

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday October 9, 2012
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ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-12)

2012-12/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-12/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2012

2012-12/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-12/2a SU Financial Statements 2011-2012 Presented by Councillor Holt, Audit Committee Member. Sponsored by Councillor Holt.

Abstract:

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

2012-12/2b Universal Transit Pass Presentation
Presented by Saadiq Sumar, Vice President Student Life. Sponsored by Saadiq Sumar.

This presentation is meant to provide Students' Council with information regarding the U-Pass negotiations and the different proposal made by the student associations in response to the initial proposal from the transit providers.

2012-12/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-12/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 12-12.01

2012-12/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-12/4a Ruling 2012-02 of the DIE Board (McGinn v. Students' Council)

Please see document SC 12-12.02

2012-12/5

QUESTION PERIOD

2012-12/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-12/6a

HOLT MOVES THAT upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, Students' Council approve the Students' Union April 30 2012 year end draft financial statements.

2012-12/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-12/7a

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVE TO elect one member of Students' Council to the Vice Provost and Chief Librarian Search Committee.

Please see document SC 12-12.03

2012-12/7b

SMITH MOVES THAT, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 2 that Students' Council adopt the Bylaw, Mandatory Councilor Attendance, in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Attendance at council meetings is crucial for Councillors to fulfill their obligations. Therefore, measures should be in place to encourage an appropriate level of attendance for all Councillors.
2. These measures will be made up of several actions to deter absenteeism, which, if unsuccessful, may ultimately culminate in a removal.
3. Councillors should have the opportunity to appeal any repercussions related to poor attendance in order to account for extraordinary circumstances.

2012-12/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2012-12/8a

Students' Council and GFC By-Election Results

Please see document SC 12-12.04

2012-12/8b

CAC Summary report

Please see document SC 12-12.05

2012-12/8c

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 12-12.06

2012-12/8d

Policy Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 12-12.07

2012-12/8e

Audit Committee Summary Reports

Please see document SC 12-12.08

2012-12/8f

Saadq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 12-12.09

- 2012-12/8g** Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report
Please see document SC 12-12.10

- 2012-12/8h** Colten Yamagishi, President- Report
Please see document SC 12-12.11

September 18

YAMAGISHI/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed letterhead as amended as the official letterhead of the Students' Union.

4/0/0 CARRIED

DIE Board Ruling 2012-2

Hearing Details:

Style of Cause: McGinn v. Students' Council/Reinterpretation of Bylaw 0100(19)

Hearing Date: September 27th, 2012

Hearing Number: Ruling # 02 2012/2013

DIE Board Panel Members: Sean Wallace, Chief Tribune

Giselle General, Associate Chief
Tribune

Rena Chen, Tribune

Issues:

[1] Is further clarification needed on the definition of "conflict-of-interests" with respect to a student group or organization?

[2] How does Bylaw 0100(19) apply to student groups & organizations that are also Dedicated Fee Units (DFUs)?

[3] How should the Students' Union handle conflict-of-interests that have been retroactively determined?

Relevant Legislation:

[4] From Bylaw 0100(19)

"No member of Students' Council shall vote on a motion relating to a student group or organization of which he/she is a member unless that organization is a faculty association"

[5] From DIE Board Ruling 2012-1(10)

“The Panel’s interpretation of the term “relating to” [in Bylaw 0100(19)] is any direct connection between the student group and the motion. Note that this student group or individual in question need not directly benefit from the motion, as the bylaw implies that only an association between the two is necessary”

[6] From DIE Board Ruling 2012-1(11)

“For the purposes of Bylaw 0100 Section 19, there is no distinction between executive and regular membership. Any individual who qualifies as a registered member of a student group relating to a motion may not vote.”

Decision:

[7] While Ruling 2012-1 established a necessary relationship between the student organization and motion for there to be a conflict of interest, it did not clearly define the relationship between *the student and the student organization* necessary for there to be a conflict of interest.

[8] Though DIE Board found that *“[a]ny individual who qualifies as a registered member of a student group relating to a motion may not vote,”* it has since been determined that not all student organizations keep updated or complete records of membership, making this criterion insufficient on its own.

[9] The Panel recognizes that a conflict of interest exists where the member is a registered member who is also *closely and directly* involved with the student organization.

[10] Organizations such as APIRG and WUSC are both registered student groups and DFUs. As DFUs require all students to pay a fee with often-limited opt-out methods, according to the previous

DIE board rulings in para 5 and 6, this would establish a direct relationship between every student with the aforementioned organizations. This would cause all of Students' Council to abstain from any motion regarding these types of organizations. The Panel agrees that the intention of Bylaw 0100(19) was not to compel every councilor to abstain from a vote relating to these particular student organizations.

[11] Pursuant to the above consideration, the Panel has determined that membership by payment of a DFU to a student organization is not sufficient to constitute a conflict-of-interests. That is to say, a student who pays his DFU to APIRG and is otherwise not involved with the organization would not be considered closely and directly involved with its interests, and thus would not be in a conflict-of-interest.

[12] The Panel agrees that interpretations made by DIE board are primarily prospective, and have limited retroactive effect in reversing past decisions. However, when an eligible applicant directly challenges a motion's passing based on a bylaw violation to DIE board, the subsequent ruling can impact the motion's standing.

[13] In Hearing 2012-1, the applicant asked for an interpretation of Bylaw 0100(19), and though motion 7C from SC 2012-09 was alluded to in the discussion, it was not directly challenged, and the subsequent ruling was not intended to directly address this motion at the time of passing; however, the applicant in this hearing filed a direct complaint regarding motion 7C from SC 2012-09. Since there is no time limit with regards to when a motion can be challenged, the Panel will still consider the issues raised despite Ruling 2012-1 being published after the motion's passing.

[14] In this hearing, the applicant suggested five members of Students' Council who could have potential conflict of interests, but does not directly challenge that their votes be changed to abstentions. The applicant instead requests that DIE Board clarifies its definition of a conflict-of-interest so that it may be clearer if the relevant voters should have their votes changed.

[15] The Panel agrees that it is within the DIE Board's jurisdiction to retroactively change any number of individual votes if (a) it were successfully determined that a conflict-of-interest existed between the individual(s) and the student group and (b) the motion in question was directly challenged to DIE board for reason of conflict-of-interest. The Panel acknowledges that this has the potential to shift a motion from passing to failing and would have complicated ramifications.

[16] There is no written policy allowing a Students' Council member to retroactively change their vote if they have self-determined a conflict-of-interest. Based on a response submission by one of the accused voters, there is evidence of a willingness to voluntarily change one's vote in the event of a conflict-of-interest.

[17] Since full evidence has not been presented regarding all five accused determining their exact involvement in the student organization(s) referred to in the motion, the Panel is not prepared to rule their votes as abstentions by reason of conflict-of-interests. Any eligible applicant who wishes to challenge these voters by reason of conflict-of-interest may do so subsequent to this ruling.

Recommendations:

[18] The Panel recommends that the Bylaw Committee review Bylaw 0100(19). The Panel has noted that there is currently no updated or complete record of membership in all student

organizations, making it difficult to determine where a conflict-of-interest might exist. Though the Panel defines a conflict-of-interest to exist where a member is *closely and directly* involved with the student organization, this definition would only be solvable by DIE Board on a case-by-case basis if an accused voter challenged their accusation of having a conflict-of-interest.

[19] The Panel also recommends that the Bylaw Committee consider instituting into bylaw a time window in which a motion can be challenged to DIE board. An eligible applicant may currently raise a complaint regarding any motion passed by the SU *at any point in time* on the basis of a conflict-of-interest. This not only has the potential to burden DIE Board resources, but also creates complicated scenarios when considering that a number of motions implement immediate changes to SU infrastructure.

[20] The Panel also recommends that the Bylaw Committee institute a remedial policy that would allow members of Students' Council to retroactively change their vote *in exceptional circumstances*, such as a conflict of interest *or other bylaw violation*. This would allow accused voters to acknowledge a violation of bylaw and change their vote without requiring a DIE Board hearing. The Panel also recommends that this policy be pursuant to a time window outlined above.

Selection Committee Composition
Approved by Library Council, June 2012
Approved by GFC-Executive Committee, September 2012

CHIEF LIBRARIAN

The selection committee shall consist of the following voting members:

- a) Provost and Vice-President (Academic), or designee, Chair.
- b) Vice-President (Research), or designee, Vice-Chair.
- c) Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, or designee.
- d) Chair of Committee on the Learning Environment, or designee.
- e) Three (3) elected representatives from Library Council, one (1) from each of the three Library ranks.
- f) Three (3) members of the academic staff (Categories A1.1 or A1.5), one (1) from each of the Tri-Council granting agencies areas, elected by GFC.
- g) Two (2) full-time students--one undergraduate (selected by the Students' Union using whatever method the Union deems suitable) and one graduate (elected by the Graduate Students' Association Council).
- h) One (1) member of the full-time support staff (Categories S1.1 or S1.2) of the Library elected by the full-time support staff (Categories S1.1 and S1.2) in the Library. The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) shall be responsible for directing the election of any support staff member serving on a selection committee described in the Selection of Faculty Deans Procedure and the Review of Faculty Deans Procedures.
- i) Two (2) Faculty Deans, one (1) from a SSHRC area and one (1) from a NSERC/CIHR area.
- j) One (1) Director from the Bookstore, Museums and Collections, or University Press.

(Total members: 16)

**2012-2013 Selection Committee
VICE-PROVOST AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting/Activity	Date/Time	Location
First Committee Meeting	Tuesday, Nov 6, 2012 8:30 to 11:30 am	Room 2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
Town Hall Meeting (Librarians, others)	Thursday, Nov 15, 2012 12:00 to 1:00 pm	Room L1-490 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA)
Second Committee Meeting	Wednesday, Dec 12, 2012 8:30 to 11:30 am	Room 2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
Third Committee Meeting	Tuesday, Jan 8, 2013 1:30 to 4:30 pm	Room 2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
Fourth Committee Meeting	Friday, Feb 1, 2013 8:30 to 12:00 noon	Room 1-16 Triffo Hall
Interview Week	March 18-22, 2013 Exact times/days TBD*	TBD

* Committee members are advised that, beyond interview meeting times, their time will be requested for assistance as hosts/escorts to candidates during the day and at dinners. Please reserve the entire Interview Week in your calendars. Also, all committee members are advised to reserve evenings during this week as their time will be requested for a few dinners with the candidates.



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To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Rory Tighe Speaker, Students' Council ➤ Mr. Colten Yamagishi President, Students' Union ➤ Mr. Dustin Chelen Vice President (Academic), Students' Union ➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar University Governance ➤ Ms. Amanda Henry Student Governance Advisor, Students' Union
From:	➤ Farid Iskandar Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2012 Students' Council and GFC By-Election Results
Date:	September 30, 2012

In accordance with Students' Union Election Bylaw 2400 Section 11(1)(b), I am pleased to announce the results of the September 2012 Students' Council and General Faculties Council By-Election.

Results

The Students' Union would like to congratulate the following individuals who were elected by students in their faculty during the September 2012 By-Election:

<i>Students' Council</i>	
<i>Augustana</i>	Jame Vy Naomi Finseth (councillor-in-waiting)
<i>Education</i>	Tanya Morin Jason Hong (councillor-in-waiting)
<i>Nursing</i>	Joanne Reynolds
<i>Open Studies</i>	Mark McCormack

<i>General Faculties Council</i>	
<i>Arts</i>	Bo Lun Zhang Dave Jones Bashir Mohamed
<i>Augustana</i>	Carlo Martin

**University of Alberta Students' Union Elections
2012 Students' Council & GFC By-Election Results**



Education	Jason Hong
Engineering	Nicholas Adamski
Law	Sangram Hansra
Medicine and Dentistry	Adam Mildenerger
Science	Cory Hodgson James Hwang Matt Lee Jimmy Kang Brenden Kunimoto Dawson Zeng

NOTE 1: Vacant positions left on Council for the 2012–13 year: Engineering (2), Physical Education & Recreation (1). Total: 3.

NOTE 2: Vacant positions left on GFC for the 2012–13 year: ALES (2), Education (2), Engineering (3), Medicine & Dentistry (1), Faculté Saint-Jean (1), Physical Education and Recreation (1), Science (1). Total: 11.

NOTE 3: Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS), and Nursing Undergraduate Association (NUA) by-election was held in conjunction with the Students' Council and GFC by-election to facilitate shared use of the SU online voting system.

Statistics

Voter turnout for this year's by-election was 2.95% out of those students who were eligible to vote. Low voter turnout in by-elections is not unusual, however the C.R.O is content with the result as this is the second highest voter turnout in a by-election since 2004.

Polling stations were set-up in the following locations for both days of the election: SUB, CAB, Tory/Business Atrium, CCIS, and ETLC.

We had a wonderful troupe of Poll Captains and Poll Clerks to help out operating the physical polling stations; however, future need for these stations will be re-assessed before the next election, as 92% of votes cast were done at non-station computers.

Errata

The following dates were presented to Council during June 2012 and remained unchanged during the course of the election. The nomination deadline was extended until September 19, 2012 for those positions that had remained vacant after the close of day on September 17, 2012 as per Bylaw 2300 Section 9(1).

September 17 – Nomination Deadline & Mandatory Candidates' Meeting
September 19 – Campaign Period Begins
September 27/28 – Voting Days

Rulings

Two rulings were made over the course of the election. Please see www.su.ualberta.ca/vote for the details.

Closing Remarks

The CRO would like to congratulate those students who put their names forward for candidacy for seats on both Students' Council and GFC. This year's by-election had more vacant seats than historically expected, with 31 positions on both governing bodies vacant. There were 19 candidates running for 20 positions, two of which were contested. In total 17 positions were filled, leaving 14 positions vacant in both governing bodies.

The CRO would like to express thanks the hard work of Whitematter for their help in administering the online voting system, and Jason Ward for his seemingly infinite wealth of knowledge regarding SU elections. The CRO would also like to extend thanks to the Discover Governance Office, the Students' Union Marketing Department, and the University of Alberta Registrar Office for their partnership with various Elections Office activities. Finally, the CRO appreciates the hard work of K. Scot Nyback the Deputy Returning Officer at the Augustana Campus, for enforcing Students' Union Bylaws on behalf of the Students' Union Elections Office.

Congratulations to all candidates for their hard work!



COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: 25.09.2012

Time: 4:30 PM

2012 – 2013 MEETING #

Motions

1.	<i>Carson</i> moved the <i>approval of agenda, and seconded by Hanweel</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
2.	<i>Nygen</i> moved the <i>approval of minute, and seconded by Carson</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
3.	<i>Carson</i> moved <i>adjournment of meeting, and seconded by Nygen</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i>
4.		<i>CARRIED</i> <i>0/0/0</i>



October 4, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Below is an update from the past two weeks. Best of luck as midterm season starts up.

I. Join a Committee

In response to a poor submission rate of applications for students to be a part of important committees like the Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force or the Academic Relations Group, I have created a webpage and business cards to help centralize information on student participation in committees. Students interested in serving on a central university committee and representing the student voice with the SU can find out more at su.ualberta.ca/joinacommittee

II. Undergrad Research Symposium Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts for the second Undergraduate Research Symposium has gone out. Applications can be submitted electronically via the SU website until October 9.

III. Restructuring the Council of Faculty Associations

In response to feedback solicited from the strategic planning subcommittee of the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA), and a careful analysis of the history of COFA, we have radically redesigned its organizational structure and meeting format. COFA under SU bylaw will now be the COFA Senior Board. Underneath it are the Advocacy, Finance and Administration, and Member Services Working Groups, which will meet less frequently and will give executives with similar challenges and responsibilities from different FAs a forum with the SU and each other.

IV. Tuition and Fees

The President, VPOF, and I attended a joint Tuition and MNIF Budget Advisory Committee meeting. The University indicated that it intends to pursue a 2.15% increase to tuition and relevant fees, the maximum allowed by government legislation. They also provided a draft report on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, and promised to clarify vague or confusing points.



V. Extending the Withdrawal Deadline

The University has indicated its intent to extend the Withdrawal Deadline, the deadline by which you can still withdraw from a class and forfeit your final grade for a grade of W, until the second-last week of classes. I have spoken in favour of this change at APPRTF and ASC SOS, as it allows students more time to determine if they want to continue in the class, and gives them more opportunities to receive feedback and marked work from their instructor.

VI. General Faculties Council Student Caucus

I chaired my second meeting of GFC Student Caucus. Discussion primarily centered around the unilateral changes made to Lister Hall residence. GFC saw some discussion on the topic, after it recommended the creation of a Department of Women's and Gender Studies.

VII. Miscellaneous

I attended the ISSS AGM, the CBAS Council of Departmental Associations meeting, CLE, ASC SOS, a number of advisory committees, a primer on University Facilities and Operations, a meeting of the Appeals Regulation Group, the Turkey Trot, and Celebrate: Teaching Learning and Research.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 2nd 2012**

Time: **5.05 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING 11**

Motions

1.	CRONE moved that the <i>October 2, 2012 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 7/0/0</i>
2.	CRONE amended the <i>September 19, 2012 minutes to change all instances of “BIFRT” and “BIRFT” to “BIRT”.</i>	<i>CARRIED 7/0/0</i>
3.	MCGINN moved that the <i>September 19, 2012 minutes be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 7/0/0</i>
4.	CRONE moved that the <i>2nd WHEREAS clause be amended to include “sustainability gains” instead of “efficiency gains”, and include “viable alternatives to current practice” instead of “viable alternatives”.</i>	<i>CARRIED 7/0/1</i>
5.	CHELEN moved that the <i>meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED 8/0/0</i>



COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 2nd

Time: 5:06pm

2011 – 2012

Motions

1.	Holt moves that the agenda be approved as tabled	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
2.	Holt moves that the minutes be approved as amended	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
3.	MILLS/KELLY move to accept the drafted 2011-2012 fiscal year audit as presented by KPMG LLP.	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
4.	MILLS/KELLY move that one or more members of audit committee present the drafted 2011-2012 audited financial statements for their approval.	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
5.	LE/HOLT move to table the credit card statement review to next meeting.	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
6.	HOLT moves to adjourn.	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>



COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 25th

Time: 8:00pm

2011 – 2012

Motions

1.	Hodgson moves that the agenda be approved as tabled	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
2.	Hodgson moves that the minutes be approved as amended	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
3.	MILLS/HODGSON move that the Audit Committee mandate the Business Students' Association to submit the results of a professional, impartial, and external audit of their comprehensive financials by December 1st, 2012 as part of their financial reporting requirements to the Audit Committee for their fiscal year ending March 31st, 2012.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
4.	MILLS/HODGSON move that the Audit Committee Chair communicate the previous motion to the Business Students' Association	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
5.	HODGSON moves to adjourn the meeting	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0

Prepared by: Saadiq Sumar, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

I'm sure school and your extra-curriculars are starting to take their toll in terms of time and stress. Hopefully, everyone takes the long weekend to get a little rest and relaxation and recharges their batteries before coming back. If you have a chance, the Golden Bears and Pandas Soccer Teams have their Legacy Games this weekend. Feel free to check 'em out! In the last two weeks, it seems that I have been a man of many hats, and have been working on various different projects and issues. I have also done my best to attend different athletic and student group events, like the Golden Bears Football Game from last Saturday and the Relay for Life event from last Friday.

Programming

Comedian Adam Mamawala

Adam Mamawala came to campus a week and half ago and got a ton of laughs from the audience, which included a few members of council and a small group of students. The opening acts were great, as was the headliner. Hopefully, we can more students out with the next comedian we bring to campus.

Singer/Songwriter Series

The singer/songwriter series began last week and ran for the full week. The series as a whole will be running once a month, six times this year. The next series will be next week, so if you're free from 12 to 1PM Tuesday through Friday, stop by SUBstage to hear some great live music! So far, we've been hearing some very positive comments about the series overall.

Services

U-Pass

The U-Pass Advisory meeting met two weeks ago to discuss the latest proposal from the students. Although we received some positive comments from members of the committee, most of the administrators from the transit providers were hesitant to agree. Due to the lack of negotiation on the part of the transit providers, the student associations have decided to meet with individual city councillors and make a presentation to the City of Edmonton Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

One representative from each student association met with Councillor Kerry Diotte yesterday to discuss our grievances and the pricing structure for the U-Pass. The response from Councillor Diotte was generally positive and I'm looking forward to future meetings with city councillors and various committees and councils. Several members from the University Administration also were on hand for a short U-Pass Admin meeting to discuss student comments as well as distribution updates.

Student Group Services

The VPOpsFi and I went through another granting session last week. We had a large number of granting applications to go through and the session took very close to three hours. Overall, we came in very close to budget for this session.

I also had a chance to meet with members of the Office of the Dean of Students and the VPSL from the GSA to go through the Student Engagement Grant Applications.

If any of you are interested in applying for either grant and have some questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Advocacy

Residence Halls Association

The RHA is still looking for Executive Members. If you are interested in residence issues, if you know someone else who's interested, or if you think a friend would make a positive contribution on the RHA, please have them contact myself of the RHA President Kaibree Drake.

Due to concerns surrounding HUB Security, the HUB Community Association has initiated a Safety Audit of HUB Mall conducted by UAPS, or "Crime Prevention Through Design". Although they had a short meeting yesterday, I was not able to attend. As the review unfolds, I will keep council apprised of the details and the different recommendations coming from the audit.

Residence Tours

The Director of Residence Services took me around to different units in HUB and around Residence Saint Jean to showcase what each residence had to offer, what issues are relevant to residents of each building, and the primary costs of deferred maintenance (or just pure maintenance of each residence).

Campus Law Review Committee and General Faculties Council

At the Campus Law Review Committee Meeting last week, I had a chance to bring up the governance process issues relating to the residence changes proposed in late July as well as a few issues I had with the amendments to the Residence Community Standards based off of the changes to the restorative justice process as proposed by the Community Standards Review Committee Meeting.

Unfortunately, with the former, the chair of the committee decided that it was inappropriate to discuss this item with members of the committee. A disappointing response to say the least, and adding to the broken governance process that has poisoned the issue.

At GFC, a few students, including the PotSU, raised a number of questions which were answered incompletely, or not at all.

Other

Campus Food Bank Board Meeting

I had my first opportunity to meet with other board members, as the chair of the board called a meeting last Friday. It was great to hear that the effort that CFB put in over the summer, led to a large increase in fundraising as well as food collection as compared to the same time period last year. There were also a ton of great comments and suggestions from board members to directors of the food bank to continue to get more funding from external sources.

Relay for Life

The PotSU and I went to the Relay for Life Event last Friday. The event was great and to add to the fund already raised, both of us together raised just under \$500 through pie-throwing.

Message from Robin Everall

Robin Everall is the Provostial Fellow charged with looking at the state of mental health on our campus. The following is a message from her:

“Dr. Everall is interested in undergraduate student perspectives on questions such as:

- Are students aware of the mental health and support services available to them on and off campus? What do they know about these services?
- How should services be promoted to reach the largest number of students and increase awareness of service availability?
- What impedes students from accessing services?
- How should we reduce the barriers to accessing services?
- What services are necessary but missing?

The goal of this process is to enhance relevant, responsive, and accessible mental health services to students at the University of Alberta.

The meeting schedule of each group will be set after the group is established, but members should be available in October.

Nominations are being solicited from a wide diversity of students, including full- and part- time students, international students from a variety of countries, domestic students, and students who are parents.”

Please pass this message on to your constituents so that Dr. Everall can do a complete job of identifying mental health related issues on campus and working to solve them.

Takeaways:

- Apply for an RHA Executive Position (or tell a friend)
- Meet with me if you are interested in the portfolio or just to chat!
- Talk to your constituents about the message from Dr. Everall

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.

Saadiq Sumar
780-690-4765

October 5th, 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 Sioux. 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 very busy these past few weeks what with midterms, exams, and various committee meetings. Since last Council I've had an Audit committee meeting, a Bylaw committee meeting, an ERC committee meeting, and, of course, a GFC meeting last Monday. As well, last Friday I had the opportunity to attend a dinner with NASA representatives, AASUA representatives, Administrators, and other Board members. The dinner was hosted by AASUA at the Mandarin Restaurant near campus. I'll talk a little bit about the dinner here.

AASUA is the academic staff association here at the U of A. The purpose of the dinner was to give an opportunity for representatives from the different campus constituencies to mix and mingle in a more informal social environment. I got to know a number of NASA executives and faculty, and we had the chance to discuss our various perspectives and concerns together. I also had the chance to see the acting Provost and Board Chair, as well as the GSA and SU Presidents.

I felt that the meeting was very good for promoting collegiality among the various campus

constituents. The NASA president gave a few words at the dinner. His comments centered around the idea that it is important for the various campus constituents not to forget that, despite conflicts that may arise, we should still take some time every now and then to sit down and socialize together in a friendly environment.

I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiment. I think it may be easy to forget that many other different campus groups face many of the same problems we do. Not only that, but sometimes-opposed campus groups don't always have to be in conflict. Or, more importantly, they don't have to dislike each other despite disagreement.

Despite this, I think much work needs to be done to build more healthy communication on campus, especially between the Administration and other groups. This meeting was a good step in the right direction.

Anyway, that's about all for now. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

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Oct. 5, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Welcome to October and welcome to frosty Edmonton weather. Hopefully we will have at least one more bearable week of warm-ish weather before it gets nasty! I have a few things to report on this week but mostly just brief updates for ongoing projects.

One thing that I did want to mention is that your VPA is an incredible runner. Maybe not as incredible as last year's VPA but still quite incredible! Last weekend I ran the 8km Turkey Trot with Dustin and he beat me by 8 whole minutes! Given, I am quite out of shape and had to walk a bit (I could barely walk down the stairs the next day), but this guy is fast!

Celebrate! Teaching and Learning Awards

I had the opportunity to speak at the Celebrate! Teaching and Learning Awards. The University Administration and the RO's Office hosted the awards. It was great to see staff and students recognized for their amazing work. We also celebrated this year's most recent President's Citation scholars. The President's Citation is the most prestigious scholarship awarded to incoming/prospective students.

PAW Update – Good News Edition

We have received the order in council from the government to begin construction on the PAW centre! Construction will begin right away.

Facilities and Operations Orientation

We had an excellent luncheon with the folks from F+O including Vice President Don Hickey and his senior staff. We listened to an orientation presentation where they introduced their staff structure and explained how their unit operates. We also had an opportunity to present on our goals and had plenty of time to ask questions. I am excited to work with F+O on a few big things this year! The biggest achievement from the meeting is that we are going to have the opportunity to get a tour of the underground utility tunnels... a long time item on my bucket list.

Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta (AASUA) Dinner + Lecture

I was invited to watch a panel on Academic Freedom hosted by AASUA. The panel included great speakers including Dr. David Schindler, President Samarasekera, GSA President Ashlyn Bernier, and Dr. Jocelyn Downie. The panel was followed by a dinner where I had the opportunity to converse with a number of AASUA and NASA reps.

Services Joint Training

Saturday morning the VPA, VP OpsFi, and I woke up early to speak to the new group of Infolink, Safewalk, and SUSTAINSU volunteers during their joint training session. I had a lot of fun as I got to imitate Petros and Saadiq while talking about their portfolios. We also got to do an iClicker quiz on the SU. Thanks to the services staff for hosting (at least the part we were there for) a great training session.

Turkey Trot and Relay for Life

I had some fun doing charity related activities this past week. I have already mentioned the Turkey Trot but the VPSL and I also attended the Relay for Life and got pied for charity. The turnout was amazing and we actually raised \$470 by getting pied in the face (and hair, body, etc.). It was a mess, and not the most comfortable experience, but hey, we raised a lot of money for a good cause! I really enjoy the luminary presentation where we remember and honour those who have been lost to/have struggled with cancer. Almost everyone has been affected by cancer at some point in their life.

General Faculties Council (GFC)

The first GFC meeting of the year was mostly an informational update and a GFC orientation session but I had a chance to ask a question about the GFC governance process in relation to the Lister changes. I received an answer to the first part of my question asking why the governance process was overlooked (they told me that it was because of health and safety concerns and that they were forced to use emergency powers) but I did not receive an answer to my question asking what appeal mechanism students have for these changes.

Lister Update

We had another Lister meeting with the university administration and were able to draft up some new material. The meetings (in my opinion) are moving in a positive direction and we are starting to see some serious offers to resolve the issue coming from the administration's side. The meetings are all privileged discussions and are conducted without prejudice so the exact details would have to be discussed in-camera if you have any questions. I can attempt to provide broad answers in the public session if you so choose to ask questions.

Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC)

Nothing of particular interest was raised in the open session of BFPC. The one thing to note is that we received a presentation on the Tuition outlook for 2012/2013. The administration will be introducing a proposal to increase tuition by Tuition CPI (2.15%) in November. I asked a question asking if the administration believed there was a correlation between the increasing numbers of international students and the government's willingness to provide base-grant increases.

Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee and Tuition Budget Advisory Committee Joint Meeting (MBAC/TBAC)

MBAC/TBAC was quite exciting in a bad way. We received a report on MNIFS that we have deemed to be unsatisfactory in displaying the true costs/expenses/allocations that exist with relation to the COSSS fee. The report lacked the level of detail that we had requested. We also received an update on a possible Graduate Studies tuition market modifier but the discussion is still young. I am sure that you will hear much more about this in the future.

Alumni Council

Alumni Council was held yesterday morning at 7am (yikes!). We received a great update from the Alumni Association full time staff and reviewed the audited financial statements from last year. I am really excited to work with the Alumni Council and Alumni Association this year and have been very impressed with their Alumni Weekend activities and programs. There is a lot of talent and energy within the Alumni Office! I had the chance to speak to a number of the Council members offline after the meeting to get to know them better.

Summary

That is all for now. Good luck on midterms my friends!

Cheers,

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.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday September 25, 2012
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-11)

- 2012-11/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2012-11/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 9th, 2012
- 2012-11/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2012-11/2 APIRG Presentation- Presented by Its Daley, outreach coordinator at APIRG. Sponsored by Petros Kusmu, VP External/Smith.
- Abstract: APIRG (The Alberta Public Interest Research Group) is an incredible resource based at the University of Alberta for student- and community-based research, education and social activism. We provide the administrative, informational and technological resources to help student working groups to transform social concern into effective action. In this presentation we will give an overview of the organization, including our mandate, our structure, our funding sources, the services/support we provide, and upcoming events/deadlines import to the undergraduate student body. Thanks Daley
- 2012-11/2b 89th Avenue Housing Project Presentation - Presented by Ben Louie, University Architect. Sponsored by Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life,
- This presentation will provide council with an update regarding the Design Development of the 89th Avenue Housing Project. A presentation was done early in the summer before a proponent had been selected. The project involves the construction of two facilities, which will house just under 250 students in two- and four-bedroom apartment-style rooms.
- 2012-11/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report
- Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report
- Colten Yamagishi, President- Report
- 2012-11/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Kelsey Mills, CAC Chair- Report

Kevin Smith, Bylaw Committee Chair- Report

Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report

2012-11/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period Extended 15 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Councillor Attendance Records					
2010-2011		Attendance			
Council Seats (40 total) Name		9/11/2012 SC 12-10	9/25/2012 SC 12-11		
Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)					
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President	Colten Yamagishi	Y	Y		
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y		
VP External	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y		
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y		
VP Student Life	Saadq Sumar	Y	Y		
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y		
Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)					
ALES	Leon Milner	Y	Y		
Arts	Dongwoo Kim	Y	N		
Arts	Mike McGinn	Y	Y		
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	0.5		
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y(p)	Y		
Arts	Vacant				
Arts	Erin Borden	Y(p)	Y(p)		
Augustana (Faculty)	Jame Vy				
Business	Josh Le	Y	Y		
Business	Tim Holt	Y	Y		
Education	Kevin Smith	Y	Y		
Education	Tanya Morin				
Education	Sarjenka Kuryliw	N	N		
Engineering	Wen Yu Liang	Y	Y		
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	Y	Y		
Engineering	Vacant				
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Law	Mario Babic	Y	Y		
Medicine & Dentistry	Ola Rydz	Y	Y		
Native Studies	Quetzala Carson	Y	Y		
Nursing	Joanne Reynolds				
Open Studies	Mark McCormack				
Pharmacy	Sarah Choudhry	Y	Y		
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant				
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y	Y		
Science	Julia Jackson		Y		
Science	Jeffry Kochikuzhyil	Y	Y		
Science	Louis Nguyen	Y	Y		
Science	Victoria Pham	Y	0.5		
Science	Vi Bui	N	Y		
Science	Nicholas Monfries	0.5	Y		
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y		
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)					
Speaker	Rory Tighe	Y	Y		
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	0.5		