

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday August 13, 2013
ETLC 1-008

ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-08)

- 2013-08/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2013-08/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, August 27th, 2013
- 2013-08/1b Fall meetings will take place in ETL E1 008.
- 2013-08/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2013-08/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2013-08/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2013-08/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2013-08/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2013-08/6a **CHELEN/HANWELL MOVE THAT** upon on the recommendation of the policy committee the Quality Instruction Policy be approved in second reading.
Please see document SC 13-08.01
- 2013-08/6b **CHELEN/WOODS MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the policy committee the Students in Governance Policy be approved in first reading based on the following principles:
1. Students are best represented by other students
 2. The University has a number of undergraduate student representatives as part of their governance structure
 3. Student representative activities add to the workload of the normal student.
 4. Students in governance should be treated fairly and equitably.

5. Students in governance should have access to training, support, and academic accommodations when representative duties conflict with classes
6. Student representative positions should not be eliminated
7. The Students' Union should actively promote the necessity and value of including undergraduate student representatives in University decision-making.

The Students' Union should endeavor to increase student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.

2013-08/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2013-08/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2013-08/8a

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 13-08.02

2013-08/8b

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document SC 13-08.03

2013-08/8c

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 13-08.04

2013-08/8d

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 13-08.05

2013-08/8e

Policy Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 13-08.06

QUALITY INSTRUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS instructional quality is one of the most decisive factors in the quality of undergraduate education;

WHEREAS outstanding undergraduate instruction reflects positively on every aspect of the University;

WHEREAS excellence in teaching requires effective communication and interaction between and among students and instructors;

WHEREAS student evaluation of teaching provides students with a voice in their learning environment and can help instructors improve their teaching;

WHEREAS excellence in undergraduate instruction promotes continuing educational endeavours by undergraduate students into higher levels of study;

WHEREAS initiatives designed to improve teaching make positive contributions to common teaching and learning practice as well as legislation relating to the governance of teaching and learning;

WHEREAS development of a culture that promotes excellence in teaching requires funding, attention and innovation on the part of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates for more activities that enhance the instructional quality for undergraduates and increased teaching professional development activities, including those that enhance communication skills;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that instructors are required to present evidence of their current and past teaching professional development experience as part of their annual review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union fosters conditions that promote the importance of teaching at an institutional level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for increased communication between students and professors through informal mid-semester feedback; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for a more effective student teaching evaluation mechanism and whose results are psychometrically valid and are made readily available for students



August 7, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Below you'll find an update of my activities from the past two weeks.

I. Be Book Smart

The SU is planning on reaching out to students at the start of the year with a "Be Book Smart" campaign. The campaign, which will be centred in SUB, is intended to get students thinking about alternatives to buying their textbooks new. I've been working closely with our marketing and communications departments on these plans.

II. Student Experience Survey

I've drafted a set of approximately 60 questions to ask University of Alberta students as part of a survey commissioned through Research and Evaluation Services. Topics covered include finances, teaching quality, and extra-curricular involvement, and will be used as part of our ongoing advocacy efforts. It should be administered in the early Fall semester.

III. Student Connect Soft Launch

The Registrar's Office has launched its new service model called "Student Connect". This brings many administrative tasks such as transcripts and admissions advising to a one-stop shop. The new model is currently struggling with long wait times, so they have initiated a hiring process for more front-line staff.

IV. Miscellaneous

I'm attending the Student Union Development Summit at UBC, I attended a presentation by the Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights, and a meeting of the Student Financial Aid Task Force. Finally, I've been involved in a number of internal SU meetings surrounding the University's budget.



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

August 7, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

I'm writing this on Wednesday evening before I leave for the SUDSummit tomorrow afternoon. I promised an early report, so here it is! Without further ado:

SUB Renovation

Phase 1 of the storm line relocation began the preparatory work and will begin soon. The towers are nearing completion. I got a tour of the 3rd and 6th floor earlier this week and it's amazing to see the fruits of our labour. The 4th floor is slated for completion by August 19. The entire tower will be ready to be occupied by the end of September. There have been several challenges to get everything complete on time. The interior (lower level) will be finished by the end of June 2014 and the exterior (south facing wall and plaza) will be complete by late Fall 2014.

The Daily Grind

The coffee supplier's chosen! I will reveal the results soon. In the meantime, I got a glimpse of The Daily Grind's menu. It looks very promising and I'm excited for it to launch.

North Power Plant

I completed the first draft of the North Power Plant visioning/discussion document. It's going through more revisions with a few sets of eyes. I will report back when there's more to discuss.

Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund

GAC had a fruitful meeting and we made a motion to release the 2012/2013 GBPLF. I signed the cheque tonight and they should be receiving it shortly. The process going forward is refining the Letter of Expectation, implementing the process for the 2013/2014 Legacy Fund in the Fall, and then following through the 2014/2015 Legacy Fund in February/March go get back on the proper schedule.

Interdepartmental Science Students' Society Loan Agreement

The SU worked out a loan agreement between the ISSS for \$10,000 to cover a timing error of their Procedures Manual. This loan will allow them to fulfill an agreement with their Department Associations this year, and VP Chelen will help them adjust their PM next year to reflect the disbursal timing of the Audit Committee. The money will be repaid by deducting the amount from their FAMF disbursal.

Augustana Students' Association Campus Association Transfer Payment

I met with members of the ASA: Jame Vy, President, Shaun Dubash, VP (Finance), and VP (Academic)/Councillor Stephanie Gruhlke; to negotiate their CATP. I'm very impressed by their organizational structure and independence due to their location in Camrose/Augustana. We agreed to the same terms as outlined in Bylaw 8200 Section 32: The percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association shall be determined by dividing the net Political/Governance spending of the Students' Union by the net Students' Union membership fees collected; then multiplying this number by one hundred; then subtracting this number from one hundred.

Student Union Development Summit

The Exec are attending the SUDSummit at the UBC Point Grey Campus (Vancouver) from Thursday to Sunday. The conference's unique mandate is to provide Students' Unions across the country with programming based on the exchange of ideas, tailored to the needs of the attending universities. The theme is "The Future of the Student Unions." Programming will range from hands on, skills sharing workshops to discussions on the broader mandates of the SUs in Canada. My goal is to meet other VPOFs to develop a network to share best practices across organizations for the benefit of each individual Students' Union.

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

Cheerio,

Josh Le
(electronically submitted)

August 13th, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Report of the Student Life Portfolio

Hello Council,

How are you? I'm doing fine, thank you. Actually, I'm on a plane to Vancouver right now with Vice Presidents Chelen, Le, and Woods as I am writing this report. I know what you're thinking, but I assure you that our time away from the office will still be spent working for students!

I. Programming

Athletics

The tailgate party for the Golden Bear' Hockey team on Saturday, September 21st is still in the works. Unfortunately, the tailgate party for the Golden Bears' Football team on Saturday, September 7th will probably not happen. However, if the Football team gets back to us soon, maybe we could help promote the game via distribution of tickets throughout Week of Welcome!

Week of Welcome

The only update I have is surrounding a change in language re: what used to be called the "Beer Gardens". As an effort to take away the attention from what seemed to be an alcohol-driven event, the area encompassing the bands and the beverages will be labeled as "Main Stage" ;)

Again, councillors have been invited to come out to volunteer for the Pancake Breakfasts and only those that register will receive a limited edition WoW T-shirt. If you want to vote on what will be printed on the T-shirt, please visit the Students' Council Facebook page.

Winter Programming

Last Council Report, I mentioned hopes to have one additional large-scale event before Break The Record... it *might* look like a talent/variety show ;)

II. Services

International Student Mentorship

Although this is not an actual SU Service, I want to put out the message that Vice-President Chelen and I are currently recruiting domestic students that are interested in mentoring international students later on this academic year.

III. Advocacy

U-Pass

In last week's meeting with ETS Security and Municipal Prosecutors, I learned that U-Pass related failure to provide proof of payment is brought to the courthouse roughly once a week. City personnel has made a request for 1) an increased effort to raise awareness among students surrounding carrying their U-Pass, and 2) statistics around the frequency of U-Pass violations, so that they could better illustrate what procedural changes would look like as they are being considered. In the meantime, the Municipal Prosecutors will be working on a written response to us surrounding the issue (no specified timeline).

Otherwise, Sherwood Park Transit has been having a few changes. They are currently building a new bus terminal to accommodate more (1200) parking stalls. In September, they will be in a state of transition which will need to be communicated to students. We will support the efforts as we receive updates. Additionally, they will have a double decker bus running in September as well!

Residence

The review of the Residence Community Standards (aka discipline process) will probably wrap up within the next month. Although the restorative justice process is a theoretically sound process, President Kusmu and I are working on ensuring that fair processes (ex, transparency to involved students) are written in policy. In the longer term, we will be working towards codifying the lease process under which evictions from residence occur. The current system is not understood by many, and is broad to allow flexibility and for residence staff to treat cases individually. However, we feel that some clarification is necessary surrounding what could result in eviction, and how those decisions could be appealed.

Cheers,

William Lau
[Electronically Submitted]

August 2nd, 2013

To: Policy Committee

Re: Report to Policy (for August 6th meeting)

Hello Policy,

I've had a very busy couple of weeks so far as lobbying and government relations go. Here's all you need to be updates on:

Public Interest Alberta:

On July the 25th a group known as Public Interest Alberta (PIA) held a meeting between the CAUS, the GSA, the U of A Non-Academic Staff Association, and ASEC. PIA is an interest group that directs public attention towards issues that directly affect the public. For example, they are currently running a campaign on the state of senior citizens in Alberta. Education obviously being public issue, PSE is one of the areas PIA regularly contributes in.

At the meeting we had a discussion over each organizations priorities for the year. The grads, ASEC, and CAUS all agreed that the PSLA was the largest area of concern for the upcoming year and that issues like fees, tuition, and student representation should be topics addressed in the act. It was an excellent opportunity to relay our message, and even better that there was agreement between us and other organizations. Should the UASU hold an MNIF awareness campaign, it would be very helpful to get PIA on our side.

Student Financial Aid Orientation:

On Monday the 29th myself and other delegates from CAUS, ASEC, and AGC took part in Student Financial Aid Orientation with the government group that advises the Deputy Premier on the state of student aid. It was a good opportunity to refresh memories on how the specific mechanics of student financial aid works, as well as an opportunity to express concerns with the current system.

Concerns such as the hardships on married students to receive loans, regularly updating loan weekly loan amounts to reflect CPI, and putting more money into non-refundable aid were the top concerns brought up by all at the table. With that being said, we also iterated our pleasure at parental income, vehicles and RSSP's now being exempted from expected contributions. Overall it was a very good meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting:

The following day we had our first quarterly meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Enterprise. It was a very productive day in which we had the opportunity to discuss timelines and some issues that will be important to us in the upcoming year.

First and foremost, it sounds as if the majority of the consultation and decision making will be held between October and February of this upcoming year, which gives us a good amount of time in order

to prepare our specific asks for the next quarterly meeting. The Deputy Premier made it clear that students would be given a good opportunity to provide input and effect change in both the PSLA and Campus Alberta. This is a promise we are optimistic the government will keep, and we will do our best to keep them accountable to our participation.

The only specific issue that brought up surrounded student participation in the Board of Governors. This has been a discussion receiving a fair amount of attention in the past few days, which is very helpful for our cause.

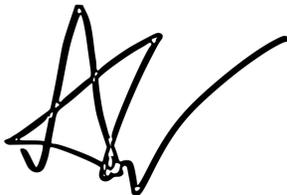
There are many examples around Alberta of students not being treated as equal board members in University governance, not receiving the same documentation, and even being asked to leave the room when discussion surrounding tuition and fees are brought up. The Minister committed to creating a PSE system where students are considered equal stakeholders, and we look forward to providing our input and working together with the government to make this a reality.

Lobby Meetings:

As I mentioned earlier in the report, I have begun sending out communications to MLA's and MP's in hopes of receiving lobby meetings. So far this has been successful and I have received several responses. I had the opportunity to meet with Matt Jeneroux (MLA Edmonton-Southwest) to discuss CAUS's priorities for the upcoming year. The meeting was very productive, and Mr. Jeneroux was very receptive to all issues raised ranging from the PSLA, non-refundable student aid, and student employment. We are optimistic that Mr. Jeneroux will raise these issues with the government.

In other lobby news, I have also booked meeting with Speaker Gene Zwozdesky (MLA Edmonton-Mill Creek), Naresh Bhardwaj (MLA Edmonton-Millwoods) and Sohail Quadri (Edmonton-Ellerslie). I am very happy to finally get the ball rolling on lobby meetings and will provide more updates as they come.

Thank you for your time,



Adam Woods



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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 6, 2013

Time: 8:05 pm

2013 – 2014 MEETING #7

Motions

1.	CHELEN/HANWELL moved that <i>items 2 through 9 excluding item 7 on the Policy Committee's meeting agenda for August 6, 2013 be struck and tabled until next meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/2/0
2.	HANWELL/LAU moved that <i>the meeting minutes from July 23, 2013 be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/2
3.	CHELEN/HANWELL moved that <i>the Policy Committee recommend to Students' Council the Quality Instruction Policy to be approved in second reading.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
4.	<p>CHELEN/WOODS moved that <i>the Policy Committee recommend to Students' Council the creation of the Students in Governance political policy based on the following principles:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students are best represented by other students 2. The University has a number of undergraduate student representatives as part of their governance structure 3. Student representative activities add to the workload of the normal student. 4. Students in governance should be treated fairly and equitably. 5. Students in governance should have access to training, support, and academic accommodations when representative duties conflict with classes 6. Student representative positions should not be eliminated 7. The Students' Union should actively promote the necessity and value of including undergraduate student representatives in University decision-making. 8. The Students' Union should endeavor to increase student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups. 	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
5.	BATAL/WOODS moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 PM.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/1/0

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday July 30th, 2013
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-07)

2013-07/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-07/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, August 13, 2013

2013-07/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-07/2a Executive Committee Goals, Presented by the Executive Committee, Sponsored by Petros Kusmu, President

The executive committee will present Council with their goals for the 2013/2014 year. This presentation is meant to provide Council with a first look at the executive goals and facilitate the opportunity for Council to provide feedback for the final goals document that will be published at the end of the month, as per SU Bylaw 4000.

LE/DOUGLAS MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to increase the presentation time by 10 minutes.

Motion: CARRIED

2013-07/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

2013-07/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Erin Borden, CAC Chair- Report

Kareema Batal, Policy Committee Chair- Report

2013-07/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2013-07/7b **BORDEN/DOUGLAS MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee.

Nominations: Banister

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Banister

2013-07/5

QUESTION PERIOD

2013-07/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-07/6a

BATAL/CHELEN MOVE THAT, on the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Omar Khadr Policy be postponed indefinitely.

Speakers List: Batal, <ohamed, Grehan, William, Banister, Kusmu, Le

HANWELL/BORDEN called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Kelly Abstain

Automatic Recess at 7:38

Meeting called back to order at 7:54

2013-07/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2013-07/7a

KUSMU/MOHAMED MOVES TO create the Engagement Task Force based on the attached terms of reference.

Speakers List: Kusmu, Binczyk, Batal, Grehan, Chelen, Lau, Hanwell

BINCZYK/HODGSON MOVED TO amend the attachment to read:
1 Students' Union Executives;

2 Student-at-large positions selected by the aforementioned members.

GREHAN MOVED TO split the amendments.

Motion: CARRIED

BINCZYK/HODGSON MOVED TO amend the attachment to read:
1 Students' Union Executives;

Motion: CARRIED
Schiavone abstain

BINCZYK/HODGSON MOVED TO amend the attachment to read:
2 Student-at-large positions selected by the aforementioned members.

Motion: FAILED
Schiavone abstain

Main Motion: CARRIED

2013-07/7c

BORDEN/HANWELL MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee and the CRO Selection Committee appoint Wayne Defehr as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2013/2014 term.

Speakers List: Borden, Mohamed, Batal, Kusmu, Grehan, Lau

GREHAN/WOODS MOVED TO move in camera

WOODS/REDMAN MOVED TO move ex camera

Main Motion: CARRIED

GREHAN/MOHAMED MOVED to adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Councillor Attendance Records

2013-2014

Attendance

Council Seats (40 total) Name

13-00-April 9

13-00-April 25

13-01-May 7

13-02-May 21

13-03-June 4

13-04-June 18

13-05-July 2

13-06-July 16

13-07-July 30

Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)

President	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
VP External	Adam Woods	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Operations & Finance	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	William Lau	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	Y

Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)

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

Ex-Officio Members (2 non-)

Speaker	Craig Turner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	0.5	N	N