

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-04)

2012-04/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

2012-04/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

2012-04/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2012-04/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2012-04/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 12-04.01

2012-04/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2012-04/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2012-04/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2012-04/6a **SMITH MOVES THAT** Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee approve the following principles in first reading:

The Students' Union should have a procedure to replenish vacant Executive and Board of Governors Representative positions that is democratic, expedient, and transparent.

An Executive Selection Nomination Committee should be used to narrow candidates in the event of over ten (10) candidates

If the vacancy occurs in time for the position to be filled on the September by-election, and an interim executive shall be placed in the position until this by-election, by Students' Council.

If the vacancy occurs after the September by-election, Students' Council shall choose the person to fill the position permanently.

2012-04/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2012-04/7a **SUMAR MOVES THAT** Students' Council amend Council Standing Orders as follows:

Addition of 3(2), which would read as follows:  
"Members of Students' Council must be notified of additional meetings of council no later than 97 hours prior to the meeting time."  
The sections that follow would be renumbered accordingly.

- 2012-04/7b** **SUMAR MOVES THAT** Students' Council amend Council Standing Orders as follows:  
Removal of Section 35(1) Dress Code and renumber accordingly.
- 2012-04/7c** **SUMAR MOVES THAT** Students' Council amend Council Standing Orders as attached.  
Amending section 38(1) to read as follows:  
"38(1) A summer retreat for Students' Council members will be held before ~~June 30th~~ July 31st of each year"
- 2012-04/7d** **SMITH MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.
- 2012-04/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2012-04/8a** Standing Order Amendments  
Please see documents SC 12-04.02
- 2012-04/8b** CAC Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-04.03
- 2012-04/8c** Eric Bellinger- CAC Resignation  
Please see document SC 12-04.04
- 2012-04/8d** Andy Mikula- Resignation from Council  
Please see document SC 12-04.05
- 2012-04/8e** Victory Obiefuna- Resignation from Council  
Effective May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012  
Please see document SC 12-04.06
- 2012-04/8f** 2012/2013 SU Election Dates  
Please see document SC 12-04.07
- 2012-04/8g** Nicholas Monfries- Councillor Appointment  
Please see document SC 12-04.08
- 2012-04/8h** Policy Committee- Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-04.09

- 2012-04/8i**      Policy Committee- Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 12-04.10
- 2012-04/8j**      Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report  
Please see document SC 12-04.11
- 2012-04/8k**      Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report  
Please see document SC 12-04.12
- 2012-04/8l**      Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report  
Please see document SC 12-04.13
- 2012-04/8m**      Colten Yamagishi, President- Report  
Please see document SC 12-04.14
- 2012-04/8n**      Votes and Proceedings  
Please see document SC 12-04.15

**May 24**

CHEEMA/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Reserve not to exceed \$25000.00 for the purpose of reupholstering the SUB main floor furniture as well as the new main floor furniture.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the new Infolink kiosk.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

SUMAR/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve Desjardins as the Health and Dental Plan provider for the period of 2012-2014.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**May 31**

CHELEN/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the Undergraduate Research Symposium Coordinator job specifications for the Undergraduate Research Symposium Coordinator job description, which is a non union position as drafted on May 31, 2012.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

## **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 of council 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.

## PART 19: MISCELLANEOUS

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

<i>Date: May 29, 2012</i>	<i>Time: 5:00 pm</i>	2011 – 2012 <i>MEETING #2</i>
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<b>Motions</b>		
1.	<i>Mills moved that the discussion for Translators for guests' council and the Council Mentorship Program be tabled till June 11, 2012 (next committee meeting).</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/3</i>
2.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>
3.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>
4.		<i>CARRIED 0/0/0</i>

Hello Mr. Speaker,

I hereby resign from CAC. My time has been severely limited upon taking a new job for the summer.

I wish CAC the best in future!

Eric Bellinger

Hello Council,

I realize this is not the ideal way to do this, but in lieu of speaking to everyone individually, I suppose it will have to do. I would like to take this opportunity to resign my position as SU Councillor. I believe I can serve Education students more effectively and more directly as a member of our FA, and am sure that someone will be willing to step up to take my place.

Thank-you, and have a great weekend!

Andy Mikula



**VICTORY OBIEFUNA**

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31 May, 2012  
Rory Tighe  
Speaker  
University of Alberta's Student's Union Council  
Room 2-900  
Students' Union Building  
University of Alberta  
8900 - 114 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB  
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Dear Rory,

It is with great difficulty that I write to you to resign from my position as a Science Councillor of the University of Alberta's Students' Union. I am sure that this resignation must come as a shock to you. Honestly, it has come as a shock to me as well. But, the reasons for this decision are both heart breaking and sudden. Unfortunately, I can not disclose those reasons at this time. I would like to let you know, however, that it has been an honour to work with you and the all of the Councillors, even for this short period of time. I have chosen to resign sooner, rather than later, so that the SU will have enough time to fill my position. I want to apologize to all of the Councillors and the Executives, because I feel that I have wasted your time. I always intended to complete my term. But, certain conflicts have arisen that would prevent me from being able to perform my duties as a Councillor and to represent Science students to the best of my abilities. I would like you to know that it was extremely difficult for me to even consider writing this letter.

Thank you all for being so helpful in teaching me the ways of Council and how to be as effective as possible in the Councillor's role. I am sure that even though I will not be an official representative of the Science faculty, I will continue to hold all of you accountable for your actions and will ensure that all of you succeed where I was unable to continue. I wish you all happiness and success in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Victory Obiefuna



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<b>To:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mr. Rory Tighe Speaker of Students' Council</li><li>➤ Mr. Dustin Chelen Vice President (Academic), Students' Union</li><li>➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar University Governance</li></ul>
<b>From:</b>	➤ Farid Iskandar Chief Returning Officer
<b>Subject:</b>	2012/2013 SU Election Dates
<b>Date:</b>	June 4, 2012

In accordance with Students' Union Election Bylaws, I am pleased to announce the dates of this year's Students' Union Elections. Any questions or concerns with the dates below should be directed to me at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca).

### Students' Council and General Faculties Council By-Election

September 17, 2012  
September 19, 2012  
September 27 & 28, 2012

Nomination Deadline  
Campaign Period Begins  
Voting Days

### Students' Union Executive and Board of Governors General Election\*

February 15, 2013  
February 25, 2013  
March 4, 2013 (12:00 – 13:00)\*\*  
March 6 & 7, 2013

Nomination Deadline  
Campaign Period Begins  
Myer Horowitz Forum  
Voting Days

### Students' Council and General Faculties Council General Election

March 12, 2013  
March 13, 2013  
March 21 & 22, 2013

Nomination Deadline  
Campaign Period Begins  
Voting Days

\* Dates are currently being scheduled for additional forums

\*\* Classes cancelled



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<b>From:</b>	➤ Farid Iskandar Chief Returning Officer
<b>Subject:</b>	Councillor Appointment - Science
<b>Date:</b>	June 6, 2012

In accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 100, Section 7(2), empty seats on Students' Council shall be filled by the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election (Students' Council and GFC Election – March 2012).

In response to the recent vacancy of a Science position, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Nicholas Monfries to Students' Council as a Science Councillor for the 2012-2013 year.

If you require any other information regarding this appointment, or regarding the Councillor replenishment process, please contact me at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca).



## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING CHAIR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

June 5 2012-2013/POLICY/03

Good evening Council,

Here's a brief update on what the Policy Committee has been up to:

Prior to the most recent meeting, we started working on the Academic Materials policy, which expired April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. No major changes to the policy have been made yet as we are currently doing some more research.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we commenced discussion regarding Co-ops and Internships (expires in 2013), which we will also be working on in the coming weeks.

Next meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee will be presenting their goals and implementation plans for existing policies, so please join us if you're interested.

Navneet Khinda,

Policy Chair



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **June 5, 2012**

Time: **5:00 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #2**

### **Motions**

1.	<i>Crone moved that the WHEREAS clause: “WHEREAS having access to relevant professional experience through co-operative and internship placements forms an integral part of an engaging educational experience; and allows students to gain practical experience, as well as relationships with employers in their professional community, thereby better equipping them to be effective contributors to the workforce” be made into separate WHEREAS clauses.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> 7/1/0
2.	<i>Smith moved that the WHEREAS clause: “WHEREAS only six (6) faculties at the University of Alberta offer some form of cooperative or internship opportunity to undergraduates, not including practicum placements that are mandatory for professional certification after graduation” to insert the word “only” between the “WHEREAS” and the “six” .</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> 8/0/0
3.		<b>CARRIED</b> 0/0/0
4.		<b>CARRIED</b> 0/0/0



June 7, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

The past two weeks have been focused mostly on information gathering and relationship building, so that I can continue to be an effective advocate for my term. Below is a brief summary of the projects that I have been working on.

## **I. Assessment and Grading**

The Assessment and Grading policy suite was approved at GFC on May 28<sup>th</sup>. 49 were in favour, and 12 were opposed. The SU and GSA made a motion on the floor to add wording that required faculties and departments to communicate their distributions and procedures to students and administration.

Reaction to the changes have been mixed and hotly debated around campus. The new policy is confusing, and contradictory at points. It states that grades shall not be mandated on the basis of historical distributions or curves, but that faculties and departments can put forward their own procedures or distributions. Whether or not that will happen before Fall 2012 is currently unclear. I am hopeful that the reaction across campus speaks to the value of consulting with students and the Students' Union before proposing policies. In total, the SU advocated in committees to make 4 essential changes to the policy before it was passed by GFC. I will continue to advocate for a more clearer and transparent grading process through the Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force (APPRTF).

## **II. Undergraduate Research Symposium Coordinator**

The Executive Committee recently approved the job description for a URS Coordinator. This student staff member will report to the Senior Manager (Programming and Venues) and assist in the organization of the November 15, 2012 Undergraduate Research Symposium. If you know of anyone interested in undergraduate research, this is an excellent way to give back to the community, and work with both the SU and the Academic portfolio. The application deadline is June 15, and more information can be found on Jobkin.

## **III. Success on Alternate Routes**

Dr. Frank Robinson, Vice Provost and Dean of Students, presented the SoAR report to APPRTF last week. It provides a number of recommendations to support students who don't do a traditional 4-year degree, and who may need specialized support, time off from their studies, or a transfer of programs. I look forward to supporting Dr. Robinson in finding a way forward for these recommendations, as retaining students must be a priority for our university.



#### IV. University Cup

The university has selected the winner of the most prestigious prize offered at the UofA level for an academic staff member. They will be announced at the September Celebration of Teaching and Learning.

#### V. Appeals

I met with Iva Spence, Appeals Coordinator, earlier in my term. At the most recent GFC Executive meeting, she proposed a number of changes to the appeals (both COSB and academic) policies that made it clearer to students how they can appeal the decision of a discipline officer or Faculty Appeals Committee. The new changes demonstrate a university commitment to fairness and transparent communication to students, and Iva should be applauded for her tremendous work. Unfortunately, she'll be leaving her post later this year.

Cheers,



Dustin Chelen

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Meeting)

### **Introduction**

Aloha Students' Council! Things are starting to cool down as I focus a lot more on Executive Goals. I gave Council a heads as to what my goals are going to be for the next year at Retreat, but I'm still refining them (thus why I didn't include them in this report). Nonetheless, things are coming along swiftly. Additionally, shout outs to everyone who came out to Retreat! (And props to Kelsey for organizing a great one!) Nonetheless, here's an executive summary of my report in case you find this too lengthy:

#### **Executive Summary:**

1. There are two reports that are analyzing GOTV's results. One of the them is being conducted by CAUS and it's report will be done by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Apathy is Boring is having a provincial-wide analysis on youth voter turnout and it has uncertain deadline as to when it'll be completed.
2. Minister Khan was asked three relevant topics in question period: Quebec Protests, Market Modifiers, and Non-Instructional Fees. Good news? Khan doesn't plan on bringing up any market modifiers this year.
3. We've contacted 12 MLAs, creating a rural lobby document, and CAUS is making multiple plays on multiple fronts right now. Also, CAUS has a crucial meeting with the Minister of Justice in regards to amending the Elections Act. This may be our big break folks.
4. I wrote a really well received blogpost in regards to my thoughts on the protests in Quebec. If you want to check it out, here's the link:  
<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/executives/blog/vpexternal/entry/118/my-thoughts-on-quebec/>
5. I'll be away in Lethbridge this weekend for a CAUS meeting. After that, I won't be travelling much until mid-July for CASA's Policy & Strategy Conference. Also, I've gotten a couple more interviews, mainly in regards to (surprise) Quebec protests.

### **1. GOTV Results**

Like I mentioned in the last Council meeting in my oral report, we should have the Council of Alberta University Students' (CAUS—our provincial lobby group) analysis on our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. This will not only include a compilation of "Best Practices" to conducting the GOTV campaign itself, so future executives can produce better campaigns in the future, but it should provide some insight as to the student voter turnout as well. This should be done by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

CAUS is also partnering with the non-profit organization that seeks to increase youth voter turnout, Apathy is Boring, to get a more holistic analysis of the youth engagement in the last provincial election. We've shared some our data with them and so far results look extremely positive in that our GOTV campaign really influenced a lot of students to cast a ballot. However, a lot of work still needs to be done by the academics working on this project and there is no concrete deadline for this, unfortunately.

### **2. Minister Khan's Comments in Question Period**

On May 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed), Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Stephen Khan, was asked a question about: 1. Protests in Alberta like Quebec; 2. Market Modifiers; and 3. Non-Instructional Fees. His answers? Pretty decent.

1. Doesn't foresee something similar arising in Alberta since the government's relationship with students has been pretty good and he really wants to keep that up; 2. (**EXCELLENT NEWS HERE**) Believes that market modifiers were a one-time thing and has no plans to reintroduce market modifiers; and 3. Believes that students need to know that any new fees have to add value to their education and that he'll keep up the work by consulting both parties.

Here's the full transcript. (Note that Kubinec is a PC MLA, meaning that this question may have been "planted".)

*Ms Kubinec: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This spring postsecondary students in Quebec have participated in a series of demonstrations, protests, and started a province-wide student strike about the cost of tuition. Government and student groups are at odds over the issue. The unrest has even turned violent, and the Quebec government has created legislation to force an end to the strike. My first question is to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education. Student groups in our province have staged protests in the past and most recently supported Quebec's students with a rally in Edmonton. What is preventing a full-scale student strike in Alberta?*

*Mr. Khan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to address my colleagues for the first time in this House. There are a number of reasons why this government has a strong relationship with Alberta students and postsecondary stakeholders overall. **Like my predecessors, I look forward to meeting with student groups and other stakeholders to hear directly from them on issues such as tuition or any other issues they wish to speak of.** I believe most students understand that this government has ensured that postsecondaries have stable three-year funding and that the rates of tuition are capped at CPI. Alberta is a leader in Canada for scholarships and bursaries, and we will continue to provide this access to education for all Albertans.*

*Ms Kubinec: Mr. Speaker, my second question is also to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education. Institutions talk about rising costs of their own and how those costs have been passed on down to the student. Is this minister planning to allow the postsecondaries to introduce more market modifiers to help institutions who are finding it hard to cover their costs?*

*Mr. Khan: Mr. Speaker, Albertan tuition costs are in line with the national average, and tuition fee regulation is keeping tuition increases at a manageable level. As a **one-time initiative** market modifiers were introduced on a select number of programs because anomalies existed when the current tuition fee was implemented. The six modifiers were necessary at the time and effective in making these programs more competitive with similar programs outside the province. **We continually monitor the cost of delivery and the costs associated with being a student; however, there are no plans to reintroduce market modifiers at this time.***

*Ms Kubinec: My final question is to the same minister. Tuition is only a part of the equation. What is this minister doing to control noninstructional fees, and is it the time now to develop a regulation around these fees?*

*Mr. Khan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Students need to know that any new fees have to add value to their education.** I do not believe that to achieve this, we need to make any regulation changes or develop entirely new sets of regulations. We've asked all Campus Alberta institutions to develop formal policies around these fees with formal consultation with student groups. **My predecessors have done an excellent job in this area, including student groups as stakeholders in the purview of the provincial tuition rises.** Students and taxpayers and Albertans understand that the government of Alberta currently subsidizes 75 per cent of the cost of postsecondary education.*

### 3. Contacting MLAs

In terms of getting in touch with Alberta MLAs, we've been making a handful of plays so far. We've finally sent our initial mail out letters and emails to the following MLAs:

- Stephen Khan – St. Albert (PC) – Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education
- Rachel Notley – Edmonton-Strathcona (NDP) – Advanced Education Critic
- Steve Young – Edmonton-Riverview (PC) – Government Whip
  - UofA's MLA Representative
- David Dorward – Edmonton-Gold Bar (PC)
- Veryln Olson – Wetaskiwin-Camrose (PC) – Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Augustana's MLA Representative
- Jonathan Denis – Calgary-Acadia (PC) – Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
- Doug Griffiths – Battleriver-Wainwright (PC) – Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Alison Redford – Calgary-Elbow (PC) – Premier
- Raj Sherman – Edmonton-Meadowlark (LIB) – Leader of the Liberal Party
- Brian Mason – Edmonton-Highlands Norwood (NDP) – Leader of the NDP
- Danielle Smith – Highwood (WRP) – Leader of the Wildrose Party
- Janice Sarich – Edmonton-Decore (PC)
  - My MLA representative

Furthermore, the Advocacy department and myself are in the works of creating a lobby document that is tailored for the 3-5 rural MLAs that we plan on cementing a strong relationship with over the summer by visiting their constituencies and establishing a rapport prior to the Fall session.

Additionally, the CAUS Chair (Raphael Jacob—UofC's Vice President External), CAUS Executive Director (Duncan Wojtaszek), and myself will be meeting with the Minister Dennis to discuss about the reforms to the Elections Act. Like I said previously, I really believe now is the time when it comes to reforming the Elections Act, so this meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> will be crucial. If you know of any more students who had difficulties voting during the elections, please have them fill out my quick survey ASAP:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dE1NUG5nMF9jM2I4dklIR1htU1JsZkE6MQ>. Also, here's the link to more info regarding Alberta's Elections Act, in case you're interested:  
[http://www.caus.net/docs/09-09\\_elections.pdf](http://www.caus.net/docs/09-09_elections.pdf).

It should also be noted that our CAUS partners are making some serious plays, as well. The UofL has met with Gary Bikman, the Wildrose's Advanced Education Critic, and they said their meeting with him went great. Also, the UofC had a great meeting with Minister Dennis in regards to amending the Elections Act and apparently he's seems to be receptive to the idea. Lastly, CAUS has just completed its gorgeous two page lobby document that contains our priorities for the year. Here's the link: [http://www.caus.net/docs/12-05\\_Priorities.pdf](http://www.caus.net/docs/12-05_Priorities.pdf).

#### **4. Outings (e.g. Conferences and Retreats)**

Here's a list of all of my past and upcoming outings. In case you haven't noticed. June will be a lot more chill than May.

1. ~~SU Executive Transition Retreat – May 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (Tue-Sun)~~
2. ~~Council of Alberta University Students' (CAUS) (Provincial lobby group) – May 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (Sat-Tue)~~
3. ~~Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) (Federal lobby group) – Western Regional Transition – May 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> (Sat-Tue) @ Red River College, Manitoba.~~
4. ~~Students' Council Retreat – June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri-Sun)~~
5. CAUS – Meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> @ University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge
6. CASA – Policy and Strategy Conference – July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (Tue-Sat) @ Mount Allison University, New Brunswick.

#### **5. Media Interviews**

Here's a list of all of my past and upcoming media interviews. I've taken the liberty to link all of my interviews as well so you can keep an eye on what I'm saying. Check it out:

1. May 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon) – CBC Radio 1 Alberta @ Noon – Topic: Quebec Protests, PSE Issues in Alberta
  - a. Audio: [http://podcast.cbc.ca/mp3/podcasts/calgwildrose\\_20120507\\_46901.mp3](http://podcast.cbc.ca/mp3/podcasts/calgwildrose_20120507_46901.mp3)
2. May 11<sup>th</sup> (Fri) – St. Albert Gazette – Topic: New Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education and thoughts on the Ministry name change
  - a. <http://www.stalbertgazette.com/article/20120516/SAG0801/305169962>
3. May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tue) – La Presse Newspaper – Topic: Student associations across Canada and their support for Quebec students, Albertan perspective on Quebec Protests
  - a. Can't find online or wasn't published
4. May 25<sup>th</sup> (Fri) – 630 CHED Radio – Topic: Quebec Protests, PSE Issues in Alberta
  - a. Text: <http://www.onestopnewsstand.com/edmonton/u-of-a-students-union-says-protests-in-quebec-raising-the-issue-of-student-debt>
5. May 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – CJSR Radio – Topic: Quebec Protests
  - a. <http://cjsrnews.tumblr.com/post/24200725041/this-interview-with-university-of-alberta>
6. June 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – Vue Weekly – Topic: Quebec Protests
  - a. [http://vueweekly.com/front/story/a\\_national\\_conversation/](http://vueweekly.com/front/story/a_national_conversation/)
7. (Unpublished) The Gateway – Topic: Market Modifiers, Minister Khan's Comments in Question Period

Signing off,



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June 7th, 2012

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

Hey Council,

It's been a busy two weeks! As usual, I suppose you could say. Some of the highlights from the past few weeks include the Council Retreat last weekend, a Board University Relations Committee Meeting, a Board meeting to discuss the Annual Financial Statements, and the organization of an SU delegation to this year's Pride Parade. Also of note, Ashlyn, Colten and I attended our board orientation, and we were appointed as well. I'll discuss these items in further length below.

### **Council Retreat**

Last Friday, a number of members of council including myself packed up to go on retreat. I'm sure the executives will talk about it as well, so I won't go too much into it here. Needless to say, it was a lot of fun, but also very informative. I learned a great deal, and am looking forward to utilizing what I learned in Council and various committees. I also learned that some members of council are very proficient at rap-battles.

### **University Relations Committee Meeting**

Also last Friday, I attended my first University Relations Committee meeting. The University employs a lot of different staff to keep good relations with the provincial government and other stakeholders. The University keeps information about how it connects with every single provincial constituency in Alberta – which I found very impressive. They even had booklets for each one, which they passed around as examples. I was able to keep the booklets for Calgary and Edmonton, and the depth of detail in information is exceptional. The University does an excellent job gathering information about the province, the government, and key stakeholder groups.

### **Board meeting to Discuss Annual Financial Statements**

Last Monday, I attended a board meeting for the discussion of last year's budget which is to be submitted to

the provincial government. The University is doing well in some respects, but not so well in others. Of concern is the poor funding from the government – 2% increase in funding per year over the next number of years. This will no doubt lead to further cuts and strains on the University. Also of concern in the report was that the percentage of overall revenue that was coming from students had increased from 11.7% in 2008 to 15.8% in 2012. Over the year I will advocate for all the stakeholders of the university to share the burden equally – instead of one stakeholder group paying for a bigger share of the pie.

### **SU Delegation to Pride Parade**

Shortly after arriving home from the Council Retreat, I began to wonder whether the SU was going to send an official delegation to march in the Pride Parade. I found out that it wasn't, and I felt we were missing a valuable opportunity to take action on some of the elements within our Strategic Plan at little to no cost to the organization. Accordingly, following approval from the executive committee, I took initiative to register the SU in the Parade, and invited a number of members of council to march along with me with the SU banner. I will have an update on how the march went in my oral report.

### **Appointment**

After some gentle reminding, it seems that the new Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education has finally had the chance to appoint Ashlyn, Colten, and I. I was beginning to become increasingly concerned that we student representatives would not be able to vote for our third consecutive Board meeting, so I took initiative to first tweet the Minister requesting he appoint us, and then call the Ministry itself the following day. That very same day I received electronic notification that the Minister had signed the necessary Ministerial Order. I should be receiving a paper copy sometime next week. Lesson learned: the squeaky wheel gets the grease!

I also attended an audit committee meeting, and a policy committee meeting as a proxy for Councillor Ruth. I'll touch a little on those meetings in my oral report.

Other than that, as always, feel free to contact me if you need anything!

In Solidarity,

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June 8, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Greetings Council,

My past two weeks have been quite fun. I have been fortunate to be able to attend a number of interesting events with the highlights being convocation and the General Manager's SUB Renovation presentation in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Going into my fifth year of school I feel as though I have been at the UofA for quite a while but I still enjoy it just as much as ever!

Even with my busy schedule I have been finding time to enjoy the beautiful weather and have been playing soccer a few times per week. My apologies to Councilor Borden who received a nasty injury from the bottom of my cleats last night!

Here is a quick update on my journeys...

### **Meetings with Councilors**

I have met with ten councilors so far and every meeting has gone very well in my opinion. It is very exciting for me to hear your ideas. You all seem to be much more creative than myself so it is a great refreshment to have you bring new ideas to the table. I am very impressed with the passion that you all have to lead the students that you represent and it is interesting to see the diversity in interest that you all bring to our council. I look forward to the remainder of the councilor meetings that I have this summer.

### **The Umbrella Committee**

At the latest TUC meeting we discussed the potential for online advising as well as online instructor evaluation. I am quite happy with a number of the cost saving / efficiency creating proposals that are being brought up at this committee.

### **Council Retreat**

Last weekend all of the exec and a number of councilors attended the council retreat at Pigeon Lake. I would like to send a big thank you to Councilor Mills for setting the whole event up. The retreat was quite fun and included a number of memorable moments including a lively mock council debate, plenty of sing-alongs and rap battles at the camp fire, and me breaking my glasses playing soccer. The executive also had an opportunity to present our draft goals for the first time. I will post the councilor goals from our brainstorming session sometime next week. I hope that retreat was helpful for all those who attended.

**Lunch with Dr. Bill Connor (Vice Provost Academic)**

Dustin and I had lunch at the Faculty Club with Dr. Bill Connor (Vice Provost Academic). We focused our discussion on academic issues such as the assessment and grading policy, the academic plan, and faculty associations. I also mentioned a few of our large projects including the Fall Reading Week and the SUB Renovation. Dr. Connor was very interested in the SUB Reno as he used to work in SUB during his previous position as Dean of Students.

**Board of Governors**

We had a 20-minute BOG meeting to discuss the UofA's financial statements. The meeting was very quick and included a presentation from Phyllis Clark (UofA Vice President Finance and Administration). The statements were extremely clear so there was little discussion. While the UofA's financial reporting is strong, I will be following up with questions regarding the use of funds such as MNIFS and market modifiers at future meetings. I also attended a Board Transition meeting with the BOG Rep and the GSA President to learn more about our role on the BOG. The session was run by a number of University Governance staff and the Board Chair Mr. Douglas Goss. I also received my order in council from the government yesterday appointing me as an official member of the Board.

**Meeting with Doug Dawson re: RHA/RBAC/LHSA**

The VPSL and myself met with Doug Dawson (Executive Director of Ancillary Services) to discuss the RHA being taken off of the membership of the Residence Budget Advisory Committee. We brought up our concerns and presented a few letters addressed to the Vice President Facilities and Operations (Don Hickey). We informed Doug about the LHSA's non-voting position on the RHA and the memorandum being signed by the two parties. The result of our conversations was that the RHA would be included in RBAC as a resource member and that we would look at creating a more operationally focused committee for the RHA to be consulted through.

**Student Recruitment Video**

I am taking part in a student recruitment video being filmed by students and recent grads working for the Office of the Registrar. The video is a part of a series of videos meant to accompany the online version of the UofA Viewbook. I have completed half of the filming and am scheduled to be filmed riding my bike across the high level bridge?

**Meeting with Shane Martin (UofA Powerlifting Club)**

The VP OpsFi and I met with two executives of the UofA Powerlifting Club. They were concerned that the heavy weight training room (W-95) in the Van Vliet would be removed and not replaced during the PAW Centre renovation. We are currently looking into the issue and I am hopeful that we will be able to find an easy solution.

**Pizza Party with Dr. Martin Ferguson-Pell**

I attended a very important meeting with the incoming interim Provost (Dr. Martin Ferguson-Pell). I was a bit blindsided by the meeting as I expected it to be a large meet and greet but found out it was more a meeting to find out more about the student leaders (myself and Ashlyn Bernier, GSA President). Other important administrators including the Dean of Students, the Registrar, and both Vice Provost Academics were also in the meeting. I laid out a brief overview of our executive goals for the year and put special emphasis on two projects: the fall reading week and the SUB Renovation. I am extremely happy with the results of the meeting though I was a bit surprised at first.

### **Lunch with Edmonton Student Executives**

The VPX and I attended a lunch meeting with the NAITSA and GMACSA executives yesterday. We discussed a number of municipal post secondary issues with a focus on the new U-Pass agreement. We also talked about their executive goals and the goals of their provincial lobby group ASEC.

### **Updates**

I will be out of town this weekend at a CAUS meeting in Lethbridge and I will be in Montreal next week Wednesday – Sunday for the Studentcare stakeholder meetings. I will be on e-mail the entire time so please message me if you have any questions or concerns.

**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 29th, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-03)

- 2012-03/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- Meeting called to order at 6:06
- 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."
- 2012-03/6      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2012-03/6b      **KUSMU/KELLY 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
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2012-03/6c      **HODGSON/LE MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.
- Nominations: Kelly**
- Nominations Closed**
- Appointed: Kelly**
- 2012-03/7      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2012-03/7a      **CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program Board.

**Nominations: Rydz**

**Nominations Closed**

**Appointed: Rydz**

**2012-03/7b**

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

**Nominations: Babic, Ruth, Kelly, Bellinger, Le, Smith**

**Nominations Closed**

**Appointed: Smith, Bellinger, Ruth**

**2012-03/3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Oral Report

Saadq Sumar, VP Student Life- Oral Report

Petros Kusmu, VP External- Oral Report

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, President- Oral Report

**2012-03/4**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Nguyen, CAC Chair proxy- Oral Report

Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Oral Report

**2012-03/5**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period Extended 15minutes

**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.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm**

# Councillor Attendance Records

2012-2013

## Attendance

### Council Seats (40 total) Name

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

		12-00-April 12	12-02-May 1	12-03-May 15	12-03-May 29
President	Colten Yamagishi	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP External	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	Saadiq Sumar	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	0.5(p)	Y	Y

#### Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)

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

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

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

Resigned: