

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday June 4th, 2013
ECHA 1-490

ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-03)

2013-03/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-03/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013

2013-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-03/2a SUB Renovation Financing Strategy Update by Marc Dumouchel sponsored by Josh Le.

Presentation abstract:

The SUB Renovation financing strategy relies on the U of A receiving financing from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority. Marc will explain the phasing and financing strategy of the SUB Renovation.

2013-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2013-03/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 13-03.01

2013-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2013-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2013-03/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-03/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2013-03/7a **LE MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) Board of Directors.

2013-063/7b **CHELEN MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the DIE Board tribune selection committee.

2013-03/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

2013-03/8a CAC Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 13-03.02

2013-03/8b Policy Committee Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 13-03.03

2013-03/8c Bylaw Committee Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 13-03.04

2013-03/8d Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 13-03.05

2013-03/8e Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 13-03.06

2013-03/8f Petros Kusmu, President- Report

Please see document SC 13-03.07

2013-03/8g Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document SC 13-03.08

May 9

KUSMU/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$2400.00 for the Vice President External Adam Woods, incoming and outgoing President's Colten Yamagishi and Petros Kusmu, and Director of Research and Political Affairs Justin Williams for the purpose of attending the CAUS Transition Retreat from May 11-14, 2013 in Canmore, Alberta.

5/0/0 CARRIED

May 15

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the Sponsorship Manager job description.

5/0/0 CARRIED

LE/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1900.00 for the General Manager Marc Dumouchel for the purpose of attending the AMICCUS-C Regional Conference from May 26-29, 2013 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

5/0/0 CARRIED

WOODS/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1750.00 for the Vice President (Student Life) William Lau for the purpose of attending the ACHA Conference from May 28 – June 1, 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts.

5/0/0 CARRIED

LAU/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$4900.00 for the Vice President External Adam Woods, President Petros Kusmu, and Director of Research and Political Affairs Justin Williams for the purpose of attending the CASA National Transition Conference from May 17-23, 2011 in Ottawa, Ontario.

5/0/0 CARRIED



COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 21, 2013

Time: 5:31 pm

2013 – 2014 *MEETING #3*

Motions

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| 1. | <i>CHELEN</i> moved that <i>May 21 agenda be approved as amended.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i> |
| 2. | <i>HANWELL</i> moved that <i>May 7 minutes be approved as amended.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/2</i> |
| 3. | <i>MILLS</i> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i> |
| 4. | | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>0/0/0</i> |



POLICY MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **May 28th 2013**

Time: **6.04 pm**

2013 – 2014 **MEETING 2**

Motions

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| 1. | <i>Adam</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for May 28, 2013 as amended.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i> |
| 2. | <i>Braiden</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i> |



BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 27th 2013

Time: 6.02pm

2013 – 2014 MEETING #3

Motions

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| 1. | GREHAN moved to <i>approve the agenda for May 27, 2013 as tabled.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> |
| 2. | GREHAN moved to <i>approve the minutes for May 13, 2013 as tabled.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> |
| 3. | GREHAN moved to <i>approve the revised Standing Orders.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> |
| 4. | DOUGLAS moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i> | <i>CARRIED</i> |



May 30, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

See below for a report on my activities for the past two weeks.

I. GovCamp

Kudos to the Speaker and Student Governance Officer for coordinating an excellent joint FA-Council retreat. Approximately 35 student representatives attended, and resources from sessions should be available online shortly.

II. Fall Reading Week

On behalf of the SU President, I presented to the GSA Board on the value of implementing a fall reading week. After an insightful conversation, the GSA Board chose to vote to support the implementation of such a week, which is a positive step forward. I also attended a meeting to discuss the Provost's Office's perspective on the week.

III. Comprehensive Institutional Plan

Also on the President's behalf, I attended a meeting of the Academic Planning Committee. The Provost and VP Finance and Administration presented on the University's Budget and Access Plans. After concerns about the removal of the wording "non-permanent" when describing the CoSSS fee, I moved to amend the document as such. The amendment was voted down, and I ultimately voted against approving the plans.

IV. Miscellaneous

I attended diversity training, a workshop on eUSRIs, lunch with University Governance, a presentation on the Alberta Council for Admissions and Transfer, and meetings of the Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force and the Convocation Committee. I also presented to 30 senior administrators from Chinese universities on the value of student government.



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 780-492-4236, or email me at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

May 30th, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for June 4th meeting)

Introduction

Hello Council,

I am very happy to be back home after almost a month out of town for the change over's of our provincial and federal lobby groups. I'm finally getting some much needed time in the office, which has mainly been compromised of responding to emails, attending meetings, sending out requests for lobby meetings and doing some planning and organizing into newly elected roles I've undertaken over the past month. In my report I'll cover my time at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations' (CASA's) changeover, the meetings I've attended in the past few days, plans for the weeks ahead and a brief overview of my Executive goals.

CASA:

I do not have all that much to say about my time in Ottawa, other than I learned a lot about federal lobbying and that it was a ridiculously busy week. On top of electing a new board and hiring a new National Director (ND), the week was spent educating everyone about the resources available to them and what the year would look like. I am happy to say that we both successfully elected a new board and decided upon a new ND.

There is a good amount of Alberta representation on the new Executive, as delegates from Athabasca, Mount Royal and Calgary all claimed a position. I will be able to release more detail on the hiring of the new CASA ND at a later time. I am also pleased to announce that I have been elected Chair of CASA's National Advocacy Team, which is the Committee that deals with planning and coordinating the organizations lobby efforts. Needless to say this is an honor and is keeping me very busy in the office. CASA's next conference will be Policy and Strategy in Lethbridge at the end of June, and our committee must decide upon recommendations for lobby priorities by then.

Meetings:

I have also spent a lot of my time since returning home in meetings. The first of which was all day on Monday, May the 27th between the Council of Alberta University Students', the Alberta Student Executive Council, the Alberta Graduate Council and the Civil Servants from the government of Alberta and also included presentations to Alberta's Council on Admissions and Transfers and the Deputy Minister.

Meetings with the Civil Servants were incredibly productive, and we spent the morning discussing what good potential changes to the Alberta Student Finance Board would look like. This would become a very wide conversation about student finance in general, which gave us student representatives the opportunity to discuss our lobby priorities.

Presentations to the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfers also went very well. CAUS's presentation focused on the fact that Alberta already has an incredible transfer system, and that any improvements should be focused on transfers between institutions in the same category and improving school curriculum language. Overall the presentation went very well. We closed off the day by discussing the upcoming quarterly meetings with Civil Servants from Minister Lukazsuk's office, and how things would proceed forward during the upcoming year. While no date has been set for this meeting as of yet, a draft agenda has been made presented.

I also had the opportunity to attend a TBAC-MBAC meeting between University officials, the Vice President Academic, the President and myself. It was a great opportunity to ask the University Administrators questions regarding the upcoming budget, however I imagine the VPA and President will cover this in more detail in their report given that this is more their area of expertise.

While not technically a meeting, I also had the opportunity to sit on the panel for Alberta Primetime on the topic of American students coming to Canada. This was an opportunity to bring up issues regarding International students, as well as high rates of tuition for both those from Canada and abroad. The panel came to the consensus that International students were good for Canadian Universities, however I reiterated the point that these students should be recruited in order to give them a high quality of education, not for the money they represent through differential tuition. If you would like to watch this video, it is available on Alberta Primetimes website.

Executive Goals:

This is the same rough draft report I provided to the policy committee regarding my goals. I would like to add that I am also considering making a large goal out of the upcoming Municipal Election due the recent increase of a chance regarding conversations around property taxes. Nonetheless, here are my goals as they currently stand:

Work towards the regulation of Mandatory-Non Instructional Fee's:

Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee's (MNIF's) are the Universities way of bypassing the tuition cap implemented in 2009. After being told they couldn't increase tuition above inflation, they created a whole new group of fees they claimed do not relate to tuition. While some of these fees are completely rational such as the Athletics and Recreational Fee and the Health Services Fee, we also pay nearly \$300 a year for the COSSS fee. We don't really know what this fee pays for, and it was initially promised as a one-time fee by the University to combat budget shortfalls.

We need to ensure that the University remains accountable to the tuition cap and its students by having some form of student approval mechanism. The University has a responsibility to justify the fees they charge us, and a student referendum process would ensure students would only pay fees they see legitimate value in. Our statistics show that 76% of the time students vote in favor of these fees. Ideally MNIF's should be legislated on in the upcoming review of the Post Secondary Learning Act.

Work to re create a student employment program in Alberta:

The Government of Alberta recently cut Alberta's Summer Temporary Employment Program, thus eliminating the only student focused employment program in Alberta. These types of programs are critical to students for both helping to pay tuition and finding employment that relates to their field of study.

My goal is to hold a roundtable between student stakeholders, the Ministry of Human Services, and the Ministry of Culture in order to discuss what a quality summer employment program would look like, and how it can be implemented. I believe that by working together with the government we can overcome this recent shortfall. As of now Canada is the only province or territory in Canada without a student employment program, and that is very detrimental to a student's ability to afford education.

Protect student interests within the Post Secondary Learning Act:

As I have mentioned before, there will likely be a review of the Post Secondary Learning Act in the upcoming

year. While this review will possess many opportunities to advance student interests in Alberta, it also could affect legislation that already protects students. Ultimately student representation in the University governance process needs to be protected. The review will also likely mean discussion of the Tuition Cap set place in 2009, and gives us the opportunity to have the cap legislated into the PSLA.

Collaborate with other Student Associations (SA's) across the province:

Every single goal I've mentioned above comes back to one factor; whether or not student leaders in Alberta can come to agreement on what actions should be taken in post secondary education (PSE). There are many different types of institutions in Alberta, along with many different provincial lobby groups all with different asks of the government. By collaborating with other SA's we can ensure our message is clear, and leave no doubt in the government's minds about what students feel is best for PSE.

Minister Lukaszuk has indicated he wants to meet with all the Presidents, Faculty Associations and student leaders of the 26 Alberta PSE institutions in the next year. I have the goal of meeting with as many student leaders of the 26 institutions as possible beforehand to work towards a united student voice.

Plans for the next few weeks:

At this point, I am very much in a planning and organizing stage. I've been trying to start up meetings for my goals of holding a roundtable on student employment, collaboration with student associations, the advocacy team and general lobbying regarding all of the issues I've identified. At this stage, this means a lot of emails and phone calls. Soon however, MLA's will begin hosting Constituency Barbeques which means I will soon be spending a lot of time tracking down politicians. As mentioned earlier, I'm also spending a good amount of time working on things related to CASA's External Advocacy Committee. While this position realistically won't take up too much of my time, this is the month in which it will take up the most. Ultimately, the time since I've returned home has flown by, but I couldn't be happier to be back. Feel free to ask any questions about this report, or anything else External related you might have been wondering about.

Thank you for your time,



Adam Woods

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May 31st, 2013

To: Students' Council
From: Petros Kusmu, President 2013-2014
Re: Report to Students' Council (for June 4th, Meeting)

Hello Council!

The travelling has ended... Well for now at least. Since my last report, I have been at two different retreats (one for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and the other, Students' Council Retreat/Govcamp). While it has been a blast travelling all over the place (and spending a tremendous amount of time with the Vice-President External Adam Woods), I am unbelievably excited to slow things down and have some time to do other work. Something that last year's Vice-President Operations & Finance – Andy Cheema – told me is that I shouldn't mistaken "activity for progress". This month had a tremendous amount of activity. But how about progress? I'd say it has been okay. But I'm excited for what the rest of the month has in store since I'll have a lot more a steady schedule.

With that being said, here's a really brief summary of the past two weeks. (Prepare yourself for a plethora of acronyms. Bonus prize to whoever can count it out and memorize them all. Actually.)

I. Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Executive Director (ED) Hiring

CAUS is hiring a new ED and I'm on the selection committee. So far we've only had one meeting but there has been a tremendous amount of applicants for the job. This will take up sometime in the coming weeks.

II. Board of Governors (BoG) and University Governance Meetings

I had my first Board Discovery Learning Committee (BDLC), Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC), and Tuition and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC-MBAC) this week. The main thing on the agenda was going over the institution's Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) – i.e. the institutions plan for the year (which includes their budget). A big play for the SU is the fact that we made sure the institution word the Common Student Space, Sustainability, and Services (CoSSS) Fee as "non-permanent" – which is language they removed from the CIP originally despite it always being called "non-permanent" in the past. (Vice-President Academic Dustin Chelen deserves a tremendous amount of props for the work he did here.) Furthermore, we continued to demand for more information surrounding the letters the Deans were sent regarding their faculty-specific cuts but we got zero traction on it. Dustin, Adam, and I will continue to hammer this issue in unison with the other associations on campus – Graduate Students' Association (GSA), Academic Staff Association at the University of Alberta (AASUA), Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA), and the Post-Doctoral Fellow Association (PDFA). Additionally, the association coalition has had chats on ways we can advocate the government to reinvest in post-secondary education (PSE) in its next budget. This may involve a revival of the "I LOVE AB PSE" campaign from the approximately a decade ago. I'll continue to keep you folks posted on this.

On another note, Arts Councillor Bashir Mohamed had sent the Acting Provost, Martin Ferguson-Pell, an email regarding the budget and deans letters. While Councillor Mohamed didn't receive a meeting with the Acting Provost, he was extremely willing to present to Council on the budget. (So start preparing some good questions for him in the meantime!) Furthermore, I'll be meeting with him next

week to talk about the budget in greater length.

III. CASA and Meeting with Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) Civil Servants

VPX Woods can brief Council in greater length about CASA's National Transition since that pertains to his portfolio. Furthermore, VPX Woods and I also spent a whole day with civil servants from EAE on various issues – from the Student Finance Board (SFB) being restructured to having the opportunity to present to the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfers (ACAT). Since this, again, falls under the purview of the VPX, I imagine he'll brief Council in greater length about it.

IV. Students' Council Retreat/Govcamp

It was a blast. Too much fun was had. A lot was learnt. A lot of friendships were made. And werewolves ate up a lot of individuals (long-story). Thanks for those who came out! (And for those who couldn't make it, don't worry – we'll have a smaller Council Retreat version in fall.) A huge amount of thanks goes out to our wonderful Speaker, Craig Turner, and the Student Governance Advisor, Kathryn.

That's it for now folks! Till next time!

Signing off,



Petros Kusmu

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May 31, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

The month of May went by in a blink of an eye and I can't believe there's only 11 months remaining! I've been on two retreats in May and I leave for another retreat this evening. Here's my update from the past two weeks:

SUB Renovation

Phase One of the renovation will begin on Monday, June 3 in the towers! Floors 3, 4, and 6 are the first to undergo the renovation. We're currently on schedule with the renovation timeline this summer. I'll keep Council posted with any updates in future reports.

The Gateway Student Journalism Society

The GSJS made a motion to go with FREE Media in lieu of an Ad Sales Manager on Wednesday, May 29. I voiced my concerns surrounding the improper process, the conflict of interest, the lack of competition surrounding the hiring process, and wariness about the proposed contract, but the Board felt it's in the best interest of the Gateway to go with FREE Media for this year. I was the only one who voted against the motion for the aforementioned reasons and Councillor Hodgson abstained.

GovCamp

Thank you to everyone who made it out to GovCamp. It was a great opportunity to work with you in a more casual setting. I want to highlight all the work that Dustin Chelen, VP Academic, Craig Turner, Council Speaker, and Kathryn Orydzuk, Student Governance Officer, in putting together the first GovCamp. The combination of the Council retreat with the Council of Faculty Association retreat is brilliant and I believe there's a lot of potential with future retreats.

Student Group Granting Committee

The Student Group Granting Committee met to discuss its goals for the year. Its goal is to provide funding for student groups that strive to benefit the wider campus community and contribute to student engagement. This initial meeting sparked the discussion about the foundational values we want for the committee moving forward. Let me know if you want to contribute to the discussion.

Diversity Training

The SU Exec and Services Directors attended a diversity training session. I'm sure other Execs will report on their thoughts, but I'll add three links for you to consider surrounding the topic from Daley Laing, APIRG Outreach Coordinator:

- <http://microaggressions.tumblr.com/>
- <http://www.trainingforchange.org/>
- <http://zinelibrary.info/files/Frye.pdf>

Feel free to get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

Josh Le

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2013
ECHA 1 490

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-02)

- 2013-02/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
Meeting called to order at 6:04pm
- 2013-02/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday June 4th, 2013
- 2013-02/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2013-02/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2013-02/7a **LE/BINCZYK MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.

Nominations: Mohamed

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Mohamed
- 2013-02/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
- 2013-02/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Erin Borden, CAC Chair- Report
- 2013-02/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period extended 15 minutes
- 2013-02/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2013-02/6a **BORDEN/MILLS MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee and the CRO Selection Committee, appoint Shane Crawford as Chief Returning Officer for the 2013-2014 term.

BORDEN/HODGSON called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

LE/MILLS MOVED TO adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

Councillor Attendance Records

2013-2014

Attendance

Council Seats (40 total) Name

Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)

| | | 13-00-April 9 | 13-00-April 25 | 13-01-May 7 | 13-02-May 21 |
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| President | Petros Kusmu | Y | Y | Y | N |
| VP Academic | Dustin Chelen | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| VP External | Adam Woods | Y | Y | Y | N |
| VP Operations & Finance | Josh Le | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| VP Student Life | William Lau | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep | Brent Kelly | Y | Y | N | Y |

Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)

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| ALES | Kareema Batal | N | Y | 0.5(p) | Y |
| Arts | Erin Borden | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Kelsey Mills | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Arts | Dylan Hanwell | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Marina Banister | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Stephen Schiavone | Y | Y | Y | Y(p) |
| Arts | Bashir Mohamed | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Augustana (Faculty) | Stephanie Grulke | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Business | Ralph Mlynarski | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Business | Rafael Valdez | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Education | Stephanie Corbett | Y | Y(p) | Y | N |
| Education | Vacant | | | | |
| Education | Vacant | | | | |
| Engineering | Braiden Redman | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Engineering | Justin Mercier | N | N | N | |
| Engineering | Abdullah Hamid | N | Y | N | N |
| Engineering | Vacant | | | | |
| Law | Vacant | | | | |
| Medicine & Dentistry | Vacant | | | | |
| Native Studies | Harley Morris | Y | Y | N | N |
| Nursing | Vacant | | | | |
| Nursing | Vacant | | | | |
| Open Studies | Jessica Nguyen | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Pharmacy | Vacant | | | | |
| Phys Ed & Rec | Vacant | | | | |
| Saint-Jean (Faculty) | Colin Champagne | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Chloe Speakman | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Cory Hodgson | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y |
| Science | James Hwang | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Dawson Zeng | Y | N | Y | N |
| Science | Eric Grehan | Y | Y | Y | Y(p) |
| Science | Natalia Binczyk | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Maxwell Douglas | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 |

Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting)

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