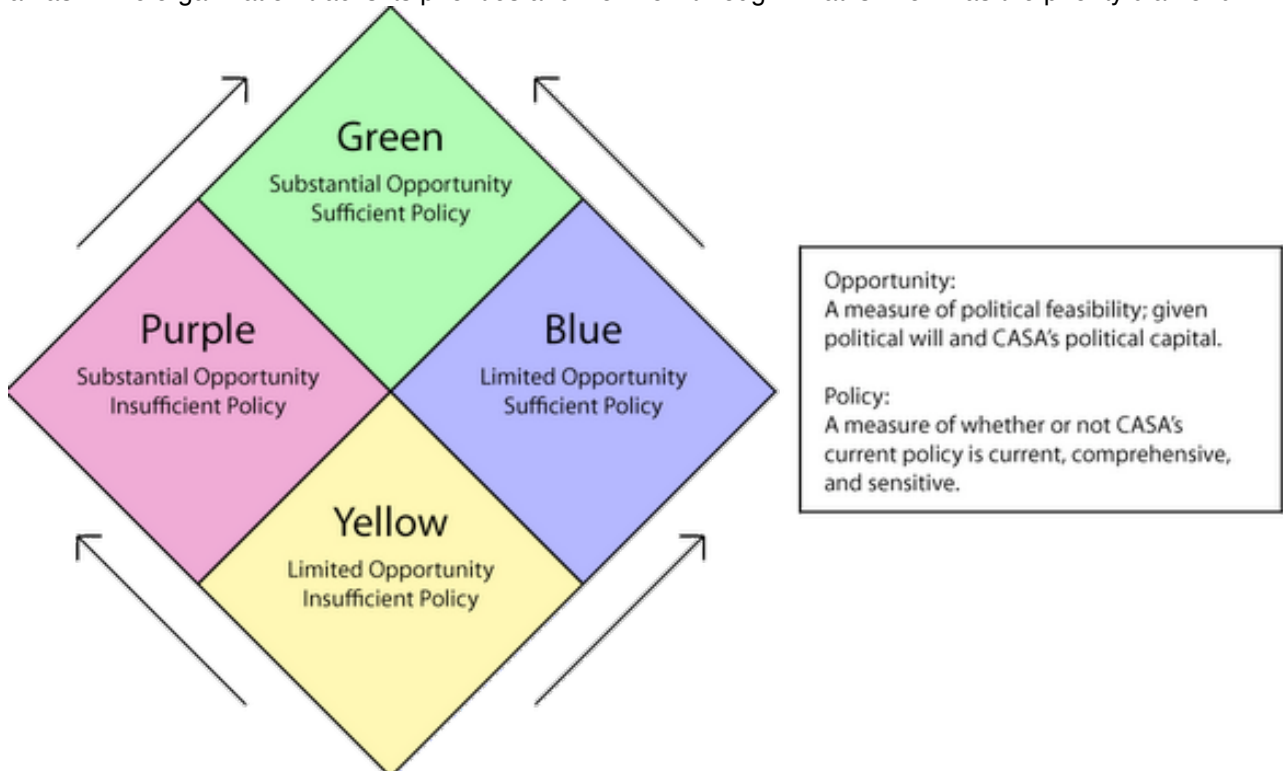
Political Climate Session:

In this session the Government Relations Officer talked about the climate in federal politics. Two major points need to be noted by CASA as an organization. First, is that we have a majority government. This is an important change from the minority government framework CASA has been operating under for the last few years. The second is that the Official Opposition is now NDP. Again CASA will have to adjust the way we lobby to appeal for a different opposition government now. Establishing credibility among both the majority government and the official opposition is now a task more important than ever for the year of 2011-2012.

Policy Framework Session:

In this session the Policy and Research Officer explained how CASA delegates would establish our priorities for the year. The Policy Development Framework is the name of the whole framework CASA applies to

develop its policies and advocacy priorities over the course of one year. At the centre of the framework is “the ask”: what CASA would like to the government do. Perhaps the most important part of lobbying is “the ask”. Weak asks will never move through the process of government. The goal of the Policy and Strategy conference is to take a bunch of ideas, transform them into asks (definition), have the membership decide on which of those asks constitute the top priorities for the year (prioritization), and then assess how CASA should work on those prioritized asks during the year (strategization). For example increasing access for First Nations population is a good idea, but not a strong ask. Transforming that into increasing funding for the Post Secondary Student Support Program by removing the 2% cap on funding is the transformation of the idea into an ask. The organization tracks its priorities and workflow through what is known as the priority diamond.



Items placed in the purple and yellow quadrants become the priority of policy. Items placed in the green and blue quadrants become the priority of government relations and communications. The ultimate goal of the diamond is to promote asks in to the green quadrant using policy and research (from purple to green), by harnessing appetite for an ask (from blue to green) or both (from yellow to green.) Items in the green quadrant are deemed the most ready to be enacted on by government, and become the focal point of the lobby conference. This year CASA decided to have 6 asks per quadrant. Obviously not all 24 asks will be lobbied on, only the 6 in the green quadrant. However if there's any time where a specific ask is talked about in Ottawa CASA will have a specific line to walk.

Partners Panel:

Coinciding with CASA Policy and Strategy was a Partners Conference. Partners is where CASA meets with other Provincial Lobby Groups to discuss what the Partnership could work on together for a better PSE. Groups invited included:

- Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC)
- Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA)
- College Student Alliance (CSA an Ontario based Alliance)

- Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS, U of A is a part of that)
- Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA another Ontario based Alliance)
- New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)
- Representatives from Prince Edward Island
- Representatives from British Columbia
- La Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (La FEUQ)

In this session each Alliance presented a 20-30 minute presentation on what their priorities are for the year, and what are some of the challenges they are facing. This was a really eye-opening session for everyone, to see the difference and similarities in all the provincial lobby groups.

At the end of the Partners conference, the partnership deciding on joining efforts through resource sharing of Student Financial Assistance on a pan-Canadian level.

Opening Plenary:

This is the first of two meetings where the General Assembly decides on CASA business. A plenary is the equivalent of Students' Council Meetings. Not much business was passed through this plenary since the U of A moved to amend the Agenda to moved the item of "Electing Committee Chairs" to the closing plenary after the election of the board. The amendment passed.

Tuesday July 26th

Ask Workshop:

This is where each member school shares its ideas on what CASA should focus its lobbying and research/policy efforts on for the rest of the year. The U of A is effectively lobbying the other 25 member schools to support our own priorities. The ask workshop was an introductory exercise where everyone got a chance to simply right down ideas or asks. This helped everyone to see where are our common grounds, or areas we all agreed should be a priority. It also highlighted new ideas some delegates where bringing to the table. At the end of the workshop Asks were submitted online. A total of 60 asks were submitted, only 24 of which were to become part of the diamond

Open Research Time:

This was a three-hour break where delegates got a chance to turn ideas into formalized ask. The CASA staff was helping the delegates with their research. 60 page long briefs were created to help the delegates formalize their ask.

Our asks were all formalized a week before the conference so, I used this time with Justin Williams (The Director of Research and Political Affairs) to turn our asks into PowerPoint presentations to "sell" our ideas.

Debate and Discussion:

This is the proverbial "it". This 3 hour session consisted of mini-presentations from each delegate who submitted and ask to convince the rest of the room that their ask should be a priority. Here the U of A presented on all 6 of our asks. It is worth noting that some of our asks were shared by other schools such as 1), 2), 3), and 6). So the presentations for those asks were comprised of multiple delegates presenting. Other asks like 4) and 5) were only presented by the U of A.

Balloting on Priorities:

Each school got a ballot with all 60 priorities on them. There was no limit to the amount of votes we can cast on the ballot. The President, and I reached consensus on every single point on the ballot. It is worth noting that The U of A did not limit our votes to our six priorities, we voted on asks that we supported as well. For example the Asks concerning the removing parental contribution or vehicle exemption off CSLP (Canada Student Loan Program).

Wednesday July 27th

Results of the Ballots:

Results were announced early in the morning, and I am pleased to announce that **all six U of A Asks have made it to the policy framework seen below:**



- Book Importation Regulation is the same as “Allowing Parallel Importation”, 2) Copyright, 3) International Student Visas/Work Permit are in the top quadrant
- 4) Increase funding for CSGP is found to have sufficient Opportunity but not enough Policy, so the CASA policy committee will work on developing policy for this year. That way eventually 4) will become a part of the top quadrant
- 6) has made it to the right quadrant, meaning sufficient Policy, but not enough opportunity. That means whenever there is a need for a witness or discussion on the topic from the government, CASA has a clear line on what to say
- Finally 5) and Making Textbooks GST exempt were at the bottom quadrant. Meaning they were areas that were found lacking in both policy and opportunity. I will personally involve myself in the process of developing those two policies in CASA.

It is worth noting that the raw results of the ballots were just a list of all 24 priorities. CASA delegates spent a couple of hours later to assess where each ask belonged on the Diamond.

Initially the results were a simple list of the 24 top voted asks. Later CASA delegates were divided into two groups to rate for each priority on the opportunity axis and the policy axis. That eventually resulted in the diamond presented above.

National Advocacy Update:

In this session CASA home office explained our Satellite Lobbying Strategy. This is where we divide as many MPs as possible amongst the delegates based on geography. That way CASA is doing lobbying outside of LobbyCon. For more information about the strategy, please contact me.

Thursday July 28th

Closing Plenary:

This meeting lasted at 9:00 am and lasted 9 hours. This is where we voted on the CASA Board of Directors, committee members and chairs. Here are some Highlights:

- Budget for 2011-2012 was approved
 - \$53,320 was added to Human Resources for a new permanent staff member for Policy and Research Officer
 - We have a surplus of \$89,978 from last year
- A “Member Relations” committee was struck to assist the Members Relations Officer
- Chris Saulnier, President of Dalhousie Student Union, was elected Chair of the CASA Board of Director (Aden Murphy’s successor)
- Matt McMillan, Vice-President External at the University of Calgary, was elected Secretary of CASA board of Director
- Ghislain LeBlanc President de la Fédération étudiants et étudiantes du centre universitaire de moncton a été élu trésorier de l’ACAE conseil d’administration. (was elected Treasurer of CASA Board of Directors)
- I was elected a member of the Strategic Planning Committee
- I was elected chair of CASA bylaw committee
- The Pan-Canadian Accord committee was not struck this year
- Full Funding for Post Secondary Student Support Program was moved from the right quadrant to the top one.
- CASA Annual General Meeting will be held in Saint Mary’s University in Halifax

Future Recommendations:

VPX:

As I mentioned above, CASA P&S is one of the most important conferences for the Vice President (External) to attend when it comes to federal lobbying. Attendance alone is not adequate, the VPX must set aside some time to prepare for P&S. Preparations could start as soon as CASA transitions are over. Simple things like reading a CASA policy from time to time, and contacting CASA home office for any questions before. During the conference itself, the VPX will learn a great deal about CASA, however the more one prepares the more likely U of A priorities get adopted as CASA priorities. Once at the conference I suggest that the VPX starts sharing their priorities with other member school delegates. This way if there's a priority that is popular among all the members (for example Copyright), the VPX need not to worry about "selling" their idea. And if there is an unpopular priority (for example Undergraduate Research), the VPX can start getting other CASA delegates to become familiar and comfortable with the ask, that will ease the process of getting them to vote for your priorities.

The process of setting CASA priorities is likely to change from year to year, as CASA's institutional memory is still young. My advice to future VPXs is to ask as many questions to CASA home office about how we set our priorities before attending the conference. This is something I did not do, so it made the day where we set priorities (Tuesday) one of the most stressful and frustrating days on the conference/job. It is stressful because not only one needs to convince others that their goal is valuable, but one also has to listen carefully to all the asks presented. That way it eases the process of making an informed vote.

DRPA:

The Director of Research and Political Affairs (DRPA)'s attendance is extremely valuable. Many of the asks presented by other member schools were not clear, and so the DRPA assisted in clarifying those ideas. The DRPA is also great for letting the VPX and President know what CASA has accomplished in previous years with regards to a specific ask or policy. During Plenary the DRPA's role becomes integral, by giving the VPX sober and unbiased facts about some of the discussions and debates that occur around the table. Many of the successes the U of A achieved this year were due to the support of the DRPA

President:

The role of the President will change from year to year. Last year when VPX Aden Murphy ran for CASA chair, Nick Dehod's support was integral. While the role of the President at P&S this year was less apparent, the role of support the president plays is indispensable. For every vote or decision made by the U of A, both the President and VPX reached consensus, after having a discussion sometimes. This system will help ensure that the U of A Students' Union is representing their students fairly.

Vice-President Academic Council Report

Date: August 16 2011

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

The last two weeks have been non-stop, with many different initiatives picking up steam. Here is a brief run-down of the last three weeks in the VPA office!

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Undergraduate Research Symposium Planning Committee met for the first time on Saturday August 6, which provided a lot of relief for me, knowing that the team of students has finally come together to begin organizing the major details of the event. Students are represented from many different faculties and campuses: Engineering, Science, Campus Saint-Jean, Arts, Phys. Ed., etc. We now have a Google Groups up for the team, and are going to soon select a theme, formal title for the event, and book spots in CCIS for the symposium. Moreover, a handful of professors have joined the team, which is excellent. This past week, I interviewed with the Gateway, so you should see an article soon regarding the symposium developments.

SWAHILI

Following Chaka's question, I went to speak with Dr. Christine Mhina, the professor of the four Swahili courses at the University of Alberta. We had a great talk – she is an amazing lady. Following this, I took the information to CBAS, where we engaged in a productive discussion about the course cuts. The CBAS will be scheduling a meeting with the faculty to discuss the cuts that have taken place. I'll provide another update to Council later on about the Swahili cuts, following the CBAS-faculty meeting.

CORPORATE TEAM

As I discussed earlier, the Students' Union this year is setting up a corporate team that brings together volunteers and staff. Devonne Brandys (Assistant Manager at SFAIC) and I set up a soccer game followed by slurpees for Saturday August 6, which was well-attended (15 people). The next event will be in late August or mid-September, with the goal being to bring out even more people!

TASTE OF TECHNOLOGY

On Wednesday August 10, I attended the Taste of Technology event at the Telus Center, where Dr. Larry Cuban of Stanford spoke. The speech was uninspiring, as he pointed out; however, I came away with one interesting thought: although technology constantly changes, much of the content tends to stay the same. I can expand more on this in Council, and send you a link to an interesting commercial that better explains this.

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

On Thursday August 11, I met with the co-chairs of the CLE subcommittee on attributes and competencies, as well as Vice-Provost Academic Dr. Skidmore. The meeting went well, with us preparing for the first meeting of the subcommittee full membership. The subcommittee will meet for the first time in early September, where the terms of reference and terminology around student attributes will be discussed.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Colten and I met with Kelin Flanagan (Manager of Student Group Services) as well as Raymond Matthias (a Director of the International Centre) to discuss how we could set up an international student association. In October, the Students' Union will joint host what will likely be the first Students' Union-international student leader summit. This summit will help brainstorm the idea of an international student association.

COPYRIGHT

Over the last two weeks, I've been reading up considerably about copyright: anything from copyright law, to bill C-32 to the book importations regulation and previous Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials conferences (hosted by the University of Alberta Students' Union). With the U of A set to bow out of the Access Copyright agreement, some big changes will be taking place in terms of how the university deals with copyrighted materials. Hosting a CRAM for the winter semester is definitely a possible option for us.

FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS IN ORIENTATION

I've continued to work with the four faculty associations that are participating in Orientation 2011: the ISSS, CBAS, NUA and ESS. On Monday August 15, we will be holding another pan-faculty association meeting to brainstorm different possible activities and further prepare for the September 6 event.

CONCLUSION

I apologize for the brief report. Please ask questions during question period, approach me in person or send off an e-mail whenever they come to mind. I'll be happy to answer them!

In solidarity,

Emerson Csorba



2011/2012 Report to Council

August 12, 2011
Vice President (Student Life)

Prepared by: Colten Yamagishi, Vice President (Student Life)
To: Students' Council 2011/12

Hello Council! Long time no meeting.

It looks like I am going to have to go back in time to update you on the most current three weeks of VPSL activity. Over the last few weeks I've been busy tackling a gigantic increase in e-mails and questions from students. I have however; found some time to enjoy the outdoors by volunteering, playing soccer, and participating in the Campus Food Bank's De Vera Cup Fundraiser Volleyball Tournament.

Programming

WOW:

Word on the street is that we may or may not have secured some serious concert bookings for Week of Welcome. Ask me in question period if you would like to find out more! Planning for WOW is going well and we are just over three weeks away from unveiling "The Greatest Show on Campus" a.k.a. Week of Welcome with a Circus Theme. I am getting very excited to make a number of speeches to students including a keynote to the Shinerama volunteers and the daunting task of speaking at the Orientation President's Address!

Services

Access Fund:

The VP Operations & Finance and I conducted the summer granting session for the Access Fund. There were far fewer applicants compared to the spring session but we are expecting to have a huge number of applicants come September for the first fall granting session.

Awards:

The awards expansion is nearing completion and will soon be approved by GAC. I would like to thank the dedicated SFAIC staff as well as the GAC members for the countless hours that they are putting into this great project. I'm sure that all of the work will be worth it as we are awarding thousands of dollars to deserving students.

Campus Food Bank:

The CFB has been hard at work preparing for the year and getting ready for the influx of users in the fall term. They have hired a new AED External, Nehal Mahmoud. The CFB recently held their De Vera Cup Fundraiser Volleyball Tournament (which I spoke of earlier) and it was highly successful. Renovations and the move to the new CFB space on the main floor should begin soon. The CFB Board also has a meeting coming up soon.

Infolink:

The executive had a chat with the Infolink staff to discuss how we plan to carry the Infolink redevelopment plan forward. We will be voting on a new name for the service on Tuesday and are moving forward with some prototype designs for an electronic information service terminal as well as general Infolink booth redesign. The President also had a meeting with Don Hickey (University VP Facilities and Operations) to discuss our plans for Infolink and SUBTV expansion. This Sunday we will be participating in a “Speed Dating” session with the new Infolink and SFAIC employees.

Orientation:

Orientation is coming into season and the program is well on its way to being prepared for September. The CSD staff and Orientation volunteers have begun creating their wonderful “8-bit” themed decorations in Dinwoodie lounge. To increase craft making morale I let the volunteers borrow Sheepert for an afternoon. The volunteers seemed to be very pleased.

Student Group Services:

In the coming weeks the VP Operations & Finance and I will be doing a significant amount of work with the SGS Manager overhauling the student group granting policies and procedures. We are looking to streamline both the application process as well as the selection process. We are also working with University of Alberta International to include some grant money that they have available for the promotion of international student group events.

Advocacy**Athletics:**

We are still ironing out the athletics marketing agreement that we have with the University. The VP Operations & Finance and I will be meeting with Trix Baker from University of Alberta Athletics again to get this sorted out soon.

Microwaves:

We finally have microwaves! Manuel (one of our amazing building staff) has kindly purchased and installed brand new microwaves (and stands where necessary) at the following locations: CAB Basement and Main Floor, ETLC Vending Cubby, Tory Atrium (near the Telus phones) and in the Tory Vending area. This project has seen a very long process but I hope that the results will provide for student demand.

Residence:

We recently had our first RHA Council meeting and moved a few orders of business including a \$2000 sponsorship to promote the RHA name on campus by sponsoring the bands at the Residence Block Party taking place during check-in. I was very excited to hear the RHA executive and residence association reports to hear what these hard working individuals have been working on all summer and to hear their plans for the upcoming year. I was very pleased that the meeting made quorum (even though many of the members are away for the summer) and that we had a representative from Residence

Services in attendance. I am very confident that this is going to be a very transformative and positive year for the RHA.

Food:

I am working on a food policy with Nikki Way and should have something prepared for the next Policy Committee. At our meeting with the University Facilities and Operations staff I was very pleased to hear from Doug Dawson (Executive Director of Ancillary Services) that they are willing to work with us to ensure that Fat Franks does not create competition with student groups running BBQ fundraisers in Quad.

Sustainability:

I am working with Lisa Dockman from the Office of Sustainability to promote sustainable initiatives in WOW and Orientation such as the following:

- No Styrofoam at the pancake breakfast
- Orientation slides including tips on how to live sustainably
- The use of recycled paper products for all printed materials and the placement of recycling/compost bins all over campus during Orientation and WOW

Hopefully these initiatives will help us significantly reduce the ecological footprint of our first busy week on campus.

I would also like to congratulate SUSTAIN SU's Community Garden on the achievement of winning an award from Sustainable Food Edmonton! The Community Garden has been doing outstanding work and I am very happy that they have been recognized.

International Student Association:

The VP Academic and I sat down with Raymond Matthias from UAI to discuss the possibility of creating an International Student Association. We are unsure of the details of such a project but we are planning to look at creating a governance body capable of advocating for international student needs.

Paw Center:

We attended the first PAW Steering Committee meeting where we learned a number of facts regarding the current status of the PAW project. We were told that the designers estimate us to be 1 point away from LEED Gold and that they may have to look at "shelling" a floor to save costs. Ask me in question period what "shelling" means because it is a difficult concept to explain in writing. Other points of discussion included the name of the facility and how it may change depending on donations. We are also in the design phase to plan how we want the Bike Library to look. Council will be receiving a presentation on the PAW Center in the fall term.

Summary:

Fall is fast approaching and I am getting extremely excited for the school year. With only a few weeks of summer left I will be down to the grindstone to finish off a few of my summer goals and get some initiatives started before I get too busy in September. Thus far I have been extremely impressed with the executive team and am really excited to see what we can do with the rest of the year.

Opportunities for you to get involved:

- Please sign up to volunteer for Week of Welcome at <http://goo.gl/P4vMs>.
- Fill out the new campus band survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2SYS3CV>
- Let me know if you want to help on any of my initiatives!

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
780-299-3076

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday July 26, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-07)

- 2011-07/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2011-07/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday August 16, 2011
- 2011-07/2b Moved as a special order to be first presentation on the agenda
- 2011-07/7a Moved as a special order to be dealt with right away
- 2011-07/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2011-07/7a **CHEEMA/THOMAS MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation from the Elections Reserve not to exceed \$16,000 for the purpose of planning an executing a "Get Out The Vote" provincial election campaign.
- Speakers List: Iskandar, Yamagishi, Lumis
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2011-07/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2011-07/2b Executive Goals- Presented by the Executives. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President/Sumar.
- Abstract:
 This presentation will provide an overview of the 2011/2012 Students' Union Executive Goals. The goals will demonstrate an alignment with the Strategic Plan and will provide measurable outcomes to increase the accountability of the Executives.
- 2011-07/2a Why care about graduate attributes?- Presented by Dustin Chelen and Emerson Csorba, VP Academic. Sponsored by the Emerson Csorba Vice-President Academic/Sumar.
- Abstract:
 So graduate attributes are gaining momentum at the U of A. But why care? How are they relevant to you, and why should you bother investing time in them? "Why care about graduate attributes?" communicates the value of this new movement through concrete examples of life-changing initiatives already

taking place at the U of A. With the VPA as co-chair of the committee leading graduate attributes, your voice will genuinely shape the future of education at the U of A for thousands of students. How will you shape graduate attributes on campus, and enhance the student experience at the U of A?"

CSORBA/LIANG MOVED TO move item 2011-07/2c onto the agenda

Motion: CARRIED

2011-07/2c

Discovering Students in Governance- Presented by Amanda Henry, SU Student Governance Advisor. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic/Sumar.

Abstract:

As part of her duties Student Governance Advisor (SGA) of the Students' Union is asked to "provide annual reports to Students' Council and to the University Secretariat regarding:

- a. The number of students involved in governance activities in the previous year;
- b. Suggestions regarding the recruitment of student representatives; and,
- c. Suggestions for improving the quality of student representation."

The report for 2010/11 is attached for your consideration. The presentation will briefly touch on the report, but will primarily be an opportunity for Council to share its perspective on the recommendations.

2011-07/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

2011-07/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Scott Nichol, Audit Committee Chair- Oral Report

Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee Chair Proxy- Oral Report

2011-07/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period Extended 15 minutes

Question Period Extended another 15 minutes

CHEEMA/FEHR MOVED TO suspend standing orders 25(1) so that no automatic recess is taken

Motion: CARRIED

2011-07/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-07/6a

CHEEMA/HAIDER MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation from the Building Reserve not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of capital project management and planning, whereby the Vice President (Operations & Finance) will be required to report actual costs to Council at least once per month and to seek Council's approval where necessary.

Speakers List: Cheema, Nicol, Liang, Ferguson, Csorba, Yamagishi, Woods, Sumar, Bell, Zinyemba, Le, Qadri, Way, Crone, Eslinger, Bellinger

SZINYEMBA/BELLINGER called to question

Motion: FAILED

YAMAGISHI/CSORBA MOVED to suspend the relevant standing orders to remove restrictions on the amount of speaking turns

CSORBA/ZINYAMBA called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Nicol called for division

Csorba- Y

Cheema- Y

Yamagishi- Y

Fehr- Y

Way- A

Woods- N

Boutwell- A

Zinyemba- A

Haider- Y

Luimes- N

McMurtrie- Y

Eslinger- Y

Crone- Y

Sumar- Y

Nicol- N

Gould- Y

Bellinger- Y

Le- Y

Ferguson- N

Karuvelil- Y

Sheil- A

Thomas- Y

Liang- N

Motion: CARRIED

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2011-07/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-07/6b

CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #3, that Students' Council adopt the

Political Policy, Research, in second reading based on the following principles:

XII. Research

1. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;
2. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta contextualizes research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution;
3. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta values the totality of research undertaken within the institution;
4. that the Students' Union advocates for more opportunities that allow undergraduate students to partake in research;
5. that the Students' Union advocates for increased student and faculty awareness of undergraduate research opportunities at the University of Alberta; and
6. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Csorba withdrew item 2011-07/6b

2011-07/6c

YAMAGISHI/LIANG MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Affordable Housing, in second reading based on the following principles:

II. Affordable Housing

1. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and that the University of Alberta passes any ensuing savings to students in residence.
2. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing.
3. that the Students' Union shall oppose any University of Alberta student residence rent and/or meal plan increase exceeding CPI.

4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Yamagish withdrew item 2011-07/6c

2011-07/6d

YAMAGISHI/KARUVELIL MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #6, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Engagement, in first reading based on the following principles:

VI. Engagement

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.
3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Fehr, Liang

Motion: CARRIED

2011-07/6e

CSORBA/ISKANDAR MOVE that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #5, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, International Students, in first reading based on the following principles:

VIII. International Students

1. that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta;
2. that the Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta increasing differential tuition for international students;
3. that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience;
4. that the Students' Union advocates to the University for clear and transparent transfer credit processes at the faculty, Campus Alberta, national, and

international levels; and

5. that this policy shall expire on April 30, 2014.

Speakers List: Csorba, Zinyemba, Yamagishi, Ferguson, Le, Liang

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned

