

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
ETLC 1-018

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-13)

### 2013-13/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-13/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### 2013-13/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-13/2a Student Mental Health at the U of A by Dr. Robin Everall, sponsored by William Lau

In alignment with the U of A's initiative to delve into the state of student mental health services on its campuses, a Provost Fellow, Student Mental Health was tasked with examining services available students, exploring best practice at other institutions, and producing a report to guide relevant, responsive and accessible mental health strategies and initiatives. Fifty-four recommendations are organized into 10 categories.

### 2013-13/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2013-13/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 13-13.01

### 2013-13/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2013-13/5 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2013-13/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 2013-13/7 GENERAL ORDERS

### 2013-13/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

2013-13/8a Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 13-13.02

2013-13/8b CAC Summary Report

Please see document SC 13-13.03

**Oct 8**

WOODS/KUSMU MOVE TO approve a budgeted conference request expense not to exceed \$825.00 for the purpose of the Executive Committee to go to the Council of Alberta University Students' Roundtable being held in Calgary from October 10-11 2013.

**Oct 15**

LAU/KUSMU MOVE THAT the Executive Committee approve a project allocation not exceeding \$1300 towards the promotion and sponsorship of the October 25 Golden Bears' Legacy Game at the Clare Drake Arena.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

**Oct 22**

WOODS/KUSMU moves to approve a conference request expense not to exceed \$3500 for the purpose of the President and VP External going to Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations annual lobby conference in Ottawa, Ontario.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**October 24**

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve a budgeted Conference Request for the Vice President Academic and University Governance and Advocacy Advisor Surma Das to attend the Board of Canada Skills and PSE Conference in Toronto, Ontario on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>2013.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

KUSMU/CHELEN MOVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve a project allocations request not to exceed \$180 for the purpose of printing 50 copies of the SU's Executive Goals Summary document.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**

October 31, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for November 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

**Introduction**

Hello Council,

I hope you all did well on your midterms, and I imagine many of you are starting to gear up for finals as well. I'll just say take advantage of the break while you can, and rest up. This will again be a relatively brief report. I've spend the majority of the last two weeks in the office, which is a great change from my usual schedule of always going somewhere to meet with someone. This is really the first opportunity I've had to spent extensive amounts of time in the office, given that October was almost entirely devoted to the City elections. Needless to say, I've had a lot of paperwork to catch up on (budgets, conference request, policies to be written, etc). With that being said, I've had a couple of advocacy meetings I'd like to update you on.

**Advocacy:**

I had the opportunity to meet with MLA David Quest (Sherwood Park) at the Legislature in order to go over CAUS's priorities document. He was very supportive of our asks, and expressed concern surrounding the highly paid Administration at the U of A. He would go on to say that he has children who will soon be attending the U of A, and he wants to ensure that as much money as possible is going to students. Its clear that PC MLA's are getting more and more concerned regarding the affects of these cuts.

I also met with PC MLA David Xaio (Edmonton-McClung) to once again go over the priorities document. Mr. Xaio expressed how concerned his constituents were over the cuts, and its potential affects at the U of A. He said he would be supportive toward students in whatever way he could. As a sign of good faith, he showed me the questions he was planning to ask the Deputy Premier at the following days question periods. These questions focused on educational quality, why Arts faculties were being extensively cut across the province, and why University Administrators are so highly paid.

I must admit I was very impressed by his questions, especially given his party affiliation. I'll further confess that I had my doubts he would actually ask all three questions, but he did, and he asked them well. This just further reinforces the idea that not all PC's were behind the cuts, and its good to know we have the support of so many members in that room.

Finally, I met with Elections Alberta today in order to talk about Elections 2016 and the recent advanced voting station in for the City elections. Some important information for the meeting is that after the recent changes to the Elections Act, it will be must easier for students to vote in campus. They will be providing students with forms, to be signed by the University, stating that a student goes to school here and can therefore vote here. In addition, they will allow you to bring a friend to vouch that you go here, and there will be a lot more flexibility towards what will count as identification. While they will likely not be as easy going as the City, things like utility bills and leases will still suffice as proof of your residence. Finally, it sounds like the prospect of a voting station in the Students' Union Building isn't just a possibility, but is almost certain to happen.

In that vein, I would like to take the opportunity to thank my fellow VP Externals from past years. This is a major win for the Students' Union and for all students in Alberta. A few years ago it seemed the Elections Act would never change in a more student friendly way, however after years of advocacy we have succeeded,

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showing that our lobbying efforts may be slow but work just fine. I would in particular like to thank former VP Externals Farid Iskander and Petros Kusmu. As often happens in this portfolio, the “win” goes to the VP that is currently in office, not the ones who did most of the work to secure the win. I may have been in the final few meetings with Elections Edmonton and Elections Alberta that guaranteed us the voting stations, but it was Farid and Petros who lobbied tirelessly throughout their terms for this victory. I just felt it was important to recognize that.

**CAUS and CASA:**

On the CAUS and CASA front, things have been slow but will soon pick up. CAUS is currently working on our pre budget submission, in which we will be requesting reinvestment into post secondary, and investments into bursaries and student employment. I will provide Council with the final document when it is complete. We will be presenting this document to the Minister when CAUS meets with him in mid November. Again, I will update you on this meeting after it has occurred.

Finally on the CASA front, Petros and I will be in Ottawa from November 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to participate in CASA’s advocacy week. We will be spending the majority of our time in Parliament lobbying MP’s on our pre budget submission and other CASA advocacy priorities. Needless to say we will not be at the next meeting of Students’ Council, however I will still provide a report.

That’s all I have to report right now.

Thank you for your time,



**Adam Woods**

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PS: On a personal note, I will be taking a vacation next week and will be out of province, leaving on the 8<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. You can email me, but I will not be responding until I return. While I think you are all stand up individuals and I love talking to all of you, please do not call me while I’m away. I just want to sleep.



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013*

*Time: 5.07 pm*

2013 – 2014

## **Motions**

|    |  |                          |
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| 1. | <i>HANWELL</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 22, 2013 as tabled.</i>  | <i>CARRIED</i>           |
| 2. | <i>HODGSON</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 08, 2013 as tabled.</i> | <i>CARRIED<br/>6/0/0</i> |
| 3. | <i>BORDEN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>                                 | <i>CARRIED</i>           |

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-12)

### 2013-12/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-12/1a Announcements -

### 2013-12/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-12/2a Student Group Policy Changes sponsored by William Lau, VP Student Life

Student Affairs Officer Norma Rodenburg and Discipline Officer Deb Eerkes will provide an update surrounding the proposed student group policy changes and the rationale behind them. Unfortunately, Student Group Services staff will be unable to join us, but their feedback will be forwarded to Vice President (Student Life) William Lau.

**MILLS/BANISTER MOVED TO** suspend the relevant standing order to increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2013-12/2c Council of Alberta University Students Information Session, sponsored by Adam Woods, VPX, and presented by Adam Woods and Conner Brown (Chair of CAUS).

This presentation will give the leaders of the Council of Alberta University Students to explain how the organization works, what our goals for the year are, and ultimately how it positively affects students. Councillors will be given the opportunity to ask direct questions about the organization in order to learn more about the Students' Unions advocacy efforts

2013-12/2b Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative, presented and sponsored by Dustin Chelen, VP Academic

The University is proposing a fundraising campaign focused around the Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative. This includes fundraising to support things like undergrad research and study abroad, as well as increased partnership with the Banff Centre. However, the University is also rapidly developing a leadership college. This building on the north east edge of main campus would be an elite residence for 144 students selected for their achievements in their first two years, and would expose them to increased leadership training. I'm concerned about the elitism and narrow scope of a leadership college and would appreciate

Council's feedback.

**2013-12/3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

**2013-12/5**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**2013-12/7**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2013-12/7a**

**HODGSON/BANISTER MOVES** that Students' Council approve the 2012/2013 draft auditors report and year-end financial statements.

Speakers List: Hodgson, Grehan, Kusmu, Chelen, Le, Speakman

**Motion: CARRIED**

**LE/GREHAN MOVED TO adjourn**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm**



| <b>Councillor Attendance Records</b>            |                   |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| <b>2012-2013</b>                                |                   | <b>Attendance</b>    |                   |                    |  |  |
| <b>Council Seats (40 total Name</b>             |                   | <b>13-10-Sept 24</b> | <b>13-11-Oct8</b> | <b>13-12-Oct22</b> |  |  |
| <b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>      |                   |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| <b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>      |                   |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| President                                       | Petros Kusmu      | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| VP Academic                                     | Dustin Chelen     | Y                    | Y                 | 0.5                |  |  |
| VP External                                     | Adam Woods        | Y                    | N                 | Y                  |  |  |
| VP Operations & Finance                         | Josh Le           | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| VP Student Life                                 | William Lau       | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep            | Brent Kelly       | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| <b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b> |                   |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| ALES  | Kareema Batal     | 0.5                  | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Erin Borden       | Y                    | N                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Kelsey Mills      | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Dylan Hanwell     | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Marina Banister   | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Stephen Schiavone | Y                    | 0.5               | N                  |  |  |
| Arts  | Bashir Mohamed    | N                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Augustana (Faculty)                             | Stephanie Grukke  | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Business  | Ralph Mlynarski   | N                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Business  | Rafael Valdez     | N                    | N                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Education                                       | Stephanie Corbett | 0.5                  | N                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Education                                       | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Education                                       | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Engineering                                     | Braiden Redman    | 0.5                  | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Engineering                                     | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Engineering                                     | Abdullah Hamid    | Y                    | Y                 | N                  |  |  |
| Engineering                                     | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Law   | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Medicine & Dentistry                            | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Native Studies                                  | Harley Morris     | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Nursing   | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Nursing   | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Open Studies                                    | Jessica Nguyen    | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Pharmacy  | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Phys Ed & Rec                                   | Vacant            |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Saint-Jean (Faculty)                            | Colin Champagne   | Y                    | Y                 | 0.5                |  |  |
| Science   | Chloe Speakman    | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Science   | Cory Hodgson      | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Science   | James Hwang       | Y                    | Y                 | N                  |  |  |
| Science   | Dawson Zeng       | N                    | Y                 | N                  |  |  |
| Science   | Eric Grehan       | Y                    | N                 | Y                  |  |  |
| Science   | Natalia Binczyk   | 0.5                  | Y                 | 0.5                |  |  |
| Science   | Maxwell Douglas   | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| <b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>  |                   |                      |                   |                    |  |  |
| Speaker   | Craig Turner      | Y                    | Y                 | Y                  |  |  |
| General Manager                                 | Marc Dumouchel    | N                    | N                 | N                  |  |  |