

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday September 11, 2012
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-10)

2012-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-10/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 25, 2012

2012-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-10/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-10/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2012-10/5a To **PRESIDENT YAMAGISHI**: Mr. Bromsgrove from the Gateway wrote on his editorial published on September 5th: "[...] It reads 'this is not a negotiation process,' 'all final decisions are made by the University' and later 'intermediate issues (e.g. unauthorized murals, behavior which creates health and safety issues) will result in a response that will be communicated to all affected parties within 7 days of the decision.' Nothing under that clause requires the university to have contacted students before the decision, and that seven day deadline was met."

Has the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU/MOA) been broken between the University administration and the Students' Union? If so, could you explain how the University administration broke the terms of the MOU? Also, how would you respond to *this* specific statement made by Mr. Bromsgrove in regards to the MOU? Lastly, could you provide a copy of this MOU to Council?

2012-10/5b To **PRESIDENT YAMAGISHI**: The Students' Union has stated on the *Postcards for Lister* website "The Students' Union is unable to explain this about-face by the Administration, which is now disregarding obligations that have been spelled out in signed agreements with students and motions of the Board of Governors." Can the Students' Union Executive specifically list which agreements and which clauses in those agreements are of concern? Can these documents be produced for council?

2012-10/5c To **VP STUDENT LIFE SUMAR**: In a recent article in *The Gateway* April Hudson wrote "Last year, there were more than 100 judicial incidents reported in Lister regarding things from vandalism and smoking to alcohol misuse and abuse

to staff. Of these, 22 involved EMS, UAPS or EPS — compared to two such incidents requiring emergency help across other residences.” Does the SU executive see this amount of incidents as “urgent”? If not how would the SU classify this concern?

2012-10/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-10/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-10/7a

CHELEN/MILLS MOVE to appoint one (1) Arts Councillor to serve as an Officer of the Board for the Collective Body for Arts Students.

2012-10/7b

KHINDA/CRONE MOVE that Students' Council reconsider the convening of the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) on August 28th, with the terms of references attached.

Please see document SC 12-10.01

2012-10/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2012-10/8a

Bylaw Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 12-10.02

2012-10/8b

Policy Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 12-10.03

2012-10/8c

Dustin Chelen VP Academic Report

Please see document SC 12-10.04

2012-10/8d

Petros Kusmu VP External Report

Please see document SC 12-10.05

2012-10/8e

Brent Kelly BoG Rep Report

Please see document SC 12-10.06

Students' Union
Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee
Terms of Reference

Recommendations for structure as compiled by the Social Responsibility Working Group, 2012

Mission:

Aid the Students' Union in its ongoing efforts to be socially and environmentally responsible in the administrative, political, and business arenas.

Help promote the organization as a leader in economic, environmental, and social sustainability as aspired to in the Students' Union's Strategic Plan 2011-2014 by offering consensus based recommendations to the SU Executive Committee.

Provide tools for the Students' Union to serve as a model example of global citizenship for students, the University, and the broader community in a rapidly globalizing world.

Mandate:

Report: Review: Review various components of the Students' Union through a social and environmental lens and propose recommendations based on findings on how to improve its operations.

Advice: Offer tangible suggestions to the Students' Union on being a global citizen after exploring economic, social and environmental consequences.

Membership:

Membership of the committee shall include:

1. One member of the Students' Union executive
 - a. This member will be selected by the Student's Union executive committee on a yearly basis or as vacancies occur.
2. One member of the Student Umbrella for Social Justice
 - a. This member will be selected by the Student Umbrella for Social Justice on a yearly basis or as vacancies occur.
 - b. This individual must be an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta
3. One member of the Alberta Public Interest Research Group.
 - a. This member will be selected by the APIRG board on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur.
4. Up to three (3) Students' Union employees.
 - a. This member will be selected by the General Manager of the Students' Union and ratified by the Students' Union executive and selected on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur.
5. Up to four (4) Students-at-Large.

- a. At minimum two (2) and up to four (4) undergraduate students will be selected via an application process that will be designed and administered by the other members of the committee on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur
- b. The committee should seek out individuals who have training, education, or strong interest in one or more of social, environmental, or economic sustainability.

The committee membership will be determined every year by the last day of April for the following May – April terms.

Student-at-Large (SAL) Selection Process:

SAL seats are open to any undergraduate student at the University of Alberta with a successful application. Students' Council members, SustainSU volunteers, APIRG board members, and SUSJ members are eligible to apply for SAL seats on the committee.

The committee shall set an application and selection timeline and advertise a request for applications. Interviews may be conducted at the committee's discretion after reviewing applications.

The application shall consist of a short letter of intent and a resume/CV.

The SAL selection process occurs annually in April and would be conducted by the non-SAL members.

The SAL applications will be due the last day of March.

Meetings:

Quorum will be five (5) members

The committee shall operate from May to April. A meeting schedule shall be determined at the first meeting of the year and will be determined on a per-trimester basis with the semesters being defined as the following:

- a. May to August,
- b. September to December and
- c. January to April.

The Chair may call additional meetings, provided that the members are given seventy-two (72) hours notice.

All recommendations and decisions of the committee will be made by consensus.

Chair:

The Chair shall be selected by the committee through consensus at the first meeting of the year

The Chair shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Producing an agenda prior to each meeting and emailing it to all members in advance of the meeting;
- b. Securing a location for meetings;
- c. When necessary, moderating debate;
- d. Facilitating the committee's ability to achieve its mandate
- e. Delegating such responsibilities to committee members as are appropriate for its stated mandate;
- f. Recommending to the committee changes to its terms of reference when they are in conflict with higher legislation;

Should the position of Chair become vacant, the committee shall select a new Chair by consensus at its earliest opportunity.

Reporting:

The committee must produce a written record of its proceedings. Minutes of each meeting will be provided to the executive committee of the Students' Union as an information item.



BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 29, 2012

Time: 5:30 pm

2011 – 2012 *MEETING #5*

Motions

1.	<i>Sumar moved that upon recommendation by the Bylaw Committee to amend bylaw 2200 so that the campaign period occurs in 7 business days.</i>	<i>CARRIED 8/0/0</i>
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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 30th, 2012

Time: 7:05pm

2012-2013 MEETING #8

Motions

1.	<i>KHINDA</i> moved that the agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> Seconded by <i>McGINN</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
2.	<i>MCGINN</i> moved that the <i>August 21, 2012</i> minutes be approved as <i>tabled</i> . The motion was seconded by <i>KHINDA</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/2
3.	<i>CHELEN</i> moved to amend the Quality Instruction Policy so that it now includes: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for midterm instructor evaluations to enable interaction between students and teaching staff Seconded by <i>MCGINN</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
4.	<i>KHINDA</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25pm The motion was seconded by <i>KUSMU</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0



September 5, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Welcome back to the academic year at the University of Alberta! See below for my biweekly update.

I. Student Representative Open House

On Wednesday September 12 at 5:00 PM, the Students' Union will host an open house so that students can meet other student representatives, including FA reps and Councillors. Please attend, and consider bringing a guest who may be interested in student governance at the University of Alberta. We'll have some delicious food, a keynote speech from the University Secretary, and interactive activities with the Exec, CRO, and Discover Governance staff.

II. Registrar Search Advisory Committee Town Hall

The University is hiring a new Registrar and Vice Provost. They are responsible for student records, admissions, recruitment, scholarships, and other projects that work behind the scenes supporting students as they transition through University. If you have thoughts about what projects the new Registrar should undertake, or the qualities you think a Registrar needs, please attend the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday October 2 at 12:00 PM in ECHA L1-490.

III. Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force

The SU is looking to appoint three undergraduate students to sit on the APPRTEF. This committee meets monthly for two hours, and provides recommendations for bureaucratic rules for review, from the student perspective. If you or a peer is interested, please send a cover letter and the contact information for a reference to vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca by September 20 at 5:00 PM.

IV. Student Governance Officer

Upon the resignation of Jessica Nguyen as Student Governance Officer, I'd like to welcome Rebecca Taylor who will be serving as SGO until the end of the academic year.



V. Interim Director for the Centre for Teaching and Learning

The current Director for the CTL has finished her first five year term at the end of September. She will be replaced by Dr. Sheree Kwong See as Interim Director for two years. I will be working closely with Dr. Kwong See and Vice Provost Bill Connor to help the CTL continue to improve in the future.

VI. Institutional Management in Higher Education General Conference

I will be attending the IMHE General Conference in Paris, France from September 17-19. This conference features a long list of speakers, workshops, and sessions on issues key to the development of Universities in difficult economic times. Issues of importance to the SU include: planning, attributes and competencies, alternate routes, transfer credit, experiential learning, bachelor degree models, governance, integration of teaching and research, assessment and grading, and teaching and technology.

VII. Vacation

I will be taking my first vacation at the end of the September. I will not be able to attend the September 25 Council meeting, but I look forward to updating you on my progress when I return.

VIII. FAs at Orientation

8 Faculty Associations were given sessions during Orientation 2012 to present to their members. I attended the ISSS, CBAS, and ESS sessions, and noted that the discipline-specific information really seemed to be valuable to the attendees. I will work with CSD to ensure that FAs continue to have time with their members at Orientation.

IX. Visioning Committee

I have participated in drafting a report on the online learning environment which is slated to go to the President's desk in the next few weeks. The recommendations intend to put the University of Alberta at the forefront of the online learning environment in the next five years.



It was great seeing many of you at the Discover Governance and Students' Council tables at clubs fair over the past week. As always, don't hesitate to email me at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca if you have any thoughts or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

September 7th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council (for September 11th, 2012 Meeting)

Introduction

Hello Council! There is nothing more invigorating than seeing the swarms of fresh-faced and returning students on campus. As a result, this week I've been balancing work on my portfolio and work on reaching out to students via attending orientation sessions to hosting BBQs. With that in mind, here's my report:

Executive Summary:

1. The SU will be hosting the Progressive Conservative's (PC) Capital Region (Edmonton) Caucus meeting on campus. Not only will a light breakfast, lunch, and tour be given to the caucus members, but the SU will also have the opportunity to jointly present with the University (and possibly the Graduate Students' Association) about their priorities and issues to the caucus. This will hopefully be the first of many caucus meetings hosted on campus and will encourage other parties to follow suite.
2. The federal NDP Youth Caucus tour will stop by campus on Wed, Sept 12 at 6:30PM. Two young NDP MPs will host a question and answer period primarily in regards to the youth in politics and how the NDP is working to represent Canadian youth.
3. I'm looking for St. Albert residents to accompany me to Minister Khan's Social Policy Framework roundtable discussion on Wed, Sept 12 at 7:00PM.
4. I'm still looking for members to join my external advocacy team! I've garnered some interest from students who aren't currently engaged in Council, but it'd be nice if we continued to have a larger team (especially with some members who are on Council) that'd be able to assist me in hosting the PC Edmonton caucus meeting on September 17th. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you're interested in getting involved.

1. PC Caucus Meeting on Campus

As mentioned last Council meeting, I finally got confirmation that the Students' Union (SU) will be hosting the Progressive Conservative's Capital Region (Edmonton) Caucus meeting. A goal of mine for the year has been trying to host various caucus meetings on campus to not only present the SU's lobby priorities for the year, but to showcase the University of Alberta, its vibrancy, and reiterate why post-secondary education (PSE) issues are a concern for all members of the legislature (MLAs), regardless of their constituency. Furthermore, working in tandem with the University of Alberta in hosting these meetings has the dual benefit of bolstering the University's relationship with the SU and showcasing the collegiatly and professionalism of both stakeholders.

Hosting the Progressive Conservative's Capital Region Caucus meeting will be an excellent start to hosting these caucus meetings on campus, as it will most likely encourage other political parties to follow suite. Furthermore, with the University and the SU recently at the odds with at each other on some issues, collaborating with one another to host this meeting will be an excellent opportunity to show a sign of good faith and familiarize a good majority of MLAs with PSE issues prior to their fall session in the Legislature.

The schedule of the day involves a breakfast reception, lunch, tour of campus, and a presentation from the SU and the University to the PC Edmonton caucus. Currently, details are being hammered out between the University, the SU, and the Chair of the Capital Region Caucus meeting (Nareesh Bhardwaj). Members of the external advocacy team will be integral in not only assisting in planning out the campus tour but will be integrate in accompanying the various politicians throughout the day and various events. I'm still looking for people to help me out with the team, so please fire me an email if you're interested!

2. Federal NDP Youth Caucus (Wed, Sept 12 @ 6:30PM)

The federal New Democratic Party (NDP) will have members from its Youth Caucus travel across the country to speak to students about youth and politics. The NDP student group on campus will be hosting this event on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, with NDP MPs Laurin Liu (Deputy Critic of Science and Technology) and Eve Peplet (Deputy Critic of Foreign Affairs) at Tory 1-83. (Note that both MPs are born in 1990 and 1988, respectively). Come out for a question and answer period and to learn more about federal politics and the NDP, representing Canada's youth. I highly encourage Councillors to come out and share the news!!!

3. Social Policy Framework Roundtable Discussion with St. Albert's MLA – Minister Stephen Khan (Wed, Sept 12 @ 7:00PM)

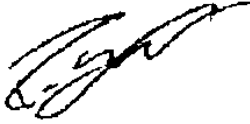
The Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Stephen Khan, will be hosting a Social Policy Framework roundtable discussion in his constituency of St. Albert at the St. Albert Curling Club (Upstairs). I'm looking for a bunch of St. Albert residents to accompany me to this roundtable since they really want to hear from a variety of individuals about how the government should direct their Social Policy Framework development – especially from students since they have a lot of seniors RSVPing. If you're interested in going or know someone who's from St. Albert that would, please give me a shout ASAP!

Here's some more information in regards to the Social Policy Framework (also referenced as “Speak. Share. Thrive.”) from the Minister:

“Speak. Share. Thrive. is an initiative launched by the Alberta government and community partners to talk about how we as a province can respond to important challenges like housing, seniors, safety and childcare to name just a few. This is an opportunity for Albertans to speak about what is important to them and to share their thoughts with their community members and government. Information from these discussions will be used to create a Social Policy Framework for Alberta that will describe how we create hope and opportunity for all Albertans by working together to improve social outcomes.

While the province has several ways for you to get involved in the discussion, we think this initiative is important enough for us to hold a conversation of our own. The Framework is for All Albertans, and our community discussion provides a great opportunity for you to share your valuable perspective and vision for St. Albert and our province.”

Signing off,



Petros Kusmu

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September 7th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou. They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to make a similar statement available for public viewing.

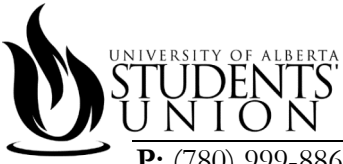
It's been a relatively quiet few weeks for me before the start of classes, so honestly not too much to report. I had the pleasure of tabling a number of times for Council at Week of Welcome, and it was great to meet so many new people and promote awareness of the Students' Union. Last week, I also went to another meeting of Bylaw, where we continued to discuss a procedure for ensuring attendance by members of council.

Other than that, I'm really enjoying my first few classes, and looking forward to BoG meetings starting up again this month. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

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