

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday March 12, 2013  
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## ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-22)

### 2012-22/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-22/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 26th, 2013

### 2012-22/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-22/2a Title: SUB Renovation Design Development  
Presented by: Andy Cheema and Marc Dumouchel  
Sponsored by: Andy Cheema

The presenters will summarize the SUB Renovation Design Development Report, which encompasses the most up-to-date design considerations. Changes and enhancements since Schematic Design will be summarized. This document will be discussed in the context of the overall project delivery strategy. The presentation precedes a motion to approve the report at the following meeting.

### 2012-22/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### 2012-22/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2012-22/5 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2012-22/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-22/6a **CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #16 in first reading based on the following principles:

Associations should not have to inform the VPA of advocacy to the University or Government but Associations must present to and receive approval from Students' Council if they wish to advocate contrary to SU political policy.

2012-22/6b **CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #17 in first reading based on the following principles:

- Sections of the bylaw should be reordered or reformatted for consistency and clarity.
- The definition and use of "Affiliated Association" should be expanded to

include "Program Associations" and the definition and use of "Program Association" should be eliminated.

- COFA should be advisory to the Students' Union, not just the VPA.
- Definitions of association memberships should be included in the schedule, and eliminated from bylaw.
- The VPA should consult with the Student Governance Advisor before making any determinations as specified in section 11.
- Probationary status should be included in the schedule
- An association can be derecognized if it does not meet its conditions of probation by the time allowed.
- Newly recognized FAs will have probationary status.
- When an association is derecognized, the SU will hold on to its assets in trust until a new association for that faculty is recognized.
- Recognition should not be an annual process, but information should still be reported to the SU.
- FAs shall annually provide their officer contact information to the SU.
- Decisions to place an FA on probation should be made in adherence to the principles of natural justice.
- FAs shall have the right to use SU Executive or Council polling stations for elections, plebiscites, or referenda.
- Any amendments to this bylaw must be reported to FAs.

2012-22/6c

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #18 in first reading based on the following principles:

- FA officers shall annually sign a statement of expectations on the rules and policies that they must adhere to.

2012-22/6d

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #19 in first reading based on the following principles:

No association shall collect a mandatory fee that is not a Faculty Association Fee.

2012-22/6e

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #20 in first reading based on the following principles:

- Financial statements for fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an accountant.
- Financial statements for non fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an external, qualified, and impartial individual or group.

2012-22/6f

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #21 in first reading based on the following principles:

Audit committee shall retain the right to conduct an investigation in to the finances or operations of an FA, or request the results of an audit.

2012-22/6g

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #22 in first reading based on the following

principles:

- Faculty Association Fees shall be collected for a term no longer than five years.
- Campus Association Transfer Payments shall be renegotiated at least every five years.

**2012-22/6h**

**CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #23 in first reading based on the following principles:

- Sections of the bylaw should be reordered or reformatted for consistency and clarity.
- Financial statements will be defined to be a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.
- Accountant shall be defined as a person with the designation of CA, CMA, or CGA as recognized by Canadian accounting bodies.
- Financial reports will be submitted within six months of an Association's fiscal year end.
- Financial irregularities will be immediately reported to Audit Committee.
- Intent to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to the SU before November 15.
- A proposal to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to Council before December 15.
- Council will approve or deny the proposal no less than 30 days before the commencement of voting in the Executive and Board of Governors election.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association acquires probationary status.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association fails to report their finances.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association's budget or financial statements don't reflect the allocation proposed to Council.

**2012-22/6i**

**MCGINN/CHOUDHRY MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 24 in first reading based on the following principles:

The Students' Union shall not allow for the implementation of a dedicated fee unit that:

- a. Would cause Students' Council to breach its fiduciary responsibility to the Students Union; or
- b. Supports activities that are beyond the scope and mandate of the Students' Union as outlined in the Post Secondary Learning Act s 93(3).

**2012-22/6j**

**BABIC/HODGSON MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 25, the Human Candidate Solidarity Bill, in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Participation in student governance is highly encouraged by Students'

- 2012-22/6j** **BABIC/HODGSON MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 25, the Human Candidate Solidarity Bill, in first reading based on the following principles:
1. Participation in student governance is highly encouraged by Students' Council, and the bylaws of the organization ought to reflect that stance.
  2. Filling a vacant position and having an extra student voice is preferable to leaving the position empty and students unrepresented.
- 2012-22/6k** **KHINDA/CHELEN MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council rescind the "Co-ops and Internships" Policy
- Please see document SC 12-22.01
- 2012-22/6l** **KHINDA/CRONE MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council pass the "Experiential Learning" Policy in first reading based on the following principles:
- Experiential learning effectively encompasses skills and knowledge that reinforces and/or compliments what has been taught as part of curriculum such as internships, practica, co-ops, placements, work experience, undergraduate research, work abroad, community service learning courses, and field experience.
  - The Students' Union will advocate for increased opportunities for experiential learning
  - The Students' Union acknowledges that as knowledge becomes more easily available and accessible to everyone, more practical experience is important to make a university experience relevant
  - The Students' Union shall strive to eliminate barriers to participation in Experiential Learning activities/programs such as lack of funding, program requirements, awareness of opportunities, and the various challenges faced by particular demographics of students, such as international students, Aboriginal, and rural students and students recognized by SSDS.
- 2012-22/6m** **KHINDA/ORYDZUK MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council update the "Academic Materials" Policy in first reading with the following principles:
- The Students' Union shall maintain focus on academic materials as part of the substantial costs of pursuing post-secondary education
  - The Students' Union shall encourage accessibility to academic materials
  - The Students' Union shall keep up to date with current Copyright and academic material regulations
  - The Students' Union shall work with key stakeholders to address the barriers to accessible academic materials
- Please see document SC 12-22.02
- 2012-22/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**

Please see document SC 12-22.03

**2012-22/8b** Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 12-22.04

**2012-22/8c** Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report

Please see document SC 12-22.05

## IV.CO-OP AND INTERNSHIPS

WHEREAS having access to relevant professional experience through co-operative and internship placements forms an integral part of an engaging educational experience and allows students to gain practical experience, as well as relationships with employers in their professional community, thereby better equipping them to be effective contributors to the workforce;

WHEREAS a number of other Canadian universities have already adopted measures to facilitate the participation of international students in co-operative and internship opportunities;

WHEREAS six (6) faculties at the University of Alberta offer some form of cooperative or internship opportunity to undergraduates, not including practicum placements that are mandatory for professional certification after graduation;

WHEREAS only three (3) of these opportunities are currently available to international students;

WHEREAS students with valid study permits who wish to take part in a cooperative placements or internship program are eligible to apply for a work permit under federal statute provided that the co-operative placement or internship:

- a. Forms an essential part of their program of study in Canada;
- b. Is certified as part of the academic program by a responsible academic official of the institution; and
- c. Does not form more than 50 percent of the total program of study;<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS off-campus work opportunities are not equivalent to co-operative placements or internships in University definitions nor according to federal regulation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with individual faculties to ensure that co-operative or internship programs are accessible to all students within the Faculty who are academically eligible to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall lobby the University, the government and other significant bodies to ensure that there is equality in admission requirements to faculty-specific co-operative or internship programs at the University of Alberta.

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<sup>3</sup> *The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration*. "Work Opportunities for Foreign Students." <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-opps.html#coop> (8 August 2006).

## I.ACADEMIC MATERIALS

WHEREAS the true cost of being a student is composed of many factors, such as tuition, fees, cost of living, foregone wages, and academic materials;

WHEREAS the rate of textbook price increases have exceeded the rate of inflation over the last decade; at the University of Alberta, the average textbook price increased between 1995 and 2007 was 280%.<sup>1</sup> Over the same period, the Consumer Price Index only rose 22%;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS students are increasingly required to purchase peripheral academic materials and other equipment to succeed in their courses;

WHEREAS these peripheral materials are not standardized across courses and faculties, which often leads to the mandatory purchase of several versions of the same equipment;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada already has mechanisms in place for Goods and Services Tax (GST) exemptions;

WHEREAS there are no provincial sales taxes levied on books for Canadian provinces that use a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST);

WHEREAS the Book Importation Regulations approved by the Governor General in Council in July 1999 allowed book importers to charge a premium of 10% on books imported from the United States and 15% on books from any other country;

WHEREAS the use of copyrighted material for scholarship has been affirmed in both the Supreme Court of Canada's 2004 decisions *CCH Canadian Ltd. v. Law Society of Upper Canada*, and *SOCAN v. CAIP*, where the Supreme Court articulated that the rights of creators must be respected, but that user rights must be given a liberal interpretation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will pressure academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations, and post-secondary institutions to engage in practices designed to lower the costs of academic materials to students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will educate instructors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them;

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***Ruling #1***

March 2013: General Election of Students' Council and GFC  
Bhavin Patel: Admitted to Augustana Students' Council Election

***Parties to the Ruling***

Bhavin Patel, Candidate for Augustana Students' Council  
Cindy Roose, Executive Director, Augustana Students' Association  
Farid Iskandar, Chief Returning Officer

***Applicable Rules and Regulations***

Bylaw 2300 §8 (Acceptance of Candidate Nominations)

***Facts***

1. At approximately 17:00 on February 15, 2013 the Chief Returning Officer received a fax from Augustana with two nomination packages for Students' Council. The two nomination packages did not include Bhavin Patel.
2. At approximately 11:00 on February 21, 2013 Cindy Roose, Executive Director, Augustana Students' Association, requested the C.R.O. to remove Bhavin Patel from the list of candidates for students' council because he was allegedly ineligible to run. At approximately 11:35 on February 21, 2013 the C.R.O. informed Cindy Roose that he never received a nomination package from Bhavin Patel. The C.R.O. further request information as to why Bhavin Patel's nomination was deemed ineligible.
3. At approximately 13:10 on February 21, 2013 Cindy Roose informed the C.R.O. of the reason. At approximately 13:10 on February 21, 2013, the C.R.O. informed Cindy Roose that the reason provided may apply to Augustana Students' Association, but that it does not apply to Students' Council Elections. At approximately 14:00 on February 22, 2013 requested from Cindy Roose to inquire if Bhavin Patel is still interested in running for Students' Council.
4. At approximately 10:05 on February 26, 2013 the C.R.O. received a complete nomination package for Bhavin Patel.
5. At approximately 15:50 on February 26, 2013 the C.R.O. sent Bhavin Patel an email informing him that his nomination package is accepted and will be allowed to be introduced to Students' Council Elections

***Ruling***

1. Bhavin Patel's nomination package was complete and handed in on time before the February 15, 2013 deadline.
2. An administrative error has occurred, which should not stop Bhavin Patel from running is Students' Council. The C.R.O. appreciate Cindy Roose's cooperation and expedient response to his requests.



***Decision***

1. Bhavin Patel will be allowed to run in Students' Council

So Decided: Wednesday February 27 @ 11:15. Time limit to appeal: Thursday February 28 @ 15:15

Please direct any inquiries towards:

Farid Iskandar  
Chief Returning Officer



March 7, 2013

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

Below, see a report for my activities over the last two weeks.

### **I. Fall Reading Week**

Fall Reading Week was scheduled to be presented to the GFC Executive committee for a vote on March 4. After being withdrawn from the agenda by the Provost, I lobbied to have it re-introduced for discussion. Despite concerns from the Provost and University Governance, I'm pleased to say that a Fall Reading Week proposal will be presented to GFC for discussion on March 14.

### **II. Academic Advising**

At the latest APPRTF meeting, the Provost agreed to gather a team to discuss issues to be improved regarding academic advising. We also developed plans to gather advisors during the summer, to facilitate the sharing of best practices.

### **III. Bookstore Satellite Locations**

A large portion of my time over the past two weeks was devoted to campaigning and participating in the SU election.

### **IV. Miscellaneous**

I attended the Ignite conference on the future of PSE in Alberta, have met with CBAS and the MSA, and attended an "SU Ask Me Anything" hosted by Discover Governance. Finally, it was announced that two locations of the Bookstore would be closing: the Book Cellar in HUB and Rutherford Corner in Enterprise Square.

Sincerely,

  
Dustin Chelen

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**To:** Students' Council**Re:** Report to Council

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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.

I'm eager to attend the meeting of the Board coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup>, as I'm sure we'll be discussing the financial peril of our post-secondary education system. I'm extremely concerned what the massive funding shortfall will mean for the University of Alberta – and for students here. It would appear that the University is going to have to take even more drastic action this time. Whether it be cuts to faculty, staff, or enrollment, I'm ready to hold the administration accountable.

As the cuts loom, I'll be pushing for increased consultation as the administration moves forward. It's imperative that the administration do a good job of including the constituents in the dialogues as they move forward with changes to the system. If consultation is inadequate, administration will be sure to hear about it.

On a more positive note, the University of Alberta is launching its inaugural Pride Week. I'm a little confused as to why this didn't happen long ago, but nevertheless, I'm happy to see that

things are moving in the right direction.

The launch of the Pride Week will be on 1pm Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Timms Centre.

Indira will be speaking there, and perhaps she'll have a chance to explain why it took so long for Pride Week to come to the U of A. For more information you can check out

[www.prideweek.ualberta.ca](http://www.prideweek.ualberta.ca).

In addition, there is another round of Safe Spaces training provided by iSMSS coming up on March 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be at 9:30-11 AM in 122 Education South. I'll probably be attending, so just let me know if you'd like to come along and I'll RSVP for you.

Other than that, I'm looking forward to seeing you all Tuesday. I hope the stress of papers and midterms isn't too much. Remember to take some time for self-care!

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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

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# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-21)

- 2012-21/1**      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- Meeting called to order at 6:04pm
- 2012-21/1a**      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2013
- 2012-21/2**      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2012-21/3**      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2012-21/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Kelsey Mills, CAC Chair- Report
- 2012-21/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2012-21/6**      **BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2012-21/6a**      **CHEEMA/MCGINN MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve the 2013-2014 Budget Principles.
- Speakers List: Cheema, Kelly, Yamagishi
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2012-21/6b**      **CHEEMA/MCGINN MOVE THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation not to exceed three hundred and sixty thousand dollars, from the Building and Tenant Reserve and unrestricted reserves, for the purpose of the next planning phase of the SUB Renovation project.
- Speakers List: Cheema, Kelly, Hodgson
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2012-21/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2012-21/7a**      **BABIC/KELLY MOVE TO** appoint two (2) proxies from Students' Council to

the Bylaw committee.

**KELLY/HODGSON MOVE TO** amend the motion to read:  
**BABIC/KELLY MOVE TO** appoint two (2) proxies from Students' Council to the Bylaw committee until the current membership returns from the leave of absence.

**Motion: CARRIED**

Nominations: McGinn, Nguyen, Hodgson

Nominations Closed

Appointed: McGinn, Hodgson

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Councillor Attendance Records									
2012-2013		Attendance							
Council Seats (40 total)	Name								
		1/8/2013 SC 12-17	1/15/2013 SC 12-18	1/22/2013 SC 12-19	2/5/2013 SC 12-20	2/5/2013 SC 12-21			
Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)									
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President	Colten Yamagishi	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5			
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
VP External	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	0.5	Y	N			
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
VP Student Life	Saadiq Sumar	Y	Y	Y	Y	N			
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)									
ALES	Leon Milner	N	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Kathryn Orydzuk	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Mike McGinn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Dylan Hanwell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Arts	Erin Borden	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Augustana (Faculty)	Jame Vy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Business	Josh Le	Y	0.5	Y	Y	N			
Business	Tim Holt	N(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)	N			
Education	Kevin Smith	0.5	Y	Y	Y	N			
Education	Tanya Morin	0.5	0.5(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)			
Education	Jason Hong	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Engineering	Wen Yu Liang	N	N	N	N	N			
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	N	0.5(p)	Y	Y	N			
Engineering	Vacant								
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Law	Mario Babic	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y			
Medicine & Dentistry	Ola Rydz	Y(p)	0.5	Y(p)	Y	Y(p)			
Native Studies	Quetzala Carson	0.5	N	Y	Y	Y			
Nursing	Joanne Reynolds	Y	0.5(p)	Y	Y	Y			
Open Studies	Mark McCormack	N	0.5	0.5	Y	Y			
Pharmacy	Sarah Choudhry	N	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant								
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y(p)	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Science	Julia Jackson	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Science	Jeffry Kochikuzhyil	0.5(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Science	Louis Nguyen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Science	Victoria Pham	0.5	0.5	Y(p)	Y	Y			
Science	Glenn Gensler	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y			
Science	Nicholas Monfries	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)			
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)									
Speaker	Rory Tighe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	0.5	N	Y	Y			