

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday October 25, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-13)

### 2011-13/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-13/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

### 2011-13/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-13/2a Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW)- presented by Kyle Braithwaite. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

Abstract:

The PAW Centre is a new physical activity and wellness facility that includes several program components including a fitness centre, climbing wall, enclosed concourse c/w commercial space, community/teaching kitchen, multipurpose rooms, locker room renovations, squash courts, Steadward Centre, and academic space. The project is a partnership that includes the several stakeholders including the Students Union (SU), Graduate Student Association (GSA), Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation (FPER), and the Steadward Centre.

The project is currently in Design Development and construction is anticipated to commence in the spring of 2012 with an anticipated 30 month construction schedule.

2011-13/2b Safewalk Presentation- Presented by Evan Worman, Associate Director. Sponsored by Councillor Kelly.

Abstract:

I will discuss Safewalk's mission, our history, and client/volunteer numbers. We are currently implementing an assessment to answer the question "Is Safewalk fulfilling its role to meet the needs of the campus community?", we will be asking many groups on campus for input. We are continually updating our service to keep pace with technology and infrastructure, such as new radios or planning for upcoming LRT changes. Two concerns are volunteer consistency; students are working to cover costs rather than volunteering. We also do not have a consistent number of clients.

2011-13/2c SU Financial Statements 2010-11- Presented by Councillor Nicol, Audit Committee Chair. Sponsored by Councillor Nicol, Audit Committee Chair.

**Abstract:**

The Students' Union financial statements are prepared by management and audited by an external auditor (KPMG). The Audit Committee liaises with management and the external auditor to determine whether it will recommend approval of the financial statements to Students' Council. This presentation will principally discuss the feedback provided by the external auditor and management on which basis Audit Committee recommends that the financial statements be approved.

**2011-13/2d**

Gateway Presentation- Presented by Alexandria Eldridge. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

**Abstract:**

Ever wondered what happens to the DFU that students give to The Gateway? Editor-in-Chief Alex Eldridge and Gateway legend Lucas Wagner are here to answer just that question. Alex and Lucas will give you a rundown on what The Gateway does and who makes up the newspaper, as well as a rundown of where our revenues come from and what we spend our money on. They'll also discuss the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) and the role of the Society in operating The Gateway.

**2011-13/3****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT****2011-13/3a**

Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 11-13.01

**2011-13/4****BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS****2011-13/5****QUESTION PERIOD****2011-13/5a**

Councillor Fehr to the VPSL: An article appeared in the October 17th MetroNews stating "students at some universities on the Prairies are pushing for gender-neutral washrooms for transgender people who don't feel comfortable having to choose between bathrooms for men or women." Recognizing that this idea presents challenges of it's own, has this option been considered for SUB? Is this a option that the proposed LGBTQ Center might explore?

**2011-13/6****BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS****2011-13/6a**

**ISKANDAR/SUMAR MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #8 in second reading based on the following principles:

1. A motion to impeach a member of the Executive or the Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and only for one or more of the reasons which follow:

i) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that such contraventions of Students' Union Legislation be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.

ii) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the

Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal Law.

iii) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

2. 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

3. 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.

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

5. Debate on a motion to impeach shall be conducted in camera.

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

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

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

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

Please see document SC 11-13.02

2011-13/6b

**ISKANDAR/WOODS MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve Bill #10 that Students' Council remove the key reporting requirement from Bylaw 2000 in second reading.

Please see document SC 11-13.03

2011-13/6c

**BELLINGER/NICOL MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #11 in first reading, that balloting revert back to the Instant Runoff Voting system for Students' Council, General Faculties Council, and Executive elections.

2011-13/6d

**NICOL/FERGUSON MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #12 to allow campaigning on voting days for the Executive, Students' Council, and General Faculties Council elections, as well as for Plebiscites, and Referenda in first reading based on the following principles:

1) No campaign activity shall take place within 6 meters of a polling station

2) No campaign materials shall be permitted within 6 meters of a polling station

2011-13/6e

**FERGUSON/NICOL MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #13 in first reading based on the following principle:

1) When the number of valid nomination packages received for a race in a faculty is less than the number of seats available in that race the C.R.O. shall extend the deadline for up to 2 days.

2011-13/6f

**NICOL MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of the Audit Committee that Students' Council approve the Students' Union April 30 2011 year end draft financial statements.

2011-13/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2011-13/8

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2011-13/8a

Rory Tighe, President- Report

Please see document SC 11-13.04

2011-13/8b

ERC- Report

Please see document SC 11-13.05

2011-13/8c

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-13.06

2011-13/8d

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 11-13.07

2011-13/8e

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and finance- Report

Please see document SC 11-13.08

2011-13/8f

Update on the Formation of an International Students' Association

Please see document SC 11-13.09

2011-13/8g

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-13.10

**September 29, 2011**

CHEEMA/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$2900.00 as per the amended conference request for the Vice President (Academic) Emerson Csorba and Vice President (Student Life) for the purpose of attending the AASHE Conference from October 9-12, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**3/0/1 CARRIED**

**October 6**

Motion to Reconsider

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

YAMAGISHI/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$3600.00 as per the amended conference for the Vice President Academic Emerson Csorba and Vice President Student Life for the purpose of attending the AASHE Conference from October 9-12, 2011 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

**4/0/1 CARRIED**

CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$5200.00 for the Vice President External Farid Iskandar, President Rory Tighe and Director of Research and Development Justin Williams for the purpose of attending the CASA Lobby Conference from November 13-18, 2011 in Ottawa, Ontario.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**October 18**

CHEEMA/ISKANDAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a contingency reserve expense not to exceed \$10500.00 for the purpose of purchasing new Safewalk radios and related accessories.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**



**Bylaw 100**  
**A Bylaw Respecting Students' Council**

**1. Definitions**

In this bylaw

- (a) "Councillor" means any member of Students' Council except
  - i. the President of the Students' Union,
  - ii. a Vice President of the Students' Union,
  - iii. the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
  - iv. the Speaker of Students' Council, or
  - v. the General Manager of the Students' Union;
- (b) "faculty" means
  - i. any entity designated by University of Alberta General Faculties Council policy as a faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Extension,
  - ii. all undergraduate students registered at the University of Alberta in Open Studies;
- (c) "faculty population" means the average number of undergraduate students enrolled in a given faculty in a Fall term and the Winter term immediately following it;
- (d) "introductory meeting" means the annual meeting of those persons elected to serve on Students' Council for the coming year;
- (e) "legislation" means
  - i. Students' Union bylaws,
  - ii. Students' Union political policies,
  - iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
  - iv. general orders of Students' Council;
- (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of Students' Council or, in his/her absence, any individual designated as having the responsibilities of the Speaker of Students' Council;
- (g) "standing committee" means
  - i. the Audit Committee,
  - ii. the Budget and Finance Committee,
  - iii. the Bylaw Committee,
  - iv. the Council Administration Committee,
  - v. the Elections Review Committee,
  - vi. the Grant Allocation Committee, or
  - vii. the Policy Committee;
- (h) "D.I.E Board" means shall be the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board of the Students' Union (Bylaw 1500) as set out in Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw as set out in Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
- ~~(a)~~(i) "Students' Council" means the Council of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as constituted by statute of the province of Alberta;
- ~~(b)~~(j) "Students' Union" means the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as incorporated by statute of the province of Alberta; ~~and~~and

“Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative” means the individual, other than the Students’ Union President, nominated by the Students’ Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors.:-

### **3. Composition of Students’ Council**

- (1) Students’ Council is composed of
  - (a) the President of the Students’ Union,
  - (b) the Vice Presidents of the Students’ Union,
  - (c) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
  - (d) thirty-two Councillors,
  - (e) the Speaker, and
  - (f) the General Manager of the Students’ Union.
- (2) The Speaker and the General Manager of the Students’ Union are entitled neither to move, second, or vote on motions of Students’ Council, nor to serve as voting members of standing committees.
- (3) Each Councillor shall represent exactly one faculty.
- (4) Each faculty shall be allocated a number of Councillors equal to the number of Councillors times its faculty population divided by the sum of all faculties’ faculty populations, with any remainder being discarded.
- (5) A faculty shall be allocated Councillors for upcoming Students’ Council elections dependent upon that faculty continuing to include undergraduate students in their student body at the time of the election, and in the next academic year.
- (6) Notwithstanding (4), every faculty shall be allocated at least one Councillor.
- (7) If more than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, they shall be revoked from faculties with more than one Councillor in ascending order of remainder until only thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (8) If fewer than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, additional Councillors shall be allocated to faculties entitled to at least one Councillor under (4) in descending order of remainder until thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (9) In the event that two faculties have equal remainders and that this equality prevents the processes set out in (6) and (7) from allocating exactly thirty-two Councillors, the number of Councillors shall be temporarily increased by the minimum amount necessary.
- (10) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union shall determine the allocation of Councillors annually before February 15, and shall forthwith table with Students’ Council



a report detailing the allocation of Councillors and the statistics used to reach that allocation.

- (11) The Chief Returning Officer shall review the allocation of Councillors before each election and determine if the allocation remains valid. If the allocation is no longer valid the Chief Returning Officer shall re-determine the allocation of Councillors and shall report the re-determined allocation to Students' Council as set out in (10).

#### **4. Eligibility**

- (1) All members of Students' Council except for the Speaker and the General Manager of the Students' Union are required to be members of the Students' Union.
- (2) Every Councillor is required to be enrolled in the faculty he/she represents.
- (3) No person shall simultaneously hold more than one position on Students' Council.

#### **5. Removal of ~~Members~~Councillors**

- (1) Any member of Students' Council wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Speaker.
- (2) The Speaker shall table in Council any letters of resignation he/she receives.
- (3) Resignations take effect on the date specified in the letter of resignation or, if no such date is specified, at the time that the letter is tabled in Students' Council.
- (4) Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councillor.
- (5) Any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council shall be removed from any Students' Union office that is the result of his/her position on Students' Council or of which his/her position on Students' Council is the result.
- (6) The Students' Union shall immediately recommend that any ~~person~~Councillor who ceases to be a member of Students' Council be removed from any office in an external organization that results from his/her position on Students' Council, or from any position from which he/she is removed as a consequence of (4) or (5).

#### **6. Impeachment of President, a Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative**

- (1) Students' Council has the authority to remove the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative through a motion to impeach.

- (2) A motion to impeach the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and only for one or more of the following reasons:
- (a) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that that such contraventions be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.
    - ~~i. Where the respondent on the grounds of Section 6 (2) (a), it is required that that such contraventions be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.~~
  - (b) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the University of Alberta Code of Student Behavior, Provincial, or Federal Law.
  - (c) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
- (3) A motion to impeach must be submitted to the Speaker through a petition submitted by the appellate. The motion ~~which~~ shall require signatures of at least one third of the voting members of Students' Council.
- (4) A motion to impeach shall require two (2) readings, where each reading requires a two thirds (2/3) majority of Students' Council to pass.
- (5) The second reading may not occur at the same Students' Council meeting as the first reading.
- (6) The respondent shall be informed of the allegations being levied against him or her, in writing by the Speaker, at least nine (9) business days before a motion to impeach can appear in first reading.
- (7) 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 impeachment.
- (8) All debate on a motion to impeach shall only occur in camera as defined by *Roberts' Rules of Order*.
- (9) Once a motion to impeach has passed in first reading, the respondent shall be placed on a paid suspension until the second reading occurs.
- (a) While the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors representative is placed on suspension under Section 6 (9), he or she will be relieved of the responsibilities of their office as set out in the Bylaw 1100, and cannot act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union.
- (10) ~~Upon the passage of~~ Once a motion to impeach has passed in second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

**6.7. Replenishment**

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall
  - (a) appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or
  - (b) call a by-election for the position.
- (2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.
- (3) Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
  - (a) has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
  - (b) has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
  - (c) is a member of Students' Council.
- (4) The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
  - (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
  - (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
  - (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above.
- (5) Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.
- (6) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Council shall select a new Speaker of Students' Council.

**7.8. Start-Up**

- (1) All members of Students' Council except the Speaker of Students' Council and the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be elected on an annual basis.
- (2) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall submit to the Speaker, as soon as practically possible, a report containing the results of any election of members to Students' Council.
- (3) The Speaker shall convene and chair the introductory meeting as soon as practical after all elections have been completed except any portion of the meeting in which the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.
- (4) At the introductory meeting, the Students' Council-elect shall
  - (a) select the ensuing year's Speaker of Students' Council,
  - (b) select the compositions of the ensuing year's standing committees, and

- (4) Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 25(2), the C.R.O., in addition to the remedies prescribed under Section 71, shall have the authority to enforce further disciplinary action, as prescribed under Section 71.

## **26. Requirement for Forums**

No candidate or side shall participate in any forum unless each candidate or side in his/her race has received at least twenty-four (24) hours notification of the forum and will be afforded an equal chance to speak at it.

## **~~27. Requirement to Report Keys~~**

- ~~(1) All candidates and side managers shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline, report to the C.R.O. any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus.~~
- ~~(2) The C.R.O. shall confiscate, until the commencement of voting, any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus where~~
- ~~a. the key, card, or other means of access in question would provide an unfair advantage to the candidate or side manager; and~~
  - ~~b. the candidate or side manager is not academically, occupationally, or otherwise required to retain the key, card, or other means of access in question for the duration of the campaign.~~

## **~~27~~8. Storage Space**

The C.R.O. shall make arrangements for space to be available on the University campus to all candidates and side managers for the purpose of the storage of campaign materials.

## **~~28~~9. Prohibition on Pre-campaigning**

- (1) No side manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.
- (2) Any campaign activity involving social media or internet activity shall not commence or exist between the nomination deadline or Students Council initiation of a plebiscite/referendum and the commencement of the campaign. Social media and internet activity with the sole purpose to prepare campaign activities, campaign material, or to solicit volunteers may be undertaken during the pre-campaign period, so long as it is kept private.

## **~~30~~29. Joke Candidates**

- (1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(n), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.
- (2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section ~~30~~29(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear

October 20 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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## **Sustainability Assessment**

We are very close to finishing the Sustainability Assessment. The Assessment itself is done and we are working on an executive summary to make it easier to read and an implementation plan. I have been working with the Senior Management team to see what they think is the best way to move forward on some of the recommendations. I have also been talking with the Office of Sustainability about how we can best assess and track our sustainability in the long term. I am hoping to have all of this done and published to you sometime in November.

## **Executive Retreat**

The Executive had a half-day retreat on Friday, October 14. We generally used the time to do in depth on what everyone was working on and to make sure that we were all on track for completing our goals. We also had a chance to discuss some of the major projects that we are working on and to think strategically about our next 6 months. We spent a while talking about communication and engagement and I am very hopeful that we will see some major progress on those two fronts in the later part of our terms.

## **Meeting with Councilors**

I have now met with every councilor except those who were elected in the by-election. I am currently working on a summary of what I learned from the meetings and will present that to you all as soon as it is finished. I also had a chance to talk with some councilors at Fall Retreat, which was great thanks to CAC, about communication and engagement. I am currently thinking up on some ways in which we can work together on these fronts and have some pretty lofty goals as to what we can accomplish.

## **Budget Advisory Committee**

The Vice President (Academic), Vice President (External), Director of Research & Political Affairs and I have been using the Budget Advisory Committee to discuss Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees and the Installment Fee. We are making progress on both fronts but I am really not sure where the discussions will end up. The conversation on MNIFs will likely come to a 'pinnacle' in the next month and it will be clear either way what direction we need to take with our advocacy. I have also found out a lot about the Installment Fee over the last month and am meeting in a week with the Vice President (Finance & Administration) of the University to discuss the issue further.

## **PAW Centre**

The President of the Graduate Students' Association and I have been meeting with the University's Administration regularly over the last month to discuss the PAW Centre. I think we are very close to a final agreement and I very much look forward to bringing it to council 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](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).

October 20, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Elections Review Committee Chair report

Hello Council,

The following motions passed at the last ERC meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>:

*BELLINGER/NICOL* moved to recommend to student council to revert back to the instant runoff voting system for student council, GFC, and executive election. 4/0/0

*NICOL/FERGUSON* moved to recommend to student council to allow campaigning on voting days for the executive and council, GFC elections, as well as for referendums and plebiscites in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1) No campaign activity shall take place within 6 meters of polling stations.
- 2) No campaign materials shall be permitted within 6 meters of a polling station. 4/0/0

*FERGUSON/ISKANDAR* moved to directed bylaw committee to remove all reference to the word "slate" in Bylaw 2000. 4/0/0

*FERGUSON/NICOL* moved that when the number of valid nomination packages received for a race in a faculty is less than the number of open seats available in that race the CRO shall extend the deadline for up to 2 days. 4/0/0

The ERC has also discussed a draft of Bylaw 2X00 series if it is split. We hope to make recommendations to council in November if we decide to follow this avenue.

The ERC is mandated by bylaw 100 to present to Students' Council a Report by the last meeting in November "*detailing their findings and recommendations*". As a note, many of the recommendations that the ERC will be presenting in this report has already been passed presented to council through presentation or changes in legislation.

<sup>1</sup>Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials

<sup>2</sup>Statistics Canada, Consumer Price Index (Historical Summary)

# VPA Council Report

Date: October 20 2011

Dear Council,

The last two weeks have literally been all over the place, but still very productive. From October 8-13, I was in Pittsburgh (along with VP Yamagishi) at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) conference. From October 14-16, I was in Saint Paul for a 100 k ultramarathon, and finally, I am back in Edmonton for awhile. With Sustainability Awareness Week (SAW) in full swing, it comes as little surprise that this report revolves around academic sustainability. Additionally, I have been chipping away at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, while also balancing university governance commitments and preparing academic-related questions for the upcoming SU Survey.

## AASHE CONFERENCE

The five or so days spent in Pittsburgh were very beneficial, and I return to Edmonton with an increased passion for sustainability. In particular, I now have a clear vision for how students should advocate for “academic sustainability,” which is essentially the integration of more sustainability-related content in existing university courses. I think that we should certainly integrate sustainability into the student attributes project that we are currently leading on campus. As per SU operating policy, I will have a comprehensive AASHE conference report (it is currently at 4.5 pages, double spaced) ready for Council within two weeks.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND STUDENT ATTRIBUTES

On October 19 from 4-5pm in the SUB Alumni Room, I hosted an event entitled “Sustainability and Student Attributes,” where three panelists – Ian Moore, Dr. Genevieve Gauthier and Dr. Susan Barker – led a discussion based on two questions. The first was “What qualities or attributes are characteristic of a ‘sustainable’ person?” The second question was, “What steps can the university take to cultivate a ‘sustainable’ person?” Overall, about a dozen people were in attendance, and I think that the discussion flowed well.

## SU SURVEY

I’ve been working with the Department of Research and Political Affairs (DRPA) to create about five questions about academic materials, to be included in the upcoming student survey. Additionally, around two written questions about student attributes and another two questions about undergraduate research will be included in the student survey.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

With a little under one month left before the inaugural undergraduate research symposium takes place, there is a lot to do, but the URS Team and I are slowly chipping away at the preparation. We’re setting



up a day of interviewing students and faculty, along with the U of A multimedia team. Moreover, student abstract applications are rolling in, I'm confirming physical space with CCIS and the Telus Centre, collecting sponsorship funds, establishing a URS Adjudication Committee of faculty and students, creating a "master schedule" and responding to many e-mails from students and faculty looking to know more about the symposium.

#### BLOG POST

I recently wrote a blog post entitled "Making mental and physical health a lifestyle." The entry concerns some of the initiatives that I am working on regarding mental health, or things that I plan to initiate once the undergraduate research symposium finishes up. Some of the things that I am doing (i.e. walking or running meetings) are a bit unorthodox, but working outside of what is deemed "normal" is not a bad thing.

#### RUNNING FOR VPA

If you are thinking about running for VPA, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm more than happy to sit down with you at any point to answer any questions that you have about the position. The more questions, the better!

#### CONCLUSION

As per usual, if you ever have questions about the Students' Union, the VPA portfolio or anything else related to student engagement, send me an e-mail at [vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca) or give me a call at 780.492.4236. I'm always open to constructive criticism or listening to whatever suggestions you have for improving the student experience.

In solidarity,

Emerson

October 20, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: VPX report to Council

### **Lobby Meeting Linda Duncan**

On Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> we met with MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Linda Duncan whose riding includes the U of A.

Linda agreed with all of our asks here, and referred us to MP Charlie Angus. She told us that Charlie is the NDP's official critic to Bill C-11 and would help us with the issue. She said that Charlie is currently trying to get Parliament to open consultation again for copyright. She also mentioned that if we wanted to affect any real change, we will need to get our constituents sending the Ministers in charge of C-11 letters regarding C-11. Linda was very receptive of allowing parallel importation. She wants us to help her write a private member's bill regarding this. I also gave her the New Zealand report that shows that Parallel importation does not affect domestic publishers. Her main concern regarding increasing Tri-Council funding for Undergraduate Research was that she does not like Government to interfere with what the Tri Agency. However, she strongly supported increasing funding for SSHRC CIHR undergrad research. She was also very receptive of our ask for the Canada Student Grant Program, especially for removing the cap from PSSSP (Post Secondary Student Support Program, a program that aims to increase participation rates among Aboriginal Students). Linda is the Aboriginal & Northern Development critic for the NDP. She was really interested in the numbers that are included regarding PSSSP in CASA pre-budget Submission. As for international students she agreed that the \$150 fee to work off campus is unreasonable.

### **Lobby Meeting Peter Goldring**

On Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting with MP for Edmonton-East Peter Goldring. We discussed all of the asks mentioned above, and help Mr. Goldring become more aware regarding student issues on campus. He asked us to discuss our asks regarding copyright with the Ministers involved. He also agreed that the \$150 fee to work off-campus was unreasonable for international students, and suggested the \$50 would be a more reasonable thing for us to ask for.

### **NDP Federal Candidates for party Leadership**

On Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> I met with three of the Federal NDP candidates for party leadership: Brian Topp, Nathan Cullen, and Paul Dewar. They were all great meetings; I received great feedback on what the UASU and CASA are asking from the government. I also gave them all a copy of CASA's pre-budget submission. I hope that this will be an important step for UASU to establish strong relationships with the new Leader of the Official Opposition.

## **Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees**

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has met again on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>, to discuss tuition and Non-Instructional Fees. We are currently in the midst of discussing what an approval process for MNIFs could look like. I will keep council updated once an agreement can be reached. Our stance so far has been that a referendum of the student body is the best method to ensure that students are consulted regarding MNIF.

## **CAUS Pre-Budget Submission**

Since the last Council meeting, the Council of Alberta University Students has published its Pre-Budget Submission. I encourage you all to look at it as it is a great read:

[http://www.caus.net/docs/11-09\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.caus.net/docs/11-09_Budget.pdf)

The summary of the report asks are:

- Set more ambitious targets and develop additional measures in the business plan.
- Establish an arms-length agency to develop research on our post-secondary system.
- Increase non-repayable student financial aid through upfront grants.
- Reduce the debt of successful graduates by 50% of the provincial portion of their loan.
- Increase operating funds to institutions over three years.

## **Canadian Council On Learning**

On Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> I attended a great lecture by President and CEO of Canadian Council on Learning (CCL), Paul Cappon, regarding CCL's last report: "What is the Future of Learning in Canada". The report outlines positive developments in PSE: high expenditures; strong participation rates; quality educators; and an educated immigrant population. However, there are trends which CCL calls "troubling": losing ground in innovation and R&D; dilemma in male human capital; immigrant skills not meeting labour-market needs; no national quality-assurance system; fundamental data and information gaps on PSE; and no national PSE strategy. CCL notes Canada is unique among developed countries for not having a national strategy on PSE, one which the council recommends should possess the following elements: clearly stated objectives; measures to assess achievement of objectives; and a systematic goal of cohesion and coherence among all facets. If you are interested in the report, I encourage you all to read it at: <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/pdfs/CEOCorner/2010-10-11WhatistheFutureofLearninginCanada.pdf>

## **Senate Chancellor Selection Committee**

I attended two meetings for the Chancellor Selection Committee since the last council meeting. The wheels are in motion when it comes to committee progress. Unfortunately I cannot report to you much of what goes on in those meetings, as they are confidential. What I can talk about is the process of Chancellor Selection Committee:

- Developing the 2012 Chancellor Attributes (October->December)
- Advertisement (January->February)

- Interviews (March)
- Senate vote on Chancellor (April)

It is important for Council to know that I will be spending significant amounts of time to this committee during the next month (there are so far 4 meeting scheduled each 90 minutes). They also involve a great deal of preparation, however I believe it is time well spent since the new Chancellor will take a major role in deciding the University's next President once President Indira finishes her term.

### **Augustana Campus Visit**

Rory, Andy and I visited the Augustana campus on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>. The visit was very productive. We talked about implementing GOTV on Augustana Campus, as well as the possibility of getting buses to drive Augustana students to main campus during the break the record dodgeball campaign.

*"We learn something every day, and lots of times it's that what we learned the day before was wrong" Bill Vaughan*

October 20, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

### **Capital Project Planning**

Subsequent to the initial set of consultations, DIALOG assembled the feedback received and produced some preliminary images for the Steering Committee's review – mostly samples of comparable facilities to inspire our discussions with schematic ideas as well. Based on the committee's feedback, we have met with project management to discuss next steps. We expect more concepts from our architects next week, which will allow us to move into the workshop phase.

Our first payment to DIALOG comes to \$4,418. This includes programming fees, tax and expenses.

### **PAW Centre**

The PAW Centre project goes to FDC next week for design development approval. Please pay close attention to the presentation at Council and provide any feedback you might have either to the presenters or to me directly.

### **GAC**

GAC met on Wednesday, October 19. We continued where we left off with the Standing Orders update, ultimately approving some editorial and administrative changes. The committee received an update on the July and September student group granting sessions, as well as the last WUSC SRP Board meeting.

### **BFC**

We met Thursday, October 20 and had a good discussion about business units. In particular, we reviewed the budgets for SUBmart, SUBtitles and SUBprint – suffice to say, the meeting was SUBlime. We continue with discussion of other departments as the semester progresses.

### **Academic Standards Committee**

I attended the Academic Standards Committee meeting this morning on behalf of the Vice President (Academic), who was unable to make it. One item of interest was the Academic Integrity Task Force Report, presented to Council earlier this year. There was also discussion regarding the deferred examination fee – a particularly contentious topic for many.

### **Health and Dental Plan**

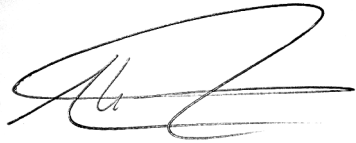
The Health and Dental Plan committee met on Wednesday to review the August Claims report and Change-of-Coverage statistics. 36% of students opted out while 61% retained full coverage. The remainder represents students who opted for partial coverage.

### **Miscellaneous**

Other activities that I have focused my attention towards in the last couple weeks include a meeting with the Augustana Students' Association executive, a quarterly Executive Retreat, Students' Council Retreat, a GSJS Board meeting, a meeting with the Vice Provost IT and a weekend trip to visit the oil sands.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca). If you wish to discuss any topics in depth, I would welcome the opportunity to meet in person.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema

## Update on the Formation of an International Students' Association

Chakanaka Zinyemba

Arts Councillor

Hello council,

As you are aware, internationalization has been brought up in the goals of the executives on numerous occasions this year. At the beginning of our tenure, I gave a presentation to council on a similar theme.

The purpose of this information item will serve to update council on some of the activity that has been going in this respect.

I had a number of meetings with the VPA and VPSL during the summer and we talked about the idea of forming an international students' association. We came up with a preliminary list of stakeholders that should be contacted in forming this association. It was decided that the best manner for this committee to function, would be as an organization similar to the Residence Halls Association that has some form of political leverage.

I have since, via e-mail and a number of meetings, have managed to have meetings and various forms of communication with a number of students, primarily international with respect to the formation of an international student's association and what its composition would be and mandate would be.

From the discussions the following are put forward as preliminary suggestions:

### Purpose

1. To foster a sense of community amongst its members
2. To give issues concerning internationalization (international students' issues, academic issues, education abroad issues etc) a greater voice, particularly in the form of lobbying to the Students' Council and the University
3. To work with the Students' Union and UAI International Student's Services (and other stakeholders) in assisting to deliver and promoting services as required by its member's such as English Language Conversation groups, leadership skills programs, cultural exchange programs etc

### Membership

1. No concrete agreement has been brought forward as to who membership would be open to. However, discussions have indicated to me that membership would foster communication amongst international students (those currently paying the international differential) and local students.

An interesting debate was had concerning the definition of an “international student.” Firstly, students currently members of the Students’ Union, but on a formal exchange program in another country could be considered as international students in that sense. Secondly, many students attain permanent residency status before they come to the University of Alberta, through various immigration programs. These students are “international” in every sense of the word apart from the fact that they do not pay the international differential fee, thus it’s possible that they are not eligible to receive some of the services that UAI, International Students Services in particular have to offer to international students.

2. A few models have been brought forward concerning the leadership of the group.

Firstly, it has been suggested that the leaders be the executives of the various cultural student groups on campus. This has many problems with it with regards to equal ethnic representation and not all cultural groups would necessarily want to live up the mandate of the association.

Secondly, that the leadership of the association would be two tiered. Firstly, based on the three objectives stated above, there would be three working committees, who would then have representatives that would sit on an executive committee of some sort.

Lastly, most have agreed that it would be beneficial if the Vice Presidents’ Student Life and Academic, or their representatives, had seats on the executive.

### Moving Forward

The formation of such an association is no easy task and it will not be possible to accomplish this task or make considerable progress working as we have been thus far. It is recommended that an action committee (primarily volunteer based) is set up at some point in the near future. This group would be in a much better position to delve into more detail and fine tune future proceedings. Perhaps this committee in its research, may find that something other than an association may be useful, of which the conversation would take another route.

The volunteer based action committee (perhaps as a CSL component for next semester?) , would work, based on the three objectives earlier stated, to meet with stakeholders, conduct research, and put together a structure, constitution and any other material that would enable an international students association to be a pilot project of the Students Union by the end the current academic year.

I have not yet been able to speak with the VPSL and VPA to find out where exactly the formation of such a committee would fall in the organizational structure of the Students’ Union. I imagine it would not be too difficult a task to find a position. I hope that that this will come to fruition in the form of a motion in the near future.



For now, I encourage all councillors to put some thought in to this process, to throw in suggestions, as now is the time to do so and feel free to ask me any questions in council, or via e-mail.

Looking forward to all the valuable input!

Chaka Zinyemba

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday October 11, 2011  
Room 304, Pavillon Lacerte, Campus Saint-Jean

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-12)

2011-12/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-12/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday October 25, 2011

**CHEEMA/GULYAS MOVE TO** move a motion from the floor  
**CHEEMA/GULYAS MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to BFC.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Item 2011-12/2a withdrawn**

2011-12/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2011-12/2b

Fall Reading Week- Presented by Rory Tighe, President. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President/Sumar.

Abstract:

This presentation will outline the background of the creation of a Fall Reading Week, where we are currently at with it, and some possible next steps. It will highlight the many options that exist to actually create the week.

2011-12/2c

Student Union Fees Used to Spread Hate - presented by Joseph Mandelbaum. Sponsored by Scott Nicol, Councillor/Khinda.

Abstract:

This presentation will demonstrate how Student Union Dedicated Fees designated for Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) are being used in controversial events that promote hate. It will explain how these events that bash Israel cross a moral line, and that providing funding condones this message of bigotry. It will also include suggestions to make the fee opt-out process easier and to make students aware of this fee.

Zinyemba calls to question

**RAO/KUSMU MOVED TO** suspend the relevant standing orders to increase presentation time by 15 minutes

**Motion: FAILED**

**2011-12/7**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2011-12/7a**

**CHEEMA/GULYAS MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to BFC.

**Nominations: Mills, Bellinger**

**Nominations Closed**

**Appointed: Bellinger**

**Automatic Recess at 7:55pm**

**Meeting called back to order at 8:10pm.**

**2011-12/3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

**2011-12/4**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Petros Kusmu, Policy Committee Chair- Oral Report

**2011-12/6**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2011-12/6a**

**ISKANDAR/LEPAGE FORTIN MOVES THAT** the Policy Committee recommends to Students' Council to approve Bill #9 the Political Policy, Academic Materials, in second reading based on the following principles:

1. that the Students' Union will encourage academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations, and the University of Alberta to engage in practices designed to lower the costs of academic materials to students;
2. that the Students' Union will educate instructors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them;
3. that the Students' Union will advocate for peripheral academic materials to be standardized across the institution to avoid needless expenditures;
4. that the Students' Union will advocate the Federal Government to exempt textbooks from the GST and/or any other federal sales taxes that may be

implemented in the future;

5. that the Students' Union will advocate to the Federal Government for the elimination of the 10% and 15% prices premiums from the Book Importation Regulations;

6. that the Students' Union will advocate that the Canadian copyright laws be constructed in a way which does no derogate from the expansion of fair dealing rights as interpreted in recent legal decisions; and

7. that this policy will expire April 30th 2012.

**Speakers List: Iskandar**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2011-12/6b**

**ISKANDAR/NICOL MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council remove the key reporting requirement from Bylaw 2000.

**Speakers List: Iskandar, Tighe, Ferguson**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2011-12/7**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO** move a motion from the floor  
**CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to FACRA

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2011-12/7b**

**CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to FACRA

**Nominations: Kelly**

**Nominations Closed**

**Appointed: Kelly**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm**

### Councillor Attendance Records

2010-2011

**Attendance**

9/13/2011 SC 11-10

9/27/2011 SC 11-11

10/11/2011 SC 11-12

**Council Seats (40 total) Name**

**Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)**

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President	Rory Tighe	0.5	Y	Y
VP Academic	Emerson Csorba	Y	Y	Y
VP External	Farid Iskander	Y	Y	Y
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	Colten Yamigishi	Y	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Raphael Lepage Fortin	Y	Y	Y

**Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)**

ALES	Andrew Fehr	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Adam Woods	Y	Y	0.5(p)
Arts	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	Y(p)
Arts	Chaka Zinyemba	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	N	Y
Augustana (Faculty)	Nathan Sereda	N	N	N
Business	Josh Le			N
Business	vacant			
Education	Vanessa Johnson	N	N	Y(p)
Education	Brit Luimes	Y	Y	Y
Education	Mallory McMurtrie	Y	N	Y
Engineering	Aaron Eslinger	Y	Y	N
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Saadq Sumar	Y	0.5	Y
Engineering	Adam Gulyas	Y	Y	Y
Law	Scott Nicol	Y	Y	Y
Medicine & Dentistry	Rebecca Gould	Y	Y	Y
Native Studies	vacant			
Nursing	Eric Bellinger	Y	Y	Y
Open Studies	vacant			
Pharmacy	Sarah Zhao	0.5	Y	Y
Phys Ed & Rec	Susan Amer	N	N	
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Kinnar Power	Y	Y	Y
Science	Kim Ferguson	Y	Y	Y
Science	Amelie Roberto Charron	Y	Y	N
Science	Avinash Karuvelil	0.5	0.5	Y
Science	Peter West	Y	Y	N
Science	Arun Thomas	Y	0.5	0.5
Science	Su Su Liang	Y	Y	Y
Science	Brett MacGillivray	Y	Y	Y
ALES	Andrew Fehr	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y

**Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)**

Speaker	Michael Ross	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	N	N

**Resigned:**

**Josh Le**

**Samaar Haider**

Jake Archie

Elauna Boutwell

Susan Amer