

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 6th, 2012
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2012-14/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-14/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 20th, 2012

2012-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-14/2a Education Students' Association Pathway off Probation
Presented by Averi Iwaniuk, President, and Andy Mikula, Vice President of the Education Students' Association. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen, Vice President Academic.

The Education Students' Association was placed on probation in August 2011 in response to concerns of deficient elections and financial procedures. Since then, they have worked tremendously hard to update their constitution and policy document and re-engage their membership. As part of their probationary process, the ESA will report on their progress over the past 15 months. They will also discuss their strategic plan moving forward, and how they will ensure that the progress made is transitioned year to year. The COFA Senior Board has seen this presentation, and recommended that the ESA is recognized as a non-probationary Faculty Association.

2012-14/2b The Future of Alberta's Post-Secondary Education System Conference Proposal. Presented by the Vice President External, Petros Kusmu. Sponsored by Petros Kusmu.

Abstract:

Alberta is in a state of renewal. With a new premier taking the province in a new direction, now is the time for all stakeholders of post-secondary education to work together on a greater vision of what Alberta's PSE system should look like five, ten, and 20 years down the road. Here's a proposal for establishing a conference to accomplish this collective vision for the future of Alberta's PSE system.

2012-14/2c Vice President External Portfolio Update. Presented by the Vice President External, Petros Kusmu. Sponsored by Petros Kusmu.

Abstract:

The VPX spends majority of their time focusing on issues primarily outside of

campus, making it sometimes difficult for students to notice the work that they do on a day-to-day basis. This presentation will be an extremely brief overview of the VPX's work during his six months in office.

- 2012-14/3** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2012-14/3a** Executive Committee Report
Please see document SC 12-14.01
- 2012-14/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2012-14/5** **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2012-14/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2012-14/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2012-14/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2012-14/8a** CAC Summary Report
Please see document SC 12-14.02
- 2012-14/8b** Audit Committee Summary Report
Please see document SC 12-14.03
- 2012-14/8c** Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
Please see document SC 12-14.04
- 2012-14/8d** Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report
Please see document SC 12-14.05
- 2012-14/8e** Petros Kusmu, VP External- Reports
Please see document SC 12-14.06
- 2012-14/8f** Colten Yamagishi, President- Report
Please see document SC 12-14.07
- 2012-14/8g** Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report
Please see document SC 12-14.08

October 12

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an unbudgeted projects allocation not to exceed \$5000.00 for the purpose of the campus musical.

4/0/0 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the job descriptions for the campus musical Director and Choreographer as amended.

4/0/0 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/CHELEN MOVED That the Executive Committee approve the expenditure of Safewalk allocation of grant money to first aid training.

3/0/1 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED That the Executive Committee suspend Operating Policy 2.09 Wall of Gold to allow the URI to conduct an awareness campaign in October 2012.

4/0/0 CARRIED

October 22

YAMAGISHI/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve In Camera FAQ for distribution.

3/0/1 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$292.00 for the purpose of holding a consolidated advocacy training on November 3, 2012.

5/0/0 CARRIED



COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 23, 2012

Time: 4:30 PM

2012 – 2013 MEETING 3

Motions

1.	<i>Mills</i> moved that <i>agenda be approved.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/1</i>
2.	Borden moved that minutes be approved.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
3.	Borden moved that meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 30**

Time: **5:00 PM**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #**

Motions

1.	HODGSON/HOLT moved that <i>the Nursing Undergraduate Association financial reporting deadline be extended to November 30, 2012.</i>	CARRIED 5/0/0
2.	HODGSON/HOLT moved that <i>the Education Students Association financial reporting deadline be extended to November 30, 2012.</i>	CARRIED 5/0/0
3.	HODGSON/HOLT moved that <i>the Collective Body for Arts Students financial reporting deadline be extended to November 30, 2012.</i>	CARRIED 5/0/0
4.	HOLT/MILLS moved that <i>APIRG's 2011-2012 financial report be approved.</i>	CARRIED 4/0/0



November 1, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

See below for updates arising from my portfolio over the past two weeks. You'll note that the report is somewhat longer than usual, in response to a recommendation that I include more information in my written reports. Please send me feedback if you prefer this style of a report.

I. Undergraduate Research Symposium

93 students submitted their abstracts for the Undergraduate Research Symposium. It will take place from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Thursday November 15 in CCIS. I encourage you to look at the incredible research done by our undergraduate students! A reception and awards ceremony will be held that evening, and will feature Dr. Pamela Brett-MacLean, researcher in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry who studies the relationship between creativity, the arts, and patient healthcare.

II. Faculty Association Support

The Student Governance Advisor and I spent a substantial amount of time providing various types of support to Faculty Associations. This time of year is particularly stressful for FA Executives, and we have been helping them to best solve their issues. Key challenges include faculty relationships, interpersonal issues, executive workloads, financial management concerns, recruitment, and fee collection.

III. Faculty Association Task Force

The FATF continues to meet and make progress on addressing risks and issues faced by Faculty and Campus Associations. To date, we have built a list of supports currently offered to FAs, and developed a list of major concerns that need to be addressed. These include issues surrounding financial management, transition, relationship with the faculty and the SU, inexperience, and member engagement. We're continuing to develop proposed solutions to these challenges.

IV. Appeals Regulation Group

A number of stakeholders from the University, including governance, the Registrar's Office, UAPS, Student OmbudService, Office of Student Judicial Affairs, and the Dean of Students meet



monthly to work on improvements to appeals policies. Our last meeting covered the process of amending appeals policies, and reviewed a list of priority areas for changes. They expect a new student groups policy to begin to take shape in the next semester.

V. AASUA Teaching and Learning Committee

The Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta held the first TLC meeting. This committee consists of academic staff, including Administrative Professional Officers, Faculty Service Officers, Contract Academic Staff: Teaching, and representatives from the SU and Provost's Office as nonvoting members. They discussed issues pertinent to academic staff, including teaching evaluation, teaching intensive tenure-track positions, and the Centre for Teaching and Learning. They also developed a position statement on USRIs, which states that student comments should no longer be anonymous, that the scales of the questions need to be redeveloped, that instructors should have access to more professional development opportunities, and that USRIs should be administered less frequently.

VI. COFA Senior Board

The Senior Board of the Council of Faculty Associations met for the first time this year. Representatives from the SU and 11 FAs/CAs shared their perspectives on FA best practices and important issues to students. We discussed the COFA retreat, FATEF, COFA Working Groups, and saw a presentation from the Education Students Association. COFA also determined their priorities for the year: addressing faculty budget cuts, reducing segregation between faculties, developing expertise around program planning, and increasing engagement in FA activities.

VII. Udacity and Online Learning

The University of Alberta recently signed an agreement to partner with online PSE provider, Udacity, to pursue the creation of online courses and research best online pedagogical practices. The VPX, VPOF, and I attended a private meeting with Google VP and Udacity CEO Dr. Sebastian Thrun. I participated in the Visioning Committee, whose recommendations spurred the MOU with Udacity. The report will be circulated for feedback in the coming months.

VIII. Student Engagement in International Issues

The Standing Advisory Council on International Engagement's Subcommittee on Student Engagement in International Issues, or what I endearingly refer to as SACIESSEII, is proposing a symposium to take place on January 30, 2013 during International Week. Students will be encouraged to submit their ideas and experiences related to international issues, study abroad, global education, internationalization, or for international students, their international perspective. More information will be available online via the UAI website.



IX. Students' Union Awards

Applications for SU Awards recently opened, and are open until November 23. Students with leadership, campus involvement, academic achievement, or community engagement experience should apply for one of the many awards available. More information can be found in the Student Aid Office.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

November 1, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

Power Plant

I am pleased to announce that we have signed an extension to our lease in the North Power Plant. The new agreement provides identical space at the same real dollar cost under similar terms. Key differences in this iteration of the lease include a protection for capital improvements funded by the SU and a commitment to work with the University long-term to develop the building.

SUB Renovations

Last week we met with our architects twice to review progress and provide feedback on interior and exterior design aspects. We continued the design process this week with a detailed discussion about interior design on the lower level and tower floors, and we will be presenting a draft Schematic Design report to the Steering Committee for information on Monday.

Our Marketing & Communications department has begun work on a communications plan for student consultations in late Fall and/or early Winter. We also have student volunteers providing input into the planning process for this campaign.

We are currently engaged in several strands of discussion with the University, including design, University governance requirements, project management and possible government financing.

Upcoming Activities

Next Monday I'll be attending the official groundbreaking for the PAW Centre. This is an exciting milestone for the project and I'm looking forward to the event!

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last two weeks include attending a GSJS Board meeting, a meeting about residence issues and discussions with the Vice President (Academic) about FA-related fees.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema.

October 19th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council (for October 23rd, 2012 Meeting)

1. Lobby Meetings + Elections Act

I've had a bunch of excellent lobby meetings recently. I had the opportunity to meet with NDP MPs Ryan Cleary (PSE Critic) and Linda Duncan. Not only did we discuss the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's (CASA) budget submission priorities, but we had the chance to bounce some ideas back-and-forth on Mr. Cleary's thoughts for higher education in Canada. Furthermore, he notified us that he's interested in hosting a national roundtable on post-secondary education (PSE) sometime in December and would love it if we came out. We're still waiting to hear from him on what the progress is like with this roundtable.

Additionally, I had the chance to meet with Conservative Laurie Hawn. While this meeting wasn't as lengthy and as exciting as the one with Mr. Cleary, where there was a lot of back-and-forth, Mr. Hawn was incredibly nice and straightforward. Historically, he has been very receptive to CASA's asks and this time was relatively no different. My meeting with him happened the same morning that the Conservative government announced huge investments into PSE research, which was a great coincidence.

Lastly, I had an excellent lunch with Liberal MLA Raj Sherman (leader of the Liberal party). Colten, Justin, and I not only had the chance to go over the Council of Alberta University Students' lobby priorities (which was consolidated in the Students' Union's new and specially made lobby document) but we bounced back some of Mr. Sherman's PSE ideas. He was interested in hearing what our thoughts were on reducing tuition by \$1,000 and we raised the fact that we find targeting students who the most vulnerable in not getting an education and being indebted the most extremely important. After our lunch, he spent time with a group of students to chat about a wide-range of policy issues that they raised. This was hosted by the Student Network for Advocacy and Public Policy (SNAPP) and the Political Science Undergraduate Students' Association (PSUA). Props to both groups and Councillor Navneet Khinda for organizing this! On another note, I keep hearing from my sources that the Elections Act will change in the upcoming fall sitting of the legislative assembly. The question is: by how much? We shall see...

2. Provincial Budget Consultations

On Saturday, the Provincial Government hosted its 2012 Budget Consultations. This was an excellent consultation process that had a workshop style to it. Furthermore, the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Stephen Khan, hosted this same session in his constituency, St. Albert. I attended both events and made sure that investing in education was a priority. I was extremely surprised by what the other attendees said in terms of the provincial budget – primarily, invest greater in the social core services and raise taxes (even though the provincial government wasn't consulting on the revenue side of the budget). At both events, I had the opportunity to meet a bunch of MLAs and build on top of my connections with them. It was an excellent time and the MLAs really see us students being active in their consultation processes – from the Social Policy Framework to this.

3. External Advocacy Team

Two first years on the External Advocacy Team accompanied me to Saturday's budget consultation session, Bashir Mohammed and Ross Hamilton. They raised the priorities for education at their tables,

mingled with a bunch of MLAs and bureaucrats, and showed leadership within their respective groups. I was extremely proud of this and they had an absolute blast.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Fall Sitting of the 28th Legislature will commence at 1PM and the session will continue till 3PMish. I'd love it for folks interested in external advocacy, including Councillors, to attend the session with me and experience provincial governance firsthand. I may have a couple extra tickets, so if you're interested in this and have read my report prior to the event, then give me a shout as soon as possible!

Additionally, I've had over twelve one-on-ones with individuals interested in getting involved with the external advocacy team, so I'm feeling super happy about this humble progress thusfar! Upcoming sessions that I have in mind will be media training and a lobby "simulation" where you get to grill a mock Minister. Furthermore, I'm trying to get members from this team accompany me to some lobby meetings to give them the chance to get their feet wet in advocacy. If any members (or yourself) are extremely interested in these activities but feel very uncomfortable in the material, give me a shout and we'll set some time aside and I'll brief you on a bunch of information. We'll figure something out.

4. Other Outings

I had the opportunity to briefly meet one of the candidates for the Progressive Conservative's (PC) President of their Association, Jim McCormick, at a small function with other youth involved with the PC. He seemed like a nice guy and spoke on some PSE issues, which I liked.

Furthermore, I was offered a free ticket last minute to attend PC MLA Steve Young's fundraiser where Premier Alison Redford spoke. It was a great time to meet a bunch of other MLAs, catch up with the SU's MLA, Steve Young, and bump into Premier Redford. Highlight? Possibly her calling me "preppy" dresser.

Right now I'm working on trying to confirm an apolitical Observer status at both the Wildrose and the PC AGM/Convention in November, which is proving rather difficult. But this will be an amazing opportunity to better familiarize MLAs from both parties, as I have with the NDP when I attended their 45th Annual AGM and Convention earlier this month, with the SU and CAUS.

Signing off,



Petros Kusmu

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November 1st, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council (for November 6th, 2012 Meeting)

1. The Future of Alberta's Post-Secondary Education System Conference

For the past two weeks and for the rest of my term, I will focus a lot of my efforts on organizing a conference based on the Future of Alberta's Post-Secondary Education System. This conference has been picking up a lot of ground but still has a tremendous amount of work today with an especially tight time frame (approximately 3.5 months).

In addition to have meetings with both the Steering (eight members from all of the organizations from other undergraduate and graduate student organizations in Alberta) and "Executive" (three members from each organization, including myself) committee every week, I've been heading a lot of the progress by drafting not only the conference's visioning document but its sponsorship package.

Furthermore, I've been working with the Students' Union's (SU) General Manager and its Programming and Venues Manager to start working out the details and logistics behind actually organizing the conference. A big outcome from this was a tentative budget to work off of.

Last week, I also had the opportunity to meet with the University of Alberta's University Relations – its Vice President and a Senior Administrator. Both of them expressed serious interest in assisting with the conference's delivery and being a serious stakeholder in the conference. However, a more solid proposal is needed to further convince them and the rest of the University's administration to seriously assist with the conference, i.e. provide funding and free space for the conference.

In addition to the University administration expressing excitement in this conference and needing a sponsorship proposal to provide funding, the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (MEAE) has also expressed both things. Last week, I also talked with one of the MEAE's Managers and the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) primarily in-charge of post-secondary education (PSE) and they were ecstatic about hosting such a conference.

2. Market Modifiers + Elections Act + Property Tax

While I was talking to one of the ADMs in the MEAE last week about the conference, we also chatted about rumors of graduate students having a \$2,000 tuition increase via a market modifier. The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) has been lobbying extensively for the past couple of years to close the market modifiers loophole so when we heard these rumors we immediately started any kind of advocacy efforts – from raising this issue to the MEAE in-person to collaborating with the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) on developing strategies. On October 19th, I did an interview with the Gateway's April Hudson about it and an excellent article was produced as a result ("Grad students may see \$2,000 market modifier increase" – October 24th) – of which I was quoted in nearly half of it. The ADM cited this article during our chat and assured me that this was just an unfeasible idea that the University administration was floating around. I consider this a "mini-win" here.

Another "win" that we're expecting is the Elections Act changing. We keep hearing from everybody that the section in the Elections Act that specifically singles-out students will be "changed". The question is

how much will it be changed? We're afraid that instead of completely removing the section that singles-out students that the section will be rewritten in another way. Either way, we're quite pleased to hear that some sort of change is coming all the way from all parties.

In regards to property taxes, this has picked up some excitement recently. Our partners at the University of Lethbridge met with their Member of the Legislative Assembly, Associate Minister Greg Weadick, to talk about this issue and he gave some great strategic advice on how to approach this. Furthermore, he gave a hint that there was some political traction in favor of us with this priority. However, during our meeting with the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Minister Stephen Khan, his Chief of Staff indicated to us that we needed to do a significantly better job in collaborating with not only our respective municipalities but municipalities all over the province that has student residences. Now that the Alberta Student Executive Council (ASEC) is also lobbying on this issue, there is great opportunity for us to work together on this issue. With increased traction, I've been working with the SU's Advocacy Director to draft a (belated) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University's Facilities and Operations. That way students can ensure that if property taxes ever get eliminated, the saved costs would go straight into deferred maintenance for residences.

3. CAUS LobbyCon + CAUS Budget Submission Document

This week, CAUS had the opportunity to do a mini-LobbyCon where we spent a day to meet with all political parties to present not only our yearlong priorities but also our newly produced budget submission document. Our budget submission document asks for changing the Access to the Future Fund to focus solely on matching scholarship and bursary donations for students instead of infrastructure for our PSE institutions, increasing open data on PSE statistics/figures, and ensuring that the Progressive Conservative's (PC) adhere to their campaign promise for a \$17 million grant for Aboriginal and Rural students being implemented in 2013.

Colten and the others had the chance to meet with a slew of Wildrose MLAs, including its Leader. I had the opportunity to meet with Kent Hehr, the Liberal Party's PSE critic. We had an extremely spirited conversation and a lot of our points were well received for the most part. After that, we had lunch in the Legislature's cafeteria, ran into a bunch of MLAs and staffers, and got introduced at the Legislature.

To conclude our day, we met with Minister Khan, the MEAE ADM primarily in charge of PSE, his Chief of Staff, and his Communications staffer. We had a surprisingly lengthy meeting (one hour) that covered a range of topics. Furthermore, we had debate on a variety of issues and the Minister encouraged us to draft what we think would be a fair consultative framework in regards to mandatory non-instructional fees. (Which I personally have very mixed feelings about...) At the end of the day, the meeting went pretty good for the most part, but a long six-month wait to formally meet with him is still unreasonable.

4. Politically Active Groups + External Advocacy Team

Great strides have been taken to work towards my goal of creating a network of politically active student groups on campus by meeting with numerous student group executives. These newly formed relationships have already paid off – from finding ways to collaborate in hosting politicians on campus to getting unique opportunities to attend numerous political functions at no cost. I plan on hosting a mixer between all of these executives sometime this semester to give these groups the chance to not only

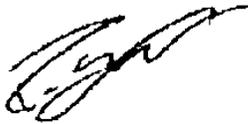
network with myself but to build relationships with other groups on campus and, thereby, create a more politically engaged campus.

Additionally, this weekend (Sat, November 3rd) the Vice President Academic and myself will host a comprehensive advocacy training session. The attendance numbers look relatively good for the most part. During the external advocacy portion of the day, I not only plan on giving participants the opportunity to take part in lobby simulations but they'll also hear some wise words from the past Leader of Alberta's Opposition and the Liberal Party, Kevin Taft!

5. PC and Wildrose AGM

As mentioned in my previous reports, this year I plan on familiarizing myself with members of all political parties by attending their respective AGMS & Conventions as an apolitical observer – something that other provincial undergraduate and graduate lobby organizations commonly do. A while back, I attended the NDP's AGM. The PC and Wildrose AGM are both in November, so it should be an exciting month for politicking.

Signing off,



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Nov 2, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hi Council. I hope your midterms and October 31 holiday adventures went well.

I have been busy, both at work and personally, as I have been attending a number of events and have been making a considerable amount of progress on a number of my goals.

Nov. 1 marked the first day of the second half of our terms in office and for the VP Operations and I, the 75% mark in our service to the SU. In some ways I feel that this time has been short and in some ways I feel that I have been here forever. Hopefully we can maximize our contribution to this great organization in the last 25% that we have left, the home stretch so to speak.

Here is my two-week update.

Deputy Minister Dinner @ CCIS

I had a wonderful evening at the DM Celebration of Water Research dinner at CCIS on Oct. 23 (the reason I was not at our last Council meeting). The dinner was a hotspot for public officials, BoG members, highly esteemed researchers, teachers, and students, and University administration. I had a heyday lobbying everyone and their grandmother (literally some of the people I lobby are grandmothers) on Post Secondary issues. I had a number of great conversations with BoG members and was really interested to hear their perspectives on a number of student issues. I feel that we have a great opportunity to leverage change, as there seems to be a growing interest within the community to support and invest in students and young people.

All-Canadian Athlete Breakfast

The VPSL and I attended the All-Canadian Athlete Breakfast, which was an awards ceremony and breakfast hosted to celebrate all of our varsity athletes that achieved an 80%+ average last year (B-average). I would like to further congratulate Pandas Volleyball All-Star Setter Jaki Ellis and Golden Bears' World Champion Curler Brendan Bottcher for receiving the top female and male student athlete awards respectively. I think that it is fantastic to see the amazing contributions and efforts that our student athletes put into their sporting activities while still managing to be successful in their academics. Despite being held at 7:00am the breakfast was wonderful.

SERC – First Meeting

We had our first meeting of SERC and covered general introductions and brainstormed some topics of interest that we would like to address through the committee this year. It was very clear to me that we have a great amount of experience within our membership and a lot of passion to research and create proposals to influence significant change. We did a quick run-through of the Terms of Reference and had a roundtable discussion about our expectations of the committee, its members, and our role within the SU and University community. Everyone had a number of great ideas and I am excited to see what

kinds of successes we can achieve this year. At our next meeting we will be electing a Chair and creating a workplan for the year.

Council Retreat

I had a great time at Council Retreat and the post-retreat RATT get-together. I was especially fond of the amazing Safe Spaces training session presented to us by ISMSS. Big thanks to Kelsey and her CAC team for organizing the retreat!

Sustainability Awareness Week Launch

On Monday the VPSL and I had a great time hanging out in the cold serving food at the SAW Kickoff event in Quad. Despite the temperature (which was not even that bad) we had a lot of fun riding the Music is a Weapon bikes, playing with the photo booth, hanging out with the Office of Sustainability staff, and serving delicious food to students. I really enjoy interacting with the general student populace, which is something that I have had less time to do as President than I did during my term as VPSL.

Meetings with Doug Dawson – Break in Residence Contract and Residence Services Expense Report Discussions

The VPSL, DRPA, Doug Dawson, and I had two great meetings on Monday. The first meeting we discussed how we will accommodate students with the new Break in Contract rules (ask me a question if you want more detail, it is too complicated to write down) and the second we received a breakdown and explanation of the Residence Services operating budget.

CAUS Lobby Day at the Legislature

On Wednesday we had a full day at the Legislature and nailed down meetings with several members from the Wildrose and Liberal Caucuses. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our session with the Alberta NDP due to their busy schedule but we will surely meet in the future. The highlight of the day: we had a lengthy meeting with the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education and were happy to see his keen interest in our asks and portfolio. I am sure that the VPX will report more thoroughly on these meetings. We also had the pleasure of being introduced at the meeting of the Legislature and getting to watch question period. I will say, our Council meetings can get rowdy, but we are much politer than our counterparts in the Legislature.

Campus 2 Campus Introductory Meeting

The VPSL and I were introduced to Kanen Tang from the Campus 2 Campus advocacy group. Campus 2 Campus is a new advocacy group from the School of Public Health that is lobbying for improved bicycle infrastructure in Edmonton and is specifically pushing for a dedicated bike lane linking North Campus and Campus St. Jean. The group is very interested in promoting commuter safety, especially after the tragic incident involving UofA student Isaak Kornelson this summer. The VPSL and I are attending their meeting/press release happening later today.

COFA Senior Board

I attended our first meeting of the COFA Senior Board, which is chaired by the VPA. The Senior Board brings together a number of FA Executives and allows them to facilitate discussion on a number of key issues that they all face. I was very pleased with the quality of people in the room and I believe that the Board could become very effective with a few structural and operational changes.

Victor CUI Speech and WISEST Lectureship

Last night I attended two outstanding lectures. First, I travelled to the FIJI house to listen to an outstanding guest lecture from one of our Epsilon Alpha Alumni Victor Cui who is a past SU VP Internal (VPSI) and is now an extremely successful entrepreneur and owns and operates the ONE fighting championship in Asia (similar to the UFC). Mr. Cui is extremely talented and passionate and I learned a lot from his talk. I had the privilege of speaking to him for about twenty minutes after his talk and received a lot of great advice on how to transfer the skills that I have acquired working with the SU to the workplace and my career in the future.

Second, I attended the WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology) 30th Anniversary and Lectureship. There were a number of outstanding speakers and very influential women speaking of the importance of diversity and accommodation to diversity in the workplace. I learned a lot by viewing the "History of WISEST" exhibit held in the CCIS PCL Lounge. Also, the food was amazing!

Summary

Time is zooming by and I am getting a lot done. Unfortunately, I am starting to get pretty tired. Hopefully I can get a good rest this weekend and be back at it.

Ways to get involved:

- Sign up for a Campus Cup team! There is still time!
- Start thinking about running for an executive position and let us know if you are so we can provide you with support. Also, please let us know if you know anyone whom you think would be good!
- I was thinking about hosting a job-shadow day for people interested in running for executive portfolios so let me know what you think of this idea.
- Come to Advotraining this weekend! Ask Dustin or Petros for details.

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.

November 6th, 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 makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

To be honest, not too much Council- or Board-related activity has occurred on my end since we last met. We had a Bylaw committee meeting where we heard from a number of DFU's regarding some concerns they had with specific elements of Bylaw. However, questions about that would be best addressed to the Chair of Bylaw. One development of note, however, was concerns I raised over the usage of the term "colonize" by the fraternity community here on campus and elsewhere. In response to some of the discussion that followed, I took the opportunity to get in contact with the Director of the Student OmbudService to get her perspective on the usage of the term and some potential positive steps forward. She has given me permission to post her response here:

"Thank you Brent for your questions. The role of the Student OmbudService is to promote fairness on campus. We act as impartial third parties to aid in the resolution of problems and disputes. We do not have any formal decision-making powers. The SOS supports the University community in healthy and respectful dialogue on controversial issues. In this regard, we promote detailed discussion and reflection on the use of language that may be sensitive and/or offensive to our University members.

In this instance, you are asking about a term that has a long history and tradition in the fraternity community but as you have noted, it also has a pejorative meaning for indigenous peoples throughout the world. Some fraternities do not use this term and despite tradition, terminology usually changes over time.

As you already know, we have policies in place to deal with disputes should discussions get heated and disruptive; we have many resources to help with informal resolution. You will attain the best results by ensuring that you engage in dialogue with all the stakeholders; I realize this goes well beyond our University campus as it includes a discussion in the realm of the fraternities. It would be helpful to look at the common goal(s) to be achieved; I am assuming that one goal is to recruit more members to reflect the diverse membership of University communities.

This is a wonderful challenge. As you move forward, it is important to know of the many resources in our University to help facilitate this discussion, including Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights, Dean of Students Fraternity and Sorority Advisor, University faculty, and many others.”

As the Director has noted, there are plenty of on-campus resources to utilize as we move forward. I'd be happy to work together with any individuals or groups who want to move forward in a positive direction on this issue.

That's about it for now. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2012
Telus 134

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-13)

2012-13/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

2012-13/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2012

2012-13/2

PRESENTATIONS

2012-13/2b

Student Attributes: Background and University of Alberta Suggested Attributes. Presented by Dustin Chelen, Vice President Academic. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen.

Abstract: The academic plan of the University commits to "articulating and supporting the development of core sets of skills, attributes, and values to be incorporated into graduate and undergraduate programs, while recognizing that each Faculty will best decide how to move in this direction, which could include reviewing and updating the curriculum." The CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies, co-chaired by the SU VPA, has brought together professors, administrators, and students from across the University to develop a list of attributes reflective of the UofA learning environment. This presentation will update Council on the background and the suggested list of attributes.

2012-13/2a

The Council of Alberta University Student (CAUS): What is CAUS? Why does the U of A SU Care? Presented by the CAUS Chair and University of Calgary Students' Union Vice President External, Raphael Jacob. Sponsored by Vice President External (VPX), Petros Kusmu.

Abstract:

The VPX spends majority of their time on provincial lobbying through CAUS. What is CAUS and why should the UASU care, exactly? This presentation will provide an overview of CAUS, a brief history, some of our major achievements, and things that we're currently working on.

2012-13/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-13/7b

HODGSON/CHELEN MOVES TO appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Audit Committee

Nominations: Gensler

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Gensler

2012-13/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report

2012-13/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kelsey Mill, CAC Chair- Report

2012-13/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes

Automatic Recess at 7:45pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:00pm

2012-13/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-13/6a

KHINDA/MCGINN MOVES THAT, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council amend the Political Policy "Sustainability" in first reading based on the following principle:

1. The notion of sustainability encompasses the three pillars of economic, environmental, and social sustainability
2. The Policy will expire in April 2015

Speakers List: Khinda, McGinn, Gensler, Sumar, Hodgson

Motion: CARRIED

2012-13/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-13/7a

SMITH/SUMAR MOVES THAT Students' Council approve Bill # 3 that Students' Council adapt Bylaw 100 Section 19 (Conflict-of-Interest) in first reading based on the following principles

1. For the purpose of this Bylaw, membership in a group shall be defined as a member who is closely and directly involved with that organization.
2. There should be a time limit to challenge a motion to DIE Board.
3. In extraordinary circumstances a member of council should be allowed to retroactively change their vote to an abstention in the case of conflict of interest.

Speakers List: Smith, McGinn, Hodgson, Crone, Sumar, Chelen, Babic, Kelly, Milner, Cheema

SUMAR/MCGINN MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

SMITH/SUMAR MOVES THAT Students' Council approve Bill # 3 that Students' Council adapt Bylaw 100 Section 19 (Conflict-of-Interest) in first reading based on the following principles

1. For the purpose of this Bylaw, membership in a group shall be clarified to reflect close and direct involvement with that organization.
2. There should be a time limit to challenge a motion to DIE Board.
3. In extraordinary circumstances a member of council should be allowed to retroactively change their vote to an abstention in the case of conflict of interest.

Motion(friendly): CARRIED

HODGSON/MILNER MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

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1. For the purpose of this Bylaw, membership in a group shall be clarified to reflect close and direct involvement with that organization.
2. There should be a time limit to challenge a motion to DIE Board.

Milner called to question

CARRIED

Motion: FAILED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Milner abstain

SUMAR/MCCUTCHEON MOVED TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to ERC.

Nominations: Hanwell

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Hanwell

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

Nominations: Hodgson

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Hodgson

Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm

Councillor Attendance Records							
2010-2011		Attendance					
Council Seats (40 total) Name		9/11/2012 SC 12-10	9/25/2012 SC 12-11	10/9/2012 SC 12-12	10/23/2012 SC 12-13		
Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)							
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President	Colten Yamagishi	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP External	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	0.5	Y		
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP Student Life	Saadq Sumar	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)							
ALES	Leon Milner	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Dongwoo Kim	Y	N	Y	0.5		
Arts	Mike McGinn	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	0.5	Y	Y		
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y(p)	Y	0.5	Y		
Arts	Dylan Hanwell		Y	N(p)	Y		
Arts	Erin Borden	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y	Y		
Augustana (Faculty)	Jame Vy			Y	Y		
Business	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)		
Business	Tim Holt	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
Education	Kevin Smith	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Education	Tanya Morin			Y	Y		
Education	Jason Hong				0.5		
Engineering	Wen Yu Liang	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Engineering	Vacant						
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Law	Mario Babic	Y	Y	0.5	Y		
Medicine & Dentistry	Ola Rydz	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Native Studies	Quetzala Carson	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
Nursing	Joanne Reynolds			Y	Y(p)		
Open Studies	Mark McCormack			Y	Y		
Pharmacy	Sarah Choudhry	Y	Y	0.5	Y(p)		
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant						
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	Julia Jackson	N	Y	Y	0.5		
Science	Jeffry Kochikuzhyil	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	Louis Nguyen	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	Victoria Pham	Y	0.5	Y	Y		
Science	Glenn Gensler	N	Y	N	Y		
Science	Nicholas Monfries	0.5	Y	N	Y		
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y	0.5	Y		
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)							
Speaker	Rory Tighe	Y	Y	Y	Y		
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	0.5	N	N		