

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-03)

### 2012-03/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-03/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012

### 2012-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-03/2a The name: Executive Replenishment Bylaw  
Presenter: Councillor Smith  
Sponsor: Councillor Smith

#### Abstract:

"The Bylaw Committee has put together a presentation on the progress of the Executive Replenishment Bylaw. We will outline the current state of the bylaw with the desire to gain insight and suggestions from council moving forward."

### 2012-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-03/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 12-03.01

### 2012-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2012-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2012-03/5a TO THE PRESIDENT, VP EXTERNAL, BOG REP from Councillor Bellinger (*in separate, identical questions - such as the ones made by Councillor O last meeting*)

I am hoping to get a some clarity on a Facebook post made by the BOG Representative. The post in question reads:

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3. Do you believe that this statement is in contravention of Bylaw 100 Section 11 (2)?
4. If your answer is "Yes" for questions two or three, do you believe that a motion to censure the BOG Representative would be appropriate and in order?

2012-03/5b

To the Executive Committee from BoG Rep Kelly:

According to the Quebec Bar Association and the Quebec Human Rights Commission, the recently enacted Bill 78 in Quebec constitutes a violation of fundamental civil liberties protected under the Charter. If those organizations are correct, hundreds of thousands of student protesters in Quebec have had their civil rights violated. Do you denounce the violation of students' civil rights? If so, why? If not, why not?

2012-03/5c

To the President from BoG Rep Kelly:

As the great civil rights advocate Martin Luther King said: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Will the executive committee as a whole make a statement denouncing any violations of civil rights that may have occurred in Quebec, or will it remain silent? If it will remain silent, how is this justified, and how is this not an abrogation of its fiduciary responsibility?

2012-03/6

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2012-03/6a

**CHEEMA/SMITH MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand dollars from the Building Reserve for the purpose of completing the design development phase of the SUB renovation project.

2012-03/6b

**KUSMU MOVES THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Senate Nomination Committee, the Council Administration Committee recommends to Students' Council the following three student representatives to be appointed to the Senate: Catherine Zoleta, Zachary A. Fentiman, and William R. Pickering

2012-03/7

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

2012-03/7a

**CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program Board.

2012-03/7b

**CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the Students' Union Building Renovation Steering Committee.

- 2012-03/8**            **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2012-03/8a**        CAC Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-03.02
- 2012-03/8b**        Standing Orders amendments  
Please see document SC 12-03.03
- 2012-03/8c**        Bylaw Committee Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-03.04
- 2012-03/8d**        ERC Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-03.05
- 2012-03/8e**        BFC Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-03.06
- 2012-03/8f**        Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report  
Please see document SC 12-03.07
- 2012-03/8g**        Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report  
Please see document SC 12-03.08
- 2012-03/8h**        Colten Yamagishi, President- Report  
Please see document SC 12-03.09
- 2012-03/8i**        Votes and Proceedings  
Please see document SC 12-03.10

**MAY 10**

CHEEMA/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a contingency reserve expense not to exceed \$4500.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing four grease traps.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

SUMAR/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Capital Allocation not to exceed \$700.00 for the purpose of the Peer Support Centre purchasing three wireless panic buttons and one key pad.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

YAMAGISHI/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$3000.00 for the General Manager Marc Dumouchel for the purpose of attending the AMICCUS-C Regional Conference from May 28-30 , 2012 in Montreal.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**MAY 22**

CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a contingency allocation not to exceed \$4000.00 for the purpose of reprinting Orientation materials.

**3/1/1 CARRIED**



# Council Administration COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: May 15, 2012*

*Time: 5:00 pm*

2011 – 2012 *MEETING # 1*

## **Motions**

|    |  |                            |
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| 1. | Mills moved that Summer Retreat be held on the weekend of June 1-3 at Camp Warwa but is under pending review of the Student Council. | <i>CARRIED<br/>15/5/12</i> |
| 2. | Bellinger moved that Council Dress Code be brought up to the Student Council to make recommendations.                                | <i>CARRIED<br/>15/5/12</i> |
| 3. | Obiefuna moved that translators for guests of the Student Council be made available.   | <i>CARRIED<br/>15/5/12</i> |
| 4. |  | <i>CARRIED<br/>0/0/0</i>   |

## **PART 2: STRUCTURE OF SESSIONS**

### **Order of Business**

**2(1)** The Order of Business for Students' Council will be:

- (a) Speaker's Business,
- (b) Presentations,
- (c) Executive Committee Report,
- (d) Board and Committee Report,
- (e) Question Period,
- (f) Board and Committee business
- (g) General Orders.

### **Start-Up Meeting Order of Business**

**2(2)** The Order of Business for the start-up meeting of the incoming Students' Council will be:

- (a) Election of a Speaker,
- (b) Approval of Annual Meeting Schedule, and
- (c) Nomination to Standing Committees.

### **First Meeting after Start-Up Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

**2(3)** The Order of Business for the first meeting of the year after the start up meeting will have the following orders of the day added to Speaker's Business:

- (a) Installation Ceremony,
- (b) Inaugural Addresses of Executive Officers and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, and
- (c) Approval of Standing Orders.

### **Last Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

**2(4)** The Order of Business for the last meeting of the year will have the following orders of the day added to Speaker's Business:

- (a) President's Farewell Address.

### **Oath of Office**

**2(5)** The Oath of Office shall be taken by all members of Students' Council at the first meeting of each trimester.

### **Additional Meetings**

**3(1)** Additional meetings of Students' Council may be called by the:

- (a) Speaker,
- (b) Council Administration Committee,
- (c) Executive Committee, and
- (d) Students' Council.

**3(2)** Members of Students' Council must be notified of additional meetings no later than 97 hours prior to the meeting time.

### **Cancelled Meetings**

**3(3)** Meetings of Students' Council may be cancelled, no later than 97 hours in advance of the meeting intended to be cancelled, by the:

- (a) Speaker,
- (b) Council Administration Committee, and
- (c) Students' Council.

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- (a) is always in order,
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## BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **May 16, 2012**

Time: **6:12 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING # 1**

### **Motions**

|    |   |                             |
|----|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | <i>Khinda moved that the specification (timeline) for replenishment of Executive is if occurring within May-First Student Council Meeting then an interim will take the vacant position; within September then Executive will be determined by the election; within after September-April then Executive will be appointed.</i> | <i>CARRIED<br/>16/05/12</i> |
| 2. | <i>Smith moved that to insert a clause into the bylaw that would specify the number of candidates (recommendation of 10+) in order to form a trigger committee in the event of an impeachment of an executive.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>16/05/12</i> |
| 3. | <i>Samur moved that no specifications be made regarding to having the selection process and debate in or ex camera so it would leave options for the situation.</i>   | <i>CARRIED<br/>16/05/12</i> |
| 4. |   | <i>CARRIED<br/>0/0/0</i>    |



## COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **May 16, 2012**

Time: **5:12 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING # 2**

### **Motions**

|    |  |                                |
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| 1. | <i>DONGWOO KIM</i> moved that the <i>May 16</i> agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> .    | <i>CARRIED</i><br><i>4/0/1</i> |
| 2. | <i>DONGWOO KIM</i> moved that the <i>April 24</i> minutes be approved as <i>tabled</i> . | <i>CARRIED</i><br><i>4/0/1</i> |
| 3. | <i>ERIN BORDEN</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.                                  | <i>CARRIED</i><br><i>4/0/1</i> |
| 4. |  | <i>CARRIED</i><br><i>0/0/0</i> |



## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: May 23, 2012*

*Time: 5.30 pm*

2012 – 2013 *MEETING 1*

### **Motions**

|    |  |                          |
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| 1. | CHEEMA/SMITH MOVES THAT the Budget and Finance Committee recommend that Students' Council approve an allocation not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand dollars from the Building Reserve for the purpose of completing the design development phase of the SUB renovation project. | <i>CARRIED<br/>6/0/0</i> |
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**Prepared by:** Saadiq Sumar, Vice President (Student Life)

**To:** Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

Over the course of the last couple weeks, I've tried as much as possible to familiarize myself with the large scope of my portfolio. There are areas in which I still need to do research and readings but things are clearing up at a very quick pace. I apologize for the length of my report, as I like to keep them short and allow all of you to ask questions about the different items that you may be interested in or would like more information on.

### ***Programming***

#### **Programming Calendar**

Earlier this week, I met with Jennifer Wanke, the Senior Manager for Programming and Venues, to discuss the various different events and ideas that the department had for the upcoming year. The calendar that they have outlined is already very full, but I will do my best to squeeze in a few programs if they resources are available to do so.

#### **Week of Welcome**

The Week of Welcome Facilitator Team has met twice in the last two weeks and is moving along quite steadily with theme selection. Before you ask, I will not reveal to you what any of the themes may be for WoW but I will say that the committee started with a list of just below 150 different themes. I am very excited about the committee and the level of commitment already shown by several members. The Programming Department is hoping to have a theme decided for the end of June and I will update you when I can about it.

### ***Services***

#### **Gender-Based Violence Project Coordinator**

The project coordinator for the Gender-Based Violence Project has been hired. Melanie Alexander will be starting on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be located in an office in the lower level. I look forward to working with her on this project over the next eleven months

## **Infolink**

The Executive Committee endorsed Infolink to move forward with the renovation of the kiosk on the main floor. The plans look great and I'm very excited about this project! In other news, Adam Williams, the current Assistant Manager, will be going back to school to pursue journalism. He has done some great work for Infolink over the last two years and has definitely left his mark on the service. We wish him all the best in his academic pursuits!

## **SFAIC**

The Student Financial Aid and Information Centre held a pilot session on Credit Cards to be included within the Money Management Series that the service runs. The session was very informative and I learned a great deal. I would recommend this series to all of you, even if you feel that you are very financially responsible. The series should be updated in the coming months, as SFAIC is attempting to update this part of their service.

## ***Advocacy***

### **Campus Law Review Committee**

At the CLRC Meeting this week, there were several changes to be made to the Code of Student Behaviour as well as the introduction of Terms of Reference for a working group focusing on text-matching software. The working group should start meeting sooner rather than later and will require an undergraduate student at large. The Vice-President Academic will be sitting on the committee in my stead, as this relates more to academics.

### **PAW Teaching Kitchen**

This is perhaps THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM in my report. Earlier this week, I met with the Graduate Students' Association's Vice-President Student Services to discuss the Teaching/Community Kitchen that is being planned for the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre. We are currently soliciting feedback from students as to what students would like to get from the kitchen so that we can determine exactly what appliances are needed for the kitchen, a governance model for the kitchen, a business plan, and a risk assessment for the kitchen. If you know of anyone who would have ideas about what they would like to get from this space, please send them in my direction. (Just do it...like Nike).

### **Residence**

I had a quick meeting over Skype with the current executives of the RHA to discuss several important items including the Memorandum of Understanding, their predicament with the Residence Budget Advisory Board, changes to the structure of the RHA, and many more different items. We are hoping to have letters drafted by the end of next week to submit to the university and have the MOU signed by that time as well. The team is also still on the hunt for executives so if you have anyone who is interested,

please have them send me an e-mail or come by my office for more details on the open positions and how to apply.

I will also be meeting with the Lister Hall Students' Association President Eric Martin about several different topics, including the residence association's membership on the RHA.

### **Health and Dental Plan**

There has been a lot of movement with the Health and Dental Plan this week. Representatives from Studentcare came to discuss with us the results of a Request for Quotes. In short, Studentcare asked several different insurance companies to provide them with a quote on the plan for UofA students. The Executive Committee voted this week to switch carriers from SunLife Financial to Desjardins for the next couple of years.

### **Spring/Summer U-Pass**

The Vice-President Operations, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and I all sat down to discuss the Spring/Summer U-Pass contract to be signed hopefully later this summer as well as the upcoming resigning of the U-Pass Contract with Edmonton Transit and the other transit providers. I will update you further on the negotiations when they unfold.

### **International Students**

On Friday, the Vice-President Academic and I will be meeting with Doug Weir, the Director of International Student Services, to discuss the very general topic of International Students. This is the first of two meetings that will help the VPA and myself to develop the International Students' Association and its mandate.

### **Takeaways**

- Volunteer for Week of Welcome
- Get feedback about the Teaching/Community Kitchen
- Meet with me if you are interested in the portfolio or just to chat

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).

Saadiq Sumar  
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May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

Hello Council,

I've been getting lots of work done lately on a number of institutional and fiduciary things, and I've met with a number of people as well. I've made some good progress on institutional elements such as emails, web pages, and twitter accounts. As well, I've spent a fair amount of time working on ensuring the SU maintains fiduciary responsibility in a political sense. I'll first discuss the institutional elements I've made progress on.

### **Institutional Elements**

I've got my page on the SU website up-to-date and looking sharp! You can check it out if you like at:

<http://su.ualberta.ca/governance/council/officers/bog/>.

I've also got my official BoG-Rep twitter account up and running, and I'll be getting a blog soon as well, which I intend to post on in a semi-regular fashion. I'm not sure how often I'll be posting yet. Any suggestions? Fire me an email at the address below if you do. Speaking of which, my email account has also now been activated, and after a thorough cleaning I am transitioning to it as my primary method of communication for BoG Rep related communications.

As you may have noticed, I also have a nice letterhead to write on now! I borrowed a template from VP External Kusmu and modified it for my own use. It looks much more professional, and ensures a nice continuity amongst the reports to council. Along with the twitter account (which has a nice background that matches the SU exec accounts), the next BoG Rep will have a lovely letterhead template to inherit, which I'm quite happy about.

**Fiduciary Responsibility**

Last week, I began to become increasingly worried that the Students' Union was going to remain apathetic in light of what are almost certainly egregious and numerous civil rights abuses (according to the Quebec Bar Association, and the Quebec Human Rights Commission) against hundreds of thousands of student protestors in Quebec. Since I feel human beings have a moral obligation to denounce rights abuses when they see them, it felt clear to me that I would be abrogating fiduciary responsibility to my constituents by taking no action. I hate to sound dramatic, but as Martin Luther King said, injustice anywhere is an affront to justice everywhere. Now, obviously, the SU cannot go around denouncing every single rights violation that comes up on the radar, but considering the scale of the violation - and the fact that it was directly targeted at students and students' associations - it was quite clear to me that the SU was obliged to take at least some action. My initial intention was to propose a political policy to Council that would clearly express the SU's support for students' freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly, and against any infringements thereof. Having met with VP External Kusmu, we came to the agreement that civil rights are something that the SU should be advocating for in any instance regardless. He indicated to me at that time that he would make a public statement denouncing the civil rights abuses and publicly support students' freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly before the next council meeting (i.e. today, if you're reading this in council) and I felt that was a good course of action. If no statement is made, however, I'll have no choice but to bring my motion back to council, to ensure I do not violate fiduciary responsibility to my constituents. My twitter account was activated that day, and I took the opportunity to make my first tweet denouncing the civil rights abuses as Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, rather than as just Brent Kelly. Keep in mind that I only speak as the BoG Representative, not as the entire SU.

Councilor Belligner expressed some concerns with a statement I made on facebook, when I expressed my anticipation that VP Kusmu would denounce the alleged abuses. Belligner's concerns are as follows:

"I was hoping to get a little clarity on a Facebook post made by the BOG Representative. The post in question reads:



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And so, I'm wondering:

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2. Do you believe that this statement, in particular "*I am glad to say that the [University of Alberta Students' Union](#) is no longer going to remain silent*" is in contravention of Operating Policy 1.01?
3. Do you believe that this statement is in contravention of Bylaw 100 Section 11 (2)?
4. If your answer is "Yes" for questions two or three, do you believe that a motion to censure the BOG Representative would be appropriate and in order?"

My responses to each of the concerns are as follows:

- 1) Petros indicated that there had been, but I am not privy to executive committee meetings, so I know nothing more than that. I met with both Petros and Colten to discuss the SU denouncing the student civil rights abuses.

- 2) In its introduction, Operating Policy states that:

"Operating policy acts as a standing directive from the Executive Committee to the organization and outlines policies and procedures **that all employees and departments** of the Students' Union are expected to follow." (emphasis mine)

According that statement, as I am not an employee or a department of the SU, I am not subject to Operating Policy. So, by definition, I cannot be in contravention of something I am not subject to, unless the SU would like to start paying me for my work as BoG Rep, I suppose. However even if I was subject to Operation Policy, my statement on facebook was merely my impression of what the consequences of the VP External's statements would be. I felt that if an executive would take a public stand against the alleged civil rights abuses, that would be tantamount to the SU, at least in part, no longer remaining silent on the issue. As you may know, I have refused to remain silent on the issue myself, although I do not speak for the whole Students' Union, only as myself as an elected representative. VP External Kusmu had given me his word that he would make a statement, and, as such, I was only elaborating what had already been promised by an executive member of the SU. Thus, from my perspective, my statement was not causing the SU to take a position, but rather a reflection of what I was promised the SU (or at least one executive member)

was going to stand for – which is indicated by my statement.

- 3) My statement on facebook was an opinion and not a Political Policy of the SU, so, again, I'm not confident 11 (2) even applies. Hypothetically speaking, even if my statement could be interpreted as one of the Political Policies in the Political Policy Manual of the SU, I am also not an executive, and 11 (2) (a) explicitly indicates that it directs executives, not the BoG Rep. So, again, it is difficult to see how the statement even applies to what I said. If VP Kusmu does not indicate his support for students' civil rights before this meeting, my opinion will be incorrect, unfortunately (at least for the time being, anyway). But, again, even assuming Political Policy does apply to my statement of opinion on facebook somehow, myself and Petros felt confident that statements in favor of things as fundamental as civil rights are not necessary in Political Policy, as the SU should be advocating for these kinds of things regardless. Thus any statement by any member of the SU in favor of students civil rights would be uncontroversial. If any member(s) of Council feel it is necessary to debate the notion that the SU should be standing up for students' civil rights regardless, I would welcome them to do so. Given all this, I felt free to express my concerns regarding the alleged crackdown on the civil liberties of hundreds of thousands of students in Quebec. Finally, and furthermore, there is currently no SU Political Policy on civil rights, so there is nothing I could be in contravention of in Political Policy, even if it was applicable to my statement.
- 4) I'm not sure a motion to censor my statement of opinion would benefit the SU or the student population in any way. In fact, I'm not even sure a consideration of the question is a good use of Councils' time, to be frank. As far as I can tell, I violated no rule or regulation. Furthermore, if Council moved to censor my statements denouncing the abuse of student civil rights, I would worry for the reputation of Council, and for the reputation of the Students' Union as a whole.

### **Meetings**

I have had a number of meetings with different individuals over the last little while. I met with Craig Turner, the previous BoG Rep to get his input on how to be the most effective in my role. I had planned to meet with Steven Dollansky, another previous BoG Rep, but our meeting was delayed,

unfortunately. We should be meeting sometime the same week as this Council meeting. I also met with Amanda Henry to talk with her about equity issues in the SU. She gave me a lot to think about, and plenty to do! Lastly, I will be meeting with President Yamagishi this upcoming Friday (the Friday before this Council) to discuss some of the institutional elements of my position.

Other than that, I'll be having my first Health, Safety, and Environment committee meeting the same day as this council meeting, in the afternoon. I'm very much looking forward to it! As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments, ideas, or advice, please feel free to get into contact with me using the information below!

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2012-2013 | [University of Alberta Students' Union](#)

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May 25, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council!

I hope that you are all well and enjoying your summer. I am getting excited for next month as I will be out of town literally every weekend for a variety of reasons. This weekend I will be travelling to Winnipeg with the VPX and the DRPA for CASA Transition, next weekend is Council Retreat, the weekend after I will be in Lethbridge for CAUS, then Montreal for the Studentcare Stakeholder Meetings, and then finally I am off to Vegas on vacation. I am hoping that I will still be able to find time to get all of my work done in the office but please be patient if I get a bit behind on e-mails.

On a personal note, I have decided to follow suit of our previous VPA (Emerson Csorba) and have decided to run an ultra marathon... just kidding... but I am making efforts to get in better shape and burn off some of the calories gained in my VPSL term. I have regularly been playing soccer and going to the gym with the VP Operations and Finance. If anyone is interested in joining me on the pursuit of better health I would highly encourage it!

Here is a brief overview of my last two weeks.

### **Meeting with CJSR**

The VPX and I met with Matt Hirji, the new head of the CJSR radio station (and previous Gateway Editor). We spoke about partnering on a few projects including executive podcasts where we could do more personal style interviews to give students a better look at who we are outside of the workplace. I am very excited to work more closely with CJSR this year, as our relationship has been almost non-existent in the past few years. Go listen to CJSR! It is pretty cool.

### **Lunch with the Dean of Students Office**

Our executive team went for a casual lunch with the Dean of Students Office staff. The Dean (Dr. Frank Robinson) had all sorts of interesting stories to tell us and told our VPX that he and his CSL students might be interested in performing in one of the Greek talent show competitions this year. A very interesting offer indeed!

### **Meeting with APSA President (Ken Soong)**

I had a great one-on-one meeting with Ken Soong (President of the Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association). We discussed APSA's goals for the year, upcoming challenges, and a few of the SU projects that will be affecting Faculty Associations including the Fall Reading Week and market modifier regulation. In the future the VPA will be taking care of most FA meetings so we had the meeting on a more casual basis just to touch base.

**Gov 599**

This week the executive attended three wonderful lessons on governance hosted by Amanda Henry (Student Governance Advisor) and Kyle Marshall (University Governance and Advocacy Advisor). We looked at topics like the structure of university governance, university personalities, and conflict of interest and good governance. I found these sessions to be much more entertaining than those held last year. Maybe I am just becoming a hack?

**SFAIC Credit Card Session**

I attended a SFAIC pilot presentation on credit card use and selection that they will soon be offering for students. The session was highly informative and a lot of fun! I would definite recommend trying it out.

**Fall Reading Week**

I had a discussion with the VPA, the UGAA, and the DRPA to discuss our strategy to move the Fall Reading Week through university governance this summer/fall. Hopefully we will be able to bring the FRW to a vote at the General Faculties Council early in the fall term. Please let me know if you have any questions about the FRW.

**Academic Planning Committee**

We had a very light APC meeting that included two items. The creation of the Department of Women and Gender Studies in the Faculty of Arts, as well as the introduction of the UofA's annual report to the government. Both items went over without any hiccups.

**Health and Dental Plan RFQ:**

We received excellent news from Studentcare (our health and dental plan provider) that our request for quotes for insurance companies came back extremely successful. We have decided to change providers from Sunlife to a company called Desjardins and in doing so will be saving students a huge chunk of change in the approximation of one million dollars in the next two years! This was a huge play made by our General Manager Marc Dumouchel so please congratulate him if you see him.

**Exec Blogs:**

Our exec blog will soon be back online as the VPX and I have recently completed our first blog posts. The new External Media and Communications Advisory (Simon Yackulic) will be running a rotating blog where each week a different executive will be blogging. Expect an update shortly on the SU website.

**Signing Authority:**

I went to the bank with Duncan (Executive Director of CAUS) to become a new signing authority for CAUS. This is not pertinent information at all but it makes me feel like a boss so I wrote about it.

**Alumni Council AGM and BBQ:**

Last night I attended the Alumni Council Annual General Meeting and BBQ with the VPX, the VP Operations and Finance, and members of the GSA executive. The Alumni Council elected a new executive for the following year and celebrated the work of last year's council. I had a great opportunity to speak with a number of university personalities including the new Chancellor Ralph Young.

Well it looks like it is time to pack up and get ready for CASA!

**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).

Best,

-Colten Yamagishi

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday May 15th, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-02)

2012-02/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

2012-02/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, May 29th, 2012

2012-02/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2012-02/2b

East Campus Village Housing Project

Presented by: Doug Dawson (Director of Ancillary Services) and Jon O'Hara (Project Manager)

Sponsored by: Saadiq Sumar (VP Student Life)

Abstract:

This presentation will outline the East Campus Village Housing Project along 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 111<sup>th</sup> Street. It will provide to council an opportunity for council to see renderings of the new facilities as well as the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

2012-02/2a

Students' Union Building Lower Level Renovation

**Presented by:** Andy Cheema (VP Operations and Finance) and Marc Dumouchel (General Manager)

**Sponsored by:** Andy Cheema (VP Operations and Finance)

**Abstract:** This presentation will outline how the current SUB lower level renovation project came into being, the driving principles behind it and the process proposed for moving forward. The intent is to bring Council up to speed on developments from the past year and to inform members on the current state of the project. The presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions, will prepare Council to provide guidance on the project's next phase at an upcoming meeting.

2012-02/7

### GENERAL ORDERS

2012-02/7a

**CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVES TO** appoint one Students' Union Councillor to serve on the Health Centre Advisory Group (HCAG).

Nominations: Bellinger

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Bellinger

2012-02/3

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Oral Report

Petros Kusmu, VP External- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, President- Oral Report

Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life- Oral Report

2012-02/4

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Eric Bellinger, CAC Chair Proxy- Oral Report

Navneet Khinda, Policy Committee Chair- Oral Report

Kevin Smith Bylaw Committee Chair- Oral Report

2012-02/5

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period Extended 15 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm



# Councillor Attendance Records

2012-2013

## Attendance

### Council Seats (40 total) Name

12-00-April 12  
12-02-May 1  
12-03-May 15

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

|                                      |                  |   |        |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|--------|---|
| President                            | Colten Yamagishi | Y | Y      | Y |
| VP Academic                          | Dustin Chelen    | Y | Y      | Y |
| VP External                          | Petros Kusmu     | Y | Y      | Y |
| VP Operations & Finance              | Andy Cheema      | Y | Y      | Y |
| VP Student Life                      | Saadiq Sumar     | Y | 0.5    | Y |
| Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep | Brent Kelly      | Y | 0.5(p) | Y |

#### Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)

|                      |                     |     |      |        |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----|------|--------|
| ALES                 | Leon Milner         | Y   | Y    | 0.5    |
| Arts                 | Dongwoo Kim         | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Arts                 | Mike McGinn         | Y   | Y    | Y(p)   |
| Arts                 | Navneet Khinda      | Y   | Y    | Y(p)   |
| Arts                 | Kelsey Mills        | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Arts                 | Sansitny Ruth       | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Arts                 | Erin Borden         | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Augustana (Faculty)  | Vacant              |     |      |        |
| Business             | Josh Le             | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Business             | Tim Holt            | Y   | N    | N      |
| Education            | Kevin Smith         | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Education            | Andy Mikula         | N   | N    | N      |
| Education            | Sarjenka Kuryliw    | N   | N    | N      |
| Engineering          | Wen Yu Liang        | Y   | Y(p) | Y      |
| Engineering          | Lyndon Crone        | Y   | Y    | N      |
| Engineering          | Vacant              |     |      |        |
| Engineering          | Vacant              |     |      |        |
| Law                  | Mario Babic         | Y   | Y    | 0.5    |
| Medicine & Dentistry | Ola Rydz            | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Native Studies       | Quetzala Carson     | Y   | Y    | N      |
| Nursing              | Eric Bellinger      | N   | N    | Y      |
| Open Studies         | Vacant              |     |      |        |
| Pharmacy             | Sarah Choudhry      | 0.5 | Y    | Y      |
| Phys Ed & Rec        | Vacant              |     |      |        |
| Saint-Jean (Faculty) | Colin Champagne     | Y   | Y(p) | 0.5(p) |
| Science              | Michelle Truong     | 0.5 | Y    | N      |
| Science              | Jeffry Kochikuzhyil | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Science              | Louis Nguyen        | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Science              | Victoria Pham       | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Science              | Vi Bui              | Y   | Y    | Y      |
| Science              | Victory Obiefuna    | 0.5 | Y    | Y      |
| Science              | Cory Hodgson        | Y   | Y    | N      |

#### Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting)

|                 |                |   |   |   |
|-----------------|----------------|---|---|---|
| Speaker         | Rory Tighe     | Y | Y | Y |
| General Manager | Marc Dumouchel | N | N | Y |

Resigned: