

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday September 10th, 2013
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ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-10)

2013-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-10/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 24th, 2013

2013-10/1b Selection of Council Scholarship Winners

2013-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2013-10/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 13-10.01

2013-10/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2013-10/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2013-10/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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2013-10/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

2013-10/8a CAC Summary Report

Please see document SC 13-10.02

2013-10/8b GAC Summary Report

Please see document SC 13-10.03

2013-10/8c Brent Kelly, BoG Report

Please see document SC 13-10.04

2013-10/8d Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 13-10.05

2013-10/8e Adam Woods, VP External- Report
Please see document SC 13-10.06

July 17

LE/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve \$2410.00 from their individual budgets to attend the SUDS Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on from August 8-11, 2013.

5/0/0 CARRIED

July 26

LAU/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee on behalf of the Students' Union endorse a statement of support for a Wellness Foundation in Alberta.

3/0/2 CARRIED

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2800 for the purpose of the Be Booksmart Campaign.

5/0/0 CARRIED

August 6

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the job description for the Discover Governance Manager.

5/0/0 CARRIED

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2433.00 for the purpose of Faculty Association relationship building.

5/0/0 CARRIED

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 for the purpose of commissioning a Diversity Centre research report.

5/0/0 CARRIED

LE/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the loan agreement between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society for \$10,000.

5/0/0 CARRIED

August 7

LE/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a project allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 for the International Transition 2013 coffee break.

4/0/1 CARRIED

WOODS/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a project allocation not to exceed \$3500.00 for the purpose of purchasing University of Alberta, Students' Union tents.

3/2/0 CARRIED

August 14

LAU/LE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$520 for the purpose of #UAlberta Temporary Tattoos.

4/0/1 CARRIED

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$1314 for the purpose of sponsoring the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

4/0/1 CARRIED

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$250 for the purpose of a Students' Union Annual Report for various University Administrators.

5/0/0 CARRIED

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee appoints Petros Kusmu to be on the Students' Council Engagement Task Force.

5/0/0 CARRIED

August 16

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED that the Executive Committee suspend all of policy 2.05 for the purpose of the be book smart campaign.

5/0/0 CARRIED

August 27

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the revised CSD job description.

5/0/0 CARRIED

LE/KUSMU MOVED that the Executive Committee approve a contingency fund allocation not to exceed \$1100 for the purpose of Safewalk police information checks.

4/0/0 CARRIED



COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 27th 2013

Time: 5.01 pm

2013 – 2014

Motions

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for August 27, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/0</i>
6.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	



GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 29th 2013

Time: 5.08 pm

2013 – 2014 **MEETING 7**

Motions

1.	<i>LAU moved to approve the agenda for August 29, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
2.	<i>LAU moved to approve the minutes for August 1, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
3.	<i>NGUYEN moved to approve the minutes for August 15, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/1</i>
4.	<i>HODGSON moved that the Grant Allocation Committee adopt the revised Standing Orders as attached.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
5.	<i>LE moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>

September 5th, 2013**To:** Students' Council**Re:** Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students'

Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

The campus is once again buzzing with activity as a new semester begins. I'm feeling reinvigorated by the energy that the new school year has brought. Relatively little to report on the BoG front; there haven't been any meetings of the BoG since last Council. More meetings are scheduled now that the fall semester has started, so I will be getting progressively busier with meetings as the semester goes on. I'll have more updates for you as those meetings come along. Other than that, looking forward to seeing you all in Council on Tuesday.

In Solidarity,

Brent KellyUndergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2013-2014 | [University of Alberta Students' Union](#)**P:** (780) 999-8867 | **F:** (780) 492-4643 | **E:** bog@su.ualberta.ca



September 5, 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

On August 28, the SU launched its reinvigorated Be Book Smart campaign. First held in 2008, the campaign features advertisements located near the Bookstore encouraging students to consider alternatives to purchasing new textbooks. Orientation participants were also given bookmarks and information on ways to save money. My hope is that www.bebooksmart.ca will become a hub of information for students and staff who care about reducing the burdensome costs of textbooks. I'm now working on reaching out to instructors to encourage them to think differently about how they use textbooks.

II. Special COFA Advocacy Working Group Meeting

I held a special meeting with Faculty Association leaders to share information and discuss the University's budget situation. FAs provided the SU with valuable advice surrounding the Government's letter of expectation, which we will share with the University. Each FA has unique needs when it comes to protecting their students from the budget cuts, but they collectively agreed on a few important principles. First, FAs should have access to more detailed data about where the University spends its money. Second, they should be briefed on the process by which next year's budget cuts are determined well in advance of a final decision. Third, the SU should play a role in supporting their advocacy efforts and helping them reach out to their members. I'll be working over the next few weeks to advance their needs based on these principles.

III. New Manager of Discover Governance

I'm pleased to announce that the SU has hired Rebecca Taylor as the Manager of Discover Governance. In her role, Rebecca will coordinate the Student Governance Centre located on the 6th floor of the Students' Union Building. Discover Governance will play a greater role in coordinating efforts to enhance the effectiveness of student representatives, collaborate more closely with those involved in SU governance, and will be better equipped to link student representatives to the information they need.

IV. Miscellaneous

I participated in Orientation, Clubs Fair, and Week of Welcome activities over the past week. I attended meetings of GFC Exec, TBAC-MBAC, the Committee on the Learning Environment, the Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Standards, the Student Financial Aid Task Force, and the SU-Registrar's Office working group. Lastly, I had a number of meetings with University executives including the President, Provost, and VP University Relations.

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

September 6, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for September 10 meeting)

Introduction

Hello Council,

This report will be brief, given that the majority of the Exec's attention over the past week has been focused on Orientation, Week of Welcome, and just generally welcome students to school. With that being said, there are a few things I'd like to update you on.

Municipal Election Campaign:

I once again met with the representatives from the City of Edmonton Elections office to once again go over the game plan for October 17th. A few additions since the last time I spoke to Council about this; first off you may volunteer to work a voting station if you are working on a campaign, however you must not be visibly associated with said campaign. This means no door knocking, handing out leaflets, or anything in which you've been seen with a candidate. Answering phones, packing letters, and the kinds of activities that would normally take place in the campaign office are acceptable. I also have a sheet from the City of Edmonton indicating what students need to present to vote. I will provide copies of this sheet at Council.

I want to again emphasize the importance of having volunteers helping to work the voting stations. We're only down one and require six more. If we do not get the volunteers, the voting station will not be able to run and the City of Edmonton will not provide us with one in the future. If you're Tuesday/Thursday schedule doesn't have any must attend classes, and you aren't visibly associated with this campaign, you should be offering your services as a volunteer. The SU needs your help, and as Councilors you should answer the call.

Advocacy Meetings:

I took part in three advocacy meetings last week, two federal and one provincial. Federally, I met with Minister Tim Uppal on Monday the 26th in order to go over CASA's pre budget submission. The meeting went fairly well, with Minister Uppal showing support towards the student loan and grant aimed asks that CASA is pursuing this year. Unfortunately he was not as receptive towards other issues we brought up, however all in all it was a good meeting.

The Executive as a whole also met with Linda Duncan, campuses MP, to go over CASA's pre budget submission and catching up. Mrs. Duncan was also receptive to our student loan related asks, and this is a very positive thing, showing that parties on both sides of Parliament are willing to support this issue. One of the discussions we had involved NDP leader Thomas Mulcair's upcoming tour across campus. The prospect of him stopping off at the U of A for a conversation with students was suggested, and the SU will be working to make this happen sometime in October or November.

Finally, I met with MLA Ken Lemke at his office in Stony Plain. We went over the CAUS advocacy document, and yet again there was general agreement in the principles. As has been the trend with PC MLA's, there was traction surrounding tuition and mandatory non-instructional fees, and in this case slight agreement on student bursaries and student employment. It certainly appears that our PSLA related financial asks are popular with the government at this time.

Lastly, well not technically a lobby meeting, President Kusmu and I met with Eldon McIlwain, who works in Minister Lukaszuk's office. We discussed a wide variety of topics, including the PSLA, the financial

consultants, and the current budgetary situation. We emphasized our displeasure towards the cuts, and stated that the quality of education is clearly being affected at the U of A. With that being said, we still had a very positive discussion. In terms of the financial consultants, we were told these are simply recommendations and that the findings of the report will be made public. As I stated earlier, so long as the process is completely transparent, I would argue that there's nothing wrong with an extra set of eyes on the U of A's current fiscal situation.

CASA:

I will just briefly say that we are gearing up for the Wall of Debt Campaign to occur on the week of October 15-18. At this time, the plan for the campaign is being finalized and I will have more details for Council available at a later time. I will once again stress that this will be an event that is going to require a lot of volunteers if its to be successful, so once I have everything finalized I will be asking for Councilors to volunteer to help with the Wall during the week.

That is all I have to report at this time,

Thank you for your time,

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday August 27th, 2013
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-09)

2013-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-09/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2013

2013-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

KUSMU/GRULKE MOVE TO Special Order item 2013-09/2c to be dealt with immediately

Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/2c SUB Renovation Update sponsored by Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance

General Manager Marc Dumouchel will provide an update about the SUB Renovation project highlighting major details since the last formal update in May with a roadmap entering the new school year.

2013-09/2a The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP)- Presented by Melanie Alexander. Sponsored by President Kusmu.

The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP) and other groups on campus (such as ISMSS and OUTreach) have been advocating for Gender-Inclusive Washrooms (GIW) for the past year. Recently, they have published an "all-gender washroom campus map" and they are interested in transforming one of the bathrooms in SUB to a GIW one. In doing so, they are interested in hearing from Students' Council on how they should consult with the campus community to create a political impetus for this proposal.

2013-09/2b Law Student Tuition, Presented by Scott Meyer, VP External, Law Students' Association. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen

The LSA is the Faculty Association for students in Law. As part of their advocacy efforts, they are interested in exploring whether or not higher tuition would be in the best interests of law students. This presentation will provide council with information on their perspective, and be an opportunity for discussion before the LSA seeks Council's approval to advocate in contradiction to SU political policy.

MOHAMED/BINCZYK MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to

increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

Motion: CARRIED

MOHAMED/SCHIAVONE MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

Motion: FAILED

2013-09/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2013-09/7a

HODGSON/ZENG MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to Bylaw Committee.

Nominations: Schiavone

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Schiavone

Automatic Recess at 8:05pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:20pm

2013-09/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

2013-09/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kareema Batal, Policy Committee Chair- Report

Josh Le, BFC Chair- Report

William Lau, CAC Proxy- Report

2013-09/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes.

2013-09/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-09/6a

HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #1 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Conflict of interest includes any situation where an impartial observer

may reasonably question whether the actions or decisions of a member of council were influenced by their personal or financial interests, given a divergence between those interests and their obligations to Students' Council.

2. Members of Council determined to be in a conflict of interest via the flowchart must refrain from voting. They must choose to recuse themselves from debate or declare any conflict of interest to Council prior to debate.

3. Members of Council appointed as a Students' Council representative to the board of a DFU represent the interests of the Students' Union, not that Dedicated Fee Unit. As such, they may freely vote on and discuss issues related to that DFU.

4. Students' Council recognizes that most inappropriate conduct related to conflict of interest issues is not malicious, and commits itself to resolving conflict of interest issues informally and at the earliest possible step. (See the attached flowchart for proposed procedures.)

Speaker list: Hodgson, Batal, Speakman, Woods

Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/6b

HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that, upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2 in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1. Students' Council will have a standing committee titled the "Nominating Committee"*
- 2. The Nominating Committee will be subject to the rules current Council standing committees are subject to.*
- 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the VPA, VPX, and 5 members of Council.*
- 4. The Nominating Committee shall have a quorum of 5 members.*
- 5. The Nominating Committee shall solicit and review applications and recommend the appointment of students-at-large on GFC, GFC subcommittees, University advisory committees, University executive hiring committees, and the Senate.*
- 6. The Nominating Committee shall only recommend the appointment of students to GFC when vacancies still exist after the election.*

7. The Nominating Committee has the authority to determine the application process and criteria.

8. The Council Administration Committee shall relinquish its role in Senate student appointments

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Speakman, Kusmu

MEMBER/MEMBER Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/6c

CHELEN/WOODS MOVE THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Policy Committee approve the Students in Governance policy in second 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.*
- 8. The Students' Union should endeavor to increase student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.*
- 9. Undergraduate student associations are autonomous organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent.*
- 10. Faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations.*

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Woods, Kusmu

KUSMU/SPEAKMAN MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE POLICY

WHEREAS undergraduate students know their needs best, and

WHEREAS some University and Faculty policies already give undergraduate students and student groups representative capacity on certain committees and boards, and

WHEREAS there are over 600 representative positions filled by undergraduates at the University of Alberta, and

WHEREAS undergraduate student associations are autonomus organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent, and

WHEREAS faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations, and

WHEREAS student representatives activities supplement the educational experiences of students, and

WHEREAS undergraduate students are required to balance their academic, personal, and professional lives with their representative activities, and

WHEREAS the undergraduate population at the University of Alberta is diverse in its makeup.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate that the University act fairly and equitably toward undergraduate student representatives and student group representatives, as they would any other faculty and administrator member of the University community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for increased training and support for undergraduate student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for appropriate and fair academic accommodations for student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate against the elimination of undergraduate student representative positions at any level from policy or practice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union inform the University about its obligation to consult student representatives on academic, administrative, and operational issues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for these organizations to remain autonomus organizations, free to advocate for the students they represent without the influence from department or faculty, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union encourage faculties and departments to support their student organizations, but inform them that

student organizations need to be driven by the students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall actively communicate to the University the value of student representatives, and student representative groups, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall act to reduce barriers to student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

LE/NGUYEN MOVED TO Adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm

2013-2014		Attendance												
		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	13-08-Aug 13	13-09-Aug 27		
Council Seats (40 total)		Name												
Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)														
President	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
VP External	Adam Woods	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP Operations & Finance	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
VP Student Life	William Lau	Y	Y	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	Y	Y		
Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)														
ALES	Kareema Batal	N	Y	0.5(p)	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Erin Borden	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)		
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	0.5	0.5		
Arts	Dylan Hanwell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		
Arts	Marina Banister	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N		
Arts	Stephen Schiavone	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	Y	N	Y	N	Y		
Arts	Bashir Mohamed	Y	Y	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	Y	Y		
Business	Ralph Mlynarski	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	0.5	Y	N	Y	N		
Business	Rafael Valdez	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	N	0.5	0.5		
Education	Stephanie Corbett	Y	Y(p)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Education	Vacant													
Education	Vacant													
Engineering	Braiden Redman	Y	Y	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	N	N		
Engineering	Vacant													
Law	Vacant													
Medicine & Dentistry	Vacant													
Native Studies	Harley Morris	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Nursing	Vacant													
Nursing	Vacant													
Open Studies	Jessica Nguyen	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y		
Pharmacy	Vacant													
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant													
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	0.5(p)	Y	0.5		
Science	Chloe Speakman	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y		
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	James Hwang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5(p)	0.5	Y(p)	Y	Y		
Science	Dawson Zeng	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y		
Science	Eric Grehan	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		
Science	Natalia Binczyk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
Science	Maxwell Douglas	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y		
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-														
Speaker	Craig Turner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	0.5	N	N	N	0.5		