

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 19th, 2013
ETLC 1-018

ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-14)

2013-14/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-14/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013

2013-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-14/2a Your Athletics and Recreation Fee, by Ian Reade; sponsored by William Lau and Josh Le

This fee supports the provision of recreation, sport and wellness services, access to recreation and sport facilities and the administrative support for these services that benefit students, including varsity athletics, recreation facility access, group exercise, intramural sports, aquatics, instructional recreation, special events, sports clubs, personal training, and sport development.

2013-14/2b WUSC Presentation Sponsored by MOHAMED/KELLY.

Everyone undergraduate student at the University of Alberta gives 45 cents to WUSC. What is WUSC though? Well WUSC sponsors a refugee to study at the University every year. This presentation intends to inform council on the process of selecting the refugee all the way to their eventual studies at the University of Alberta. Included in the presentation will be a description of WUSC's yearly operations in terms of fundraising and student support. WUSC will also update council on their financial situation along with spacing issues.

2013-14/2c Election Review Committee Survey- Presented by Harley Morris, Marina Banister. Sponsored by Adam Woods, VP External.

ERC has been working on this survey as part of our mandate to solicit feedback from the student body. ERC seeks Councillors' feedback at this stage in the Survey drafting proces, prior to administration of the survey in January. A copy of our current draft is attached in order papers.

Please see document SC 13-14.01

2013-14/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2013-14/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2013-14/5** **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2013-14/5a** Question to VP Student Lau from Councillor Mohamed:
- There was mention of integrating International students into Canadian culture. What is the SU's definition of "Canadian culture" in terms of the developing a campus more welcoming to International students to campus.
- 2013-14/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2013-14/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2013-14/7a** **BANISTER MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint one Arts Councillor as the Students' Union Liaison to the Collective Body for Arts Students.
- Please see document SC 13-14.02
- 2013-14/7b** **HODGSON MOVES THAT** the meeting schedule of the Dedicated Fee Unit Task Force be extended to May, and that the due date for the report to Students' Council be extended to May 1st.
- 2013-14/7c** **MOHAMED/KELLY MOVE TO:**
Direct the executive to give WUSC keys to the unoccupied offices on the 6th floor of SUB until the offices are otherwise occupied by SU staff. This will be for a period of no more than 8 months if the office isn't occupied. The room will serve purely as storage for WUSC.
- 2013-14/7d** **NGUYEN MOVES TO** appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2013-14/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2013-14/8a** Report of Official Elections Results
- Please see document SC 13-14.03
- 2013-14/8b** CAC Summary Report
- Please see document SC 13-14.04
- 2013-14/8c** Adam Woods, VP External- Report
- Please see document SC 13-14.05
- 2013-14/8d** Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
- Please see document SC 13-14.06
- 2013-14/8e** Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report
- Please see document SC 13-14.07
- 2013-14/8f** William Lau, VP Student Life- Report
- Please see document SC 13-14.08

- 2013-14/8g** Student Group Procedure Changes
Please see document SC 13-14.09
- 2013-14/8h** Petros Kusmu, President- Report
Please see document SC 13-14.10
- 2013-14/8i** 2014-2015 International Tuition Fee Proposal
Please see document SC 13-14.11

University of Alberta Students' Union Election Review Survey

Please Mark an "X" in the appropriate Column

SC = Students' Council; GFC= General Faculties Council; SU= University of Alberta Students' Union

	General Elections	Yes	Neutral	No
1	I know when general elections for SC/GFC occur and how to vote			
3	My vote was influenced by the different posters that candidates put up			
4	Classroom talks are effective advertising tools and influence my decision on who to vote for.			
6	I would consider running for a councillor position on SC and/or GFC			
7	I know where to get information about running in an SU /GFC election			
11	(If voted) I made an informed choice about who to vote for in the last Student Council /GFC elections			
12	I would attend forums for students' council /GFC candidates during the election process			
13	I am aware that part of the Students Union budget goes to putting on elections.			
14	I understand that in the SU elections ballot system I may rank more than one candidate to vote for			
15	I know who the successful candidates in my faculty were in the last general election			

	Executive Elections	Yes	Neutral	No
16	I understand when Students' Union Executive elections occur and how to vote			
17	I understood what positions the candidates were running for in the last election			
18	I know that successful candidates become full time, salaried employees of the SU			
19	I would consider running for an executive position			
20	I know where to find information about what the Students' Union executive does			
21	(If voted) I made an informed choice about who to vote for in the last executive team elections			
22	I have attended election forum(s) to see what the candidates' platforms are			
23	I know who the successful candidates were in the last executives election			
	Representation	Yes	Neutral	No
24	Aboriginal students are currently fairly represented in student government			

25	Females are currently fairly represented in student government			
26	International students are currently fairly represented in student government			
27	My particular voice is being heard by student government			

Comments:

Identification	Yes	No
I have experience in student government		
I volunteer within the University of Alberta campus		
I voted in the last council election		
I voted in the last executive election		
I am an Aboriginal student		
I am an international student		
My gender is:		
My year of study is:		
My program of study is:		
The most effective way to educate me about SU elections is:		
My email is:		

Thank you!

1.) Students' Union (SU) Liaison: The Board of the Collective Body for Arts Students shall submit a request to Students' Council for the appointment of an Arts councillor to serve as a liaison between the CBAS and Students' Council. This individual shall not be afforded voting privileges and will not count towards quorum during the meetings of the Board. Further, this individual will be expected to bring forward and represent CBAS concerns to Students' Council as well as to report on Council initiatives or decisions that may be of interest to the CBAS.

- Duties:

- i. Attend the biweekly meetings of the Board, subject to the conditions as established in the attendance policy of the CBAS Policy Manual,
- ii. Provide updates at the meetings of the Board on any Students' Council/Students' Union business and affairs that may be of interest to the CBAS as a whole,
- iii. Provide the necessary updates to Students' Council on the business and affairs of the CBAS,
- iv. Act as a resource so that both Students' Council and the Board can understand each other and maintain effective relations,
- v. Actively foster and encourage other Arts councillors to keep in contact with the Board and with the CBAS,
- vi. Act as a mediator and, if necessary, as a point-of-first-contact to the VP Academic of the Students' Union, when an emergency situation that threatens the integrity, stability, and/or viability of CBAS occurs.

vote Students' Union Elections Office
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To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Craig Turner Speaker, Students' Council➤ Mr. Petros Kusmu President, Students' Union➤ Mr. Dustin Chelen Vice President (Academic), Students' Union➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar Secretary, General Faculties Council
From:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Wayne DeFehr Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2013 -- 2014 By-Election Results: Students' Council and General Faculties Council
Date:	November 5, 2013

I am pleased to announce the official winners of this year's Students' Union Councillor By-Election.

The Students' Council and General Faculties Council By-Election was held October 24 & 25, 2013, in compliance with Bylaws 1500, 2000 and 2500. I am satisfied that the election was fair and that the results reflect the will of the electorate. There have been no appeals of any of my decisions or rulings.

More detailed results, including breakdowns of each round of preferential voting, are available upon request. A final version of these detailed results will be published on the SU Elections website, as well as in my final report submitted to Students' Council at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne DeFehr

Students' Council

Education

Ms. Katie Horvat

Engineering

Mr. Taimur Malik

Law

Mr. Hansra Sangram

Medicine & Dentistry

Ms. Samantha Lam

Nursing

Mr. Dan Sim

General Faculties Council

Engineering

Mr. Pravin Wedage



COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: November 5th 2013

Time: 5.00 pm

2013 – 2014

Motions

1.	<i>HODGSON</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for November 05, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
2.	<i>HANWELL</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 22, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
3.	<i>MILLS</i> moved that <i>the committee move into Closed Session.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
4.	<i>HANWELL</i> moved that <i>the committee move out of Closed Session.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
5.	<i>MILLS</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>

November 14, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for November 19th meeting)

Introduction

Hello Council,

This will be a very brief report given that I have been away on vacation for a good chunk of the last few weeks. With that being said, I do have some advocacy updates to provide you with.

Advocacy:

I mentioned at the last Council meeting that I would provide an update on CAUS's mini advocacy day at the Legislature last Thursday. Due to being out of town on Friday, I was only able to attend meetings with Liberal MLA and Advanced Education Critic Kent Hehr and Wildrose MLA and Advanced Education Critic Bruce McAllister. As a whole both meetings went incredibly well. Mr. Hehr agreed to raise concerns surrounding the recent cut of the Summer Temporary Employment Program as well as the broken PC promise of a \$17 million Rural and Aboriginal bursary. The STEP cut was brought up in question period by the Liberals, which we had the privilege of watch.

Mr. McAllister was equally as supportive, especially surrounding our mandatory non-instructional fees issue. We have asked Mr. McAllister to put pressure on the government to regulate fees. I will let Council know if there are any instances of him bringing this issue to the forefront.

While we were supposed to meet with Minister Lukaszuk that afternoon, a Wildrose point of privilege delayed our meeting time by almost two hours, and as a result CAUS had to re schedule the meeting. I unfortunately could not be present for the Lukaszuk meeting, which would take place the next day.


Fortunately Petros was able to attend, and I am told the meeting lasted an hour and a half and went very well. Mr. Lukaszuk mentioned efforts to revitalize STEP, and CAUS was able to have a good conversation surrounding instructional fees. CAUS also met with Rachel Notley, the NDP Advanced Education critic, however I do not have details from the meeting at this time.

Lastly, I met with Minister Hancock on the last day of my vacation (because Ministers are very hard to meet with) and I had the opportunity to discuss STEP, given that the program would have been under his Ministry. For those reasons, it was a very important meeting.

He said that while money is currently tight, the government would love the opportunity to discuss what a good summer employment program might look like. As a result, we have agreed to hold a roundtable on student employment, hopefully sometime early during the second semester.

Overall, it was a very productive week in terms of advocacy. I have many more meetings coming up in the immediate future, and if I am able to skype into the meeting on Tuesday I will try to update Council. Otherwise, I will see you all when I'm back from Ottawa.

Thank you for your time,



Adam Woods

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November 14, 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. As a reminder, please RSVP no later than Tuesday November 19 to participate in "VPA for a Day", a job-shadow taking place on Monday December 2, 2013.

I. Lougheed Leadership Initiative

After our meeting with the Board Chair a few weeks ago, the President quickly set up a meeting with us to further discuss the Leadership College. The meeting was productive, and the University was appreciative of the constructive discussion paper developed by the SU. Moving forward, the SU President and VPSL will represent student interests on the academic and project steering committees for the Leadership Initiative. In addition, the SU will be refining the discussion paper to continue to describe a vision for a student leadership initiative that fits with our and Lougheed's vision for an empowered student body.

II. Undergraduate Research Symposium

The third annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will take place on Friday November 22 in CCIS. This year, the symposium is hosted by the Undergraduate Research Initiative, as part of a broader "Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity". The symposium will feature displays and posters from across disciplines at the U of A, as well as more information on how to get involved in undergraduate research. It's great to see a Students' Union led project continue to gain momentum, with the support of the broader University community.

III. Miscellaneous

I attended the Conference Board of Canada's Skills and Post-Secondary Education Summit in Toronto, and will submit a report to Council shortly. I reviewed 42 proposals for undergraduate research projects and worked with the committee to select the recipients for the URI stipend. I presented about Students' Unions to a cohort of 30 Chinese administrators as part of the University Mentorship Program. I attended meetings of TBAC MBAC, the university engagement group, Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force, and chaired a meeting of the COFA Member Services Working Group. Finally, I met with the Dean of Students, the Director of the Bookstore, and the Provost and Vice-President Academic.



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

November 15, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

SUB Renovation

The SUB Renovations have been going on in the lower level of SUB. The change so far is amazing. The area is closed off to those without proper authorization and safety protection, so I will share photos with you soon. The planning side has been quiet because the bulk of the work is done. The part of the team is currently exploring furnishing options and they will present these options in the coming weeks to the internal SUB Renovation working group.

PAW Centre

GM Marc Dumouchel and I are working to prepare the Request For Proposal (RFP) packages for PAW. We have (1) retail and (1) food/beverage space that will be jointly owned by the SU and the GSA. We are currently assessing the needs and ideal occupants for the space.

North Power Plant

Bart Becker, Associate VP (Facilities & Operations), Ellen Schoeck, Executive Director of the GSA, Megha Bajaj, VP (Student Services) of the GSA, General Manager Marc Dumouchel, and I met to refine the SU's visioning document on the space. We are taking the feedback to draft a refined visioning document for the building.

The Daily Grind

The neon sign is up! There were questions from a few Councillors about the sign and I'll attach my response here and on the Council agenda after investigating with the Senior Managers and the neon sign supplier:

The signage criterion for the main floor of SUB and the food court is exposed neon. This rule applies to SU and external tenants. In order to change the standard, it will be an unforeseen and costly expense for all food court tenants for a low return on investment.

The power rating/consumption of the sign will draw 10 amps.

The life expectancy of neon signs range based on power loading, size of the unit, and weather. They may last up to 20 years with minimal maintenance. The only part that might fail is the electronics transformer (like all electronic parts). If there is going to be a problem because one of the units was not made properly, or because of a faulty transformer, it will typically show up in the first year: but that is covered by the full 1 year warranty.

Room At The Top

One response to student feedback about RAT'T is pricing, so we are experimenting we various promotions. A promotion I encourage Councillors to indulge in is the \$5 lunch special for a burger and fries from 11AM-2PM daily. If anyone is up for lunch, let me know!

Business Advisory Group

VP Dustin Chelen and I had a fruitful chat about how BAG can operate based on his experience with his Academic Relations Group (ARG). I also received documentation from President Kusmu on his Student Lobby and Advocacy Program (SLAP) from his term as VP External last year. I am digging into more historical case studies within the SU for groups similar to the above.

DFU Task Force

The first DFU Task Force went well on Thursday afternoon with a good starting point. Goals, areas of research, timelines, and action items were shared by each member and I look forward to participating in important discussions about DFUs. The Task Force will need an extension non its existence since its mandate won't be complete by December 1st.

Communications Strategic Plan

There was little activity done this past round on the CSP other than jotting down notes and reading articles relating to the topic. I spoke with a librarian from the Winspear Business Library for research help relating to creating such a document. I was given many hot leads, so it's a matter of digesting the material and tailoring the content and plans to work out for the SU.

Financial Reporting

This goal needs to be revisited through discussions at BFC. I will keep Council updated as BFC meets in the next couple of weeks.

Operating Policy Review

President Kusmu and I got a start with our Sponsorship Policy and it needs more refinement before I update Council on the plans. One of the main takeaways to date is that the SU isn't meant to be a granting body for everybody considering our mandate and limited resources.

Inter-SU VPOF Collaboration

The ball continues to roll with discussions between a handful of VPOFs across the country. There wasn't much discussion in this past round, but I plan to restart conversations over the next week.

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

(electronically submitted)

November 19th, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Council Report of the Student Life Portfolio

Dear Council,

Apologies, Vice President Le and myself will be absent, as we will be presenting at the North Campus Long Range Development Plan Amendment Open House in Telus Atrium during the Council meeting. Nonetheless, let us know if you have any questions and I will try my best to answer them.

Engagement

- Heroes for Health (H4H) Symposium – Nov 16th. Remind me via Question Period how it went!
- Council Outreach – Another month has passed, the newsletter and classroom talks PowerPoint will be released soon – how have these been working for you? #noreplyfromcouncillors
- Athletic Promotions – October 25th Legacy Game was a blast, and set a benchmark for what we would like future athletic games to look like. With a potential increase to the Athletics and Rec Fee, it will be possible to have free varsity games for current students across the board.
- Programming and Venues Department – Antifreeze registration is open! Have any of you considered joining? More information at uasu.ca/antifreeze!
- Campus Musical – I have been facilitating the transition of the Campus Musical to be a student group. Auditions are going from Nov 13-22, and are advertised on SUTV across campus!!
- Salsa Initiative – aka *Salsa Nights at Dewey's*. Delegated to RHA.
- HUB Megamall Party – leveraging the freakin' expensive lighting in HUB to throw some freakin' bomb gatherings. Targeting January as a welcome (back) event, delegated to RHA and HCA.
- Student Group Procedural Changes – I have attached the most recent draft of the SGPC. Feedback must be submitted to the Dean of Students' Office before Monday morning! I haven't read it yet (will read over the weekend), but our Director of Research and Political Affairs was pleased with the content.

- Consultation Project with the GSA and the DoS – these 4 hour meets are quite fun! Not even kidding, haha. After learning about the continuum that exists with “consultation” and the necessary ingredients, we will be looking at creating a document of shared values that we can refer to at tough times, and we have been challenged to change regulations and structures in our current governance structure that may act as barriers to effective consultation.
- Interfaith Prayer Space in SUB 3rd floor – there was a celebration for the space on Wednesday the 13th, with the various interfaith chaplains present to give blessings for the dedicated space we have created to celebrate and to respect the dedication to spiritual health on our campus.
- Student Representative Groups in SU Bylaw – With Student Group Procedure changes coming forward, the SU will need to look at how we can create a parallel system to register student groups in case we ever decide to register a student group even if the institution will not. Along with this, we need to create a system to clarify our relationships with representative groups, building off of our Faculty Association and Campus Association Bylaw, and expanding it to include other groups we care so so so much about, such as Residence Associations. Our General Manager will be working on this, with the support of our Director of Political and Research Affairs, Vice President Chelen and myself.
- International Week x Student Involvement – International Week traditionally has been really academic heavy, but it creates such an amazing opportunity for student engagement and celebration of diversity. I will be requesting funding from the Executives to internally fund SUBstage to have a space for students to perform and share their cultural talents.
- Winter Spectacle – Can I just surprise you come January? :D
- Engagement of students should be awarded! SU Awards applications are still open! Applications close on November 29th at 4:30pm. <http://su.ualberta.ca/services/awards/>

PLEASE SHARE

Food

Microwaves will be an ongoing effort. As other priorities have emerged, my next conversation about microwaves will be at the COFA Member Services Working Group on January 9th, 2014.

As for the community kitchen, I have yet to pull together stakeholders to talk about a Community Kitchen that could potentially play the following roles: 1) teaching cooking, 2) programming for student groups, and 3) food (soup?) giveaways.

This past week, the Campus Food Bank Board of Directors had a gathering to talk about future steps to create a stronger Board that could lead the CFB in a more strategic manner. Most importantly, Board members came from various areas of expertise within and outside the CFB, providing input to create a vision for where the CFB could be in 3-6 years. I can send out meeting notes when they are distributed by the Board Chair, who is a lovely, lovely gentleman.

Health and Wellness

Flu clinics reached 3816 individuals between November 5-8, resulting in our second most successful mass influenza campaign only behind the H1N1 pandemic blitz :) I feel healthier already!

Free registration for Hacking Health – a health hackathon bringing together clinicians, developers, designers, students and researchers to create digital health care solutions over the weekend – has been extended to 8pm on Friday Nov 15th. Great entrepreneurial learning opportunity ;)

The Peer Support Centre is currently proposing some changes to their operations, aiming to strengthen transitions, increase volunteer involvement and outreach, and condensing training for volunteers. Hopefully, this will allow the PSC to increase its reach, provide a higher quality experience to volunteers, and make a larger impact on student mental health.

The Accountability Action Project under the Gender Based Violence Prevention Project brought in Michael Kaufman last week, who is one of three founders of the White Ribbon Campaign. With this, AAP will be looking at running a WRC on our campus, bringing forth education around how ideas of masculinity and gender affect each and every one of us in all walks of life. Inspirational & eye-opening.

Internationalization

Hmm – where to start. With the recent news of the proposed 5% increase to International student tuition, the SU has been working hard to spread the message. We have spread the message to the general student body through social media and the SU newsletter. We also spread the message to COFA, COSA, RHA, I-House, and International student groups. The International Centre has also supported us in spreading the tuition proposal. Here is what we have planned for now:

1. Raise Awareness
2. Recruit and inform student leaders
3. Recruit and inform general volunteers
4. Empower student leaders to lead volunteers in specific initiatives
 - a. Occupying Dec 13th Board of Governors meeting
 - b. Letter-writing campaign to President Samarasekera and Board Chair Doug Goss
 - c. Organize media messaging and interview opportunities
 - d. Poster campaign to promote value of International students to the U of A
 - e. Video anecdotes for social media awareness

This will be our Advocacy Outreach Communications Officer's first project, and we are extremely happy to have her help!

Creation of the International Students' Association (ISA) has sped up since the announcement of the tuition increase. I hope to have SU, GSA, Discover Governance, and the various international student leaders around the table by November 18th.

Public Transit

I followed-up with the city previously to explore again varying options, including a reduced fine upon showing proof of purchase, rather than eliminating the fine. Unfortunately, they aren't too good with emails... which I totally understand 'cause I haven't been that good with them lately either!

No new updates.

Residence Issues

I'm really excited for two meetings coming up. One is a Residence Halls' Association meeting on Nov 21st, because Residence Services will be presenting their business plans for the various residences. On Dec 5th, Residence Operations will be presenting their priorities to the RHA. These discussions were supposed to happen last time around, but ended up being moved due to scheduling conflicts.

I am really excited for these two meetings because I sincerely believe that the University and the student body all have the same goals – a successful residence operations should please both parties – I hope that these conversations will better show the SU, GSA, and other student representatives where our concerns fall in the larger picture and plans of the University, so that we can have an understanding of “competing priorities”, have patience for change, and have an appreciation of the processes in place. With a greater understanding, I also believe that it will make our advocacy more effective.

Some of the recent residence issues being discussed are as follows:

- HUB Security – the SU, GSA, and University all share the value of student health and safety, and are financially constrained. More conversation will take place to find out what the underlying student concern is, so we can explore various solutions.
- Month-to-Month leases changing to 8-month leases – the University is proposing that month-to-month leases be changed to 8-month leases in HUB and ECV. This will not only create a more expectable source of revenue for the University, but will also allow for more timely notification of prospective tenants when spaces are available, and will also allow for timely renovations of units that need maintenance. We are looking at setting aside a quota for month-to-month leases, but do not know how many to set aside, and what approach to take to decide this quota. The transition/implementation is being targeted for May 2015, so we have plenty of time to chat.
- Residence Meal Plan – currently mandatory for all students living in Lister Centre. Bounced around the idea of making it optional, and covering costs by opening up the plan to all students. In my eyes, it would be like loading up your ONEcard with \$3000, and having the perks of not paying taxes for your meals on campus!

- Residence UWS – introducing UWS into Lister Centre is resulting in a \$25 fee for every resident. Currently exploring more cost-effective ways by cutting wireless congestion, and leveraging technology such as wireless repeaters.
- Residence Services is currently accepting applications for Residence Assistants for 2014-2015.
- Sharing best practices – The Hub Community Association has been conducting an annual survey to collect student feedback on key issues, helping them prioritize their efforts. They have also taken on a CSL student to help them with, in this case, the installation of wireless repeaters in HUB to increase access to free internet access in the building.
- Residence Agreement (“the Lease”) – the SU will be preparing research and proposing changes to the process in which the Residence Agreement is handled. We hope to bring the process into University Policy, and build a more robust “Request for Reconsideration”.
- Fee Collection for Residence Associations – last year, the Lister Hall Students’ Association conducted a referendum, in which their students voted in favour of a fee increase. However, Residence Services, as the body that collected fees in residence, did not allow the LHSA to carry on with its promises. With our eye on prospective SU Bylaw changes regarding representative student groups, the SU will need to start a conversation with Residence Services to see how we can work together to set a clearer process around administration of fees for RA’s.
- Work Orders in Residence – after the Michener Park Residents’ Association brought up their grievances with operations and maintenance at their residence, Residence Operations responded extremely positively and took the feedback and applied changes campus wide. When submitting a request for maintenance, aka work order, residents can now write a more thorough description, have the option to request a specific time/date, and have the option to request a formal “notice of entry”.

Thanks for reading – hope all is well!

Cheers,

William Lau

Original Approval Date: (**Effective Date:**) **Most Recent Approval Date:**

(Add “Effective Date” only if different than “Approval Date”)

Most Recent Editorial Date:

Parent Policy: Student Policy

Student Groups Procedure

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Dean of Students
Approver:	General Faculties Council Executive Committee
Scope:	Compliance with this University procedure extends to all members of the University community.

Overview

The University recognizes that participation in the activities of **Student Groups** is a beneficial aspect of the University experience. The University environment encourages the formation of different Student Groups. These groups may be defined in a variety of ways, according to, for example, a shared program of study, a commitment to service, a common activity, philosophy or background or particular perspective. When considering a group’s application for **Registration**, the University takes into account the group’s stated purposes, goals, activities, membership criteria and other attributes. The University desires to support the activities of Student Groups, but also recognizes the need to regulate them for the benefit of the groups themselves and the University community. When a Student Group is **Recognized** by the University, responsibilities and benefits result for both.

When sponsoring or conducting a **Student Group Event or Activity**, Student Groups are also accountable to the University for the conduct of their members and/or guests. While Student Group status is considered in this Procedure, complaints regarding the conduct of individual members of a group and their guests will be addressed under the Code of Student Behaviour and/or through other University policies, procedures or other appropriate processes.

Purpose

To outline the University’s processes for the administration of Student Groups.

PROCEDURE

1. RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS

In Registering with the University, a Student Group accepts the following responsibilities:

- To abide by all University policies and procedures, and all applicable municipal bylaws, Provincial and Federal statutes and regulations;
- To uphold the good name of the University;
- To live up to the group's stated purpose by acting in accordance with the group’s constitution, bylaws and polices;
- To respect the safety, security and inherent dignity of each member of the University community;
- To be responsible for members' conduct when members are representing the group, and therefore the University, on and off-campus; and
- To manage the group’s assets (financial or otherwise) in a responsible and ethical manner.

A Student Group enjoys a number of benefits, including:

- Ability to book space ~~at~~with the University;
- Use of the University's institutional liquor licenses and the ability to receive permission for gaming events;
- Use of the University's name and insignia;
- Exclusive use of the group's name on campus;
- Access to and ability to rent University property and equipment;
- Use of campus facilities for solicitation of membership.

All of the above benefits are subject to applicable University of Alberta policies, procedures and regulations.

This Procedure in no way limits the freedom of students and others to associate; however, groups of students not **Recognized** by the Dean of Students will not have access to the above benefits.

2. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be **Recognized** as a Student Group, approval must be obtained by following these registration procedures.

Student Groups must file a Registration application annually with the University through Student Group Services. In addition to Registering with the University, Student Groups may also register with the Students' Union or the Graduate Students' Association subject to meeting the ~~additional~~ requirements for those organizations.

To become a Recognized University of Alberta Student Group, a group must complete the appropriate Registration Form (available on www.bearsden.ualberta.ca) and must be able to provide satisfactory evidence of the following:

- That a minimum of ten (10) students are members of the group and that all of the executive members with voting privileges are currently part-time or full-time University of Alberta students. When groups have more than ten (10) student members, the remaining ratio of members must be comprised of two-thirds current University of Alberta students. In relation to **Fraternalities** and **Sororities**, the membership must be composed entirely of part-time or full-time University of Alberta students registered during the current academic year.
- That an acceptable constitution exists. (Guidelines for drafting a group constitution are available from Student Group Services.) The constitution must:
 - Outline the purpose of group;
 - Outline the membership eligibility;
 - Outline the executive and membership roles and responsibilities;
 - Demonstrate that the group functions in a democratic manner by outlining the elections process;
 - Outline financial requirements that meet or exceed the University's requirements as outlined below, and address what will happen to any assets, financial or otherwise, if the group should cease to exist for whatever reason.
- That a minimum of one general meeting is scheduled during the next twelve months.
- That, in the case of groups previously Recognized, a minimum of one general meeting has been held during the past twelve months.
- That, if the group is handling money, the appropriate financial arrangements are in place, including:
 - A bank account in the name of the group, or an acceptable alternative (under no circumstances can money held by student groups be deposited into a University bank account);
 - A requirement that at least two signatures of executive officers are necessary for all banking transactions;

- The direction that all monies of the Student Group go toward the operating expenses of the group, as it carries out its stated purpose/objectives/goals; and
- The maintenance of financial records in proper order for possible auditing.

Based on the nature of the activities being organized by the Student Group, the Dean of Students may determine additional requirements, which may include, but are not limited to, additional oversight structures, additional risk management requirements, and additional insurance coverage.

In order for the Student Group to be Recognized, the University's liability and indemnification agreement must be signed by two members of a Student Group's executive prior to final approval.

3. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Once all registration forms and supporting documentation have been submitted, they will be reviewed in a timely manner and Student Group Services will notify the group as to its status. The Dean of Students will decide one of the following:

- To Recognize the Student Group for the year.
- To grant **Provisional Recognition**, subject to additional requirements. These may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
 - Submit a complete membership list, including addresses and phone numbers;
 - Submit a financial statement for the preceding year (if an audit is necessary, the complete accounts for the group should be available);
 - Submit the minutes of general meetings held during the last twelve months;
 - Provide a bond in an amount to be determined by the Dean of Students, to be used to pay the cost of damage that may be incurred by the Student Group;
 - Report at specified periods to a specified University official; and
 - Such other reasonable requirements considered desirable to: limit the amount of risk incurred by the University; ensure that the Student Group provides reparation for harm done to the University community, University property or the property of others; or ensure the Student Group takes steps to build trust with the University or surrounding communities.
- To deny Recognition. In the case of denial of Recognition, the Dean of Students will provide written reasons for the decision.

A group's initial Registration with the Office of the Dean of Students may occur at any time of the year; re-Registration must be completed annually within ~~two~~ **three** (23) months of the group's election of new executive members.

Where the Student Group receives Recognized or Provisional status, the president, treasurer and the individual responsible for event planning and risk management must attend training provided by Student Group Services. This must occur on an annual basis.

4. DENIAL, REVOCATION OR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF STUDENT GROUP RECOGNITION

- a. The Dean of Students may deny a group Recognition, or revoke or temporarily suspend Recognition, under any of the following circumstances:
 - The group fails to meet the requirements for Recognition outlined above in section 2;
 - The group's stated objectives or activities or the manner of carrying out its activities have exposed or would expose the University to unacceptable risk;
 - The group's stated objectives or activities or the manner of carrying out its activities have in the past or could, by their very nature, lead to justifiable complaints under University policies and procedures and/or municipal bylaws, Provincial or Federal statutes or regulations;

- The group has engaged in activities involving **Hazing**, unacceptable **Risk to Persons**, or **Risk to Property or Reputation**;
 - The group tolerates, allows or encourages its members or executive to engage in any violation of the Code of Student Behavior when acting on behalf of or as a representative of the Student Group;
 - The group fails to abide by the responsibilities outlined above in section 1; or
 - The group fails to meet the conditions required for their Provisional Recognition.
- b. A complaint against a Student Group relating to any of the circumstances set out in section 4(a) can be made, in writing, to the Dean of Students.
- c. As part of the process of determining whether a Student Group should have their Recognition denied, revoked, or temporarily suspended, the Dean of Students may use the investigative expertise and resources within University of Alberta Protective Services or other entities as required.
- d. In cases where a student group is also registered with the Students' Union or the Graduate Students' Association, the Dean of Students will discuss the issue with the relevant students' association before making a decision.
- e. If the group is dissatisfied with the decision of the Dean of Students, the group may submit a request for reconsideration to the Dean of Students. The request for reconsideration must be received by the Dean of Students no more than 15 Business Days after the group is notified of the Dean's decision. A request for reconsideration must set out the reasons why the group is seeking reconsideration and, if applicable, those steps the group proposes to take to correct any actions referenced in the decision. In cases where a student group is also registered with the Students' Union or the Graduate Students' Association, the Dean of Students will discuss the issue with the relevant students' association before making a decision.
- f. If the group is still dissatisfied after the Dean of Students has made a decision on the request for reconsideration, it may make a written appeal of the decision to the Associate Vice President, Risk Management Services. The appeal must be received by the AVP Risk Management Services no more than 15 Business Days after the group is notified of the Dean's decision regarding reconsideration. The ~~Associate Vice President~~AVP; Risk Management Services may consult other appropriate or applicable University staff members in the decision making process. The appeal can include a request to meet with the AVP, Risk Management Services. In cases where a group is also registered with the Students' Union or the Graduate Students' Association, the AVP Risk Management Services will discuss the issue with the relevant students' association before making a decision. The AVP Risk Management Services will grant or deny the appeal based on an assessment of the level of risk to the University and will provide the decision in writing. The decision of the AVP Risk Management Services is final.
- g. The denial, revocation or temporary suspension of Student Group Recognition will remain in effect throughout the appeal periods.

5. EVENT PLANNING AND STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

Student Group Events and Activities are core to the functioning of Student Groups. Events and Activities can be organized both on-campus and off-campus. The responsibility for running the events in a safe manner belongs to the Student Group.

All Student Group Events and Activities must be approved by the Office of the Dean of Students. This approval must occur at the planning stage of the event and prior to any advertising or announcement of the event.

Student Groups are subject to all University policies and procedures and must adhere to these when organizing Events and Activities.

A Student Group that wishes to conduct a raffle, 50-50 draw or other activity that requires the issuance of a gaming license by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (the "AGLC") must request and receive permission from the University prior to applying to the AGLC for a gaming license ~~by submitting the Student Group Gaming Permission Form* to the Office of Insurance and Risk Assessment (Risk Management Services) at least 30 days in advance of any proposed gaming activity.~~ Permission to apply for a gaming license ~~to the AGLC may be granted to a Student Group at the discretion of the Office of Insurance and Risk~~

[Assessment and receipt of permission from the Office of Insurance and Risk Assessment](#) does not guarantee that the Student Group meets the requirements to obtain a gaming license from the AGLC.

Student Groups may not enter into legally binding agreements in the name of the University. Should a Student Group wish to enter into a legally binding agreement it shall ensure that such agreement does not contain any provisions that place any obligations on the University or that contravene, or cause the University to be in breach of, the terms of any agreement to which the University is a party.

Depending on the nature of the activity, the Dean of Students may require a Student Group to obtain additional insurance or require the presence of University of Alberta Protective Services or the Edmonton Police Service. The cost of these will be the responsibility of the Student Group.

The Dean of Students has the authority to deny or revoke approval for a Student Group Event or Activity (whether an Event or Activity is in progress or is scheduled to occur) if the Dean of Students reasonably believes that the Student Group Event or Activity has caused or will cause **Risk to Persons** or **Risk to Property or Reputation**.

If the group is dissatisfied with the decision of the Dean of Students, the group may submit a request for reconsideration to the Dean of Students. A request for reconsideration must be received by the Dean of Students no more than 15 Business Days after the group is notified of the Dean's decision. A request for reconsideration must set out the reasons why the group is seeking reconsideration and, if applicable, those steps the group proposes to take to correct any actions referenced in the decision. In cases where a student group is also registered with the Students' Union or the Graduate Students' Association, the Dean of Students will discuss the issue with the relevant students' association before making a decision. The decision of Dean of Students is final.

A number of relevant University policies and procedures apply to Student Groups [and/or their members](#) and are listed under related links below.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions should be listed in the sequence they occur in the document (i.e. not alphabetical).

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. ▲ Top	
Student Group	A group of students which has applied to Register with and is Recognized by the Dean of Students. Examples include, but are not limited to a club, association, organization, society, fraternity or fellowship.
Registration, Register	The process by which a group requests Recognition by the Dean of Students in order to receive the benefits provided to a Student Group.
Recognition, Recognized	The acknowledgement of a Student Group for receipt of specific benefits as listed in Section 1 of this Procedure, at the discretion of the Dean of Students.
Student Group Event or Activity	Any student function organized by the Student Group for its members and their guests, on or off campus, including but not limited to, social events, demonstrations, events involving alcohol, travel, fundraising, guest speakers, or physical activity or events involving the issuance of a gaming license from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (raffle, 50-50 draw, casino) .
Fraternity or Sorority	A student group formed for social purposes and dedicated to the positive development of its members. Members are initiated by invitation, and determined through democratic processes following a

	<p>trial period used to gauge adherence to common values, aspirations and membership requirements.</p>
Provisional Recognition	<p>Recognition of a Student Group with specified additional conditions for continued Recognition.</p>
Hazing	<p>The creation of an environment or any intentional, reckless or negligent act, that occurs on or off University property, that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. endangers the physical health, mental health or safety of a person; or ii. produces physical or mental discomfort, embarrassment, humiliation, harassment, or ridicule; or iii. results in the destruction, damage or removal of any public or private property; or iv. causes, induces, pressures, coerces, or requires another person to violate any federal, provincial, municipal or University regulations; for purposes that include, but are not limited to, initial or continued admission, affiliation or initiation with the group. <p>Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to: any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, paddling, or electric shocks, exercise not legitimately related to a sport, forced consumption of alcohol or other substances, inappropriate exposure to the elements, compulsory nudity or immodest dress, transportation and abandonment, threats or implied threats, verbal abuse, physical or psychological abuse, sleep deprivation, physical confinement, coerced hazing of another, compulsory servitude, degrading activities, sexual simulation, sexual assault, or theft or misuse of others' property.</p> <p>Hazing can occur regardless of whether the subject(s) of the hazing have consented to participate in or be subjected to the activities in question, or whether the activities in question constitute a ritual or tradition of a group.</p>
Risk to Persons	<p>Setting or creating an environment or circumstances which endangers or potentially endangers the health, safety or well being of individuals or groups</p>
Risk to Property or Reputation	<p>Setting or creating an environment which promotes or tolerates reputational, financial or physical damage to the University, the University community, or other individuals or groups</p>

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Trademarks and Licensing Policy (UAPPOL)

November 15th, 2013

To: Students' Council

From: Petros Kusmu, President 2013-2014

Re: Report to Students' Council (for November 19th, Meeting)

Hello Council!

It's been a while! A lot has happened since my last report – from major news to huge progress on our executive goals. Unfortunately, Vice-President External Adam Woods and I can't make it to the upcoming Council meeting since we'll be in Ottawa for the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's Advocacy Week in Ottawa. With that being said, I'll try to Skype in, if possible. In the meantime, here's a brief update on what I've been up to since October 18th.

- **International Students' Tuition Increase**

So this is going to undoubtedly be one of the biggest advocacy battles for the Students' Union (SU) this year. On Thursday, November 7th, the University's Vice President Finance and Administration, Phyllis Clark, called and informed me that international students tuition would see a net five percent increase to their tuition – one percent is from CPI, which is the government's regulation, and another four percent is the actual surprising increase. Later that afternoon, the SU received documents clearly outlining what the tuition increase would exactly look like. (I've attached the document to my report.)

Besides the fact that this tuition increase will result in international students paying an additional \$934.80 to \$1,645.40 next year, depending on which program they're in, what's disappointing is the actual consultation process. For over a month, the SU has been asking the institution to keep students apprised of international students' tuition increase would look like since the administration told us that this would be under consideration. Rather than include students early on in the discussion, we were given a document to consider for one working day and then have it brought forward to various governance committees immediately. Furthermore, the University's Deans' Council was presented with various options regarding international students weeks before students were a part of the conversation.

What's the rationale for the extra four percent tuition increase? Two things. First, the University says that its costs for salaries, merit, and benefits are increasing approximately 3.6 percent annually. Second, the University states that the reason why it's a five percent and not a 4.6 percent increase is because there are other increasing costs – more specifically, information technology and library costs (apparently monographs are increasing at five percent a year... --).

After our meeting with the institution on Tuesday at our Tuition Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC), where we were "told" what the proposal was (i.e. not consulted with), we've been trying to inform as many students as possible about the tuition increase. Besides our social media blitz, I've also done interviews with the Metro and the Gateway. Additionally, we'll most likely be participating on an Alberta Primetime Television Panel about the issue. Furthermore, we'll talk about the increase in our monthly newsletter to students. Keep spreading the word!

The feedback so far has been overwhelming and it has been excellent to see domestic students stand in solidarity with their international colleagues. Right now, we need more students (especially domestic ones

to show solidarity) being involved and **council needs to play a role in this**. How? Start by attending the informal International Students' Association meetings every **Friday at 6PM in CAB 273**. Furthermore, be sure to attend the **Board of Governors meeting on Friday, December 13th from 8-10:00AM** so you can be there as the Governors vote on the motion.

- **External Provincial Advocacy**

As mentioned in my oral report to Council, all the student associations in the province participating in its second quarterly meeting with the Deputy Premier/Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education. What was particularly interesting about this quarterly was how a 30-60 minute Question & Answer session with the Deputy Premier turned into a three-hour discussion. There was a ton of questions thrown at the Deputy Premier regarding a bunch of things. I made sure to ask a question regarding the potential for international students tuition to increase and I received a relatively lackluster response at the time. Furthermore, myself and other student leaders continued to lambast the Deputy Premier for the budget cuts to our institutions.

On November 7th to 8th, the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) had its first advocacy event this year. We met with all of the post-secondary education (PSE) critics from each opposition party (MLA Kent Hehr from the Liberal Party of Alberta, MLA Bruce McAllister from the Wildrose Party, and MLA Rachel Notley from the New Democratic Party). We had excellent discussions regarding the state of our PSE institutions and even had them ask questions during Question Period. We focused primarily on the why the province needs to reinvest in our PSE institutions in the upcoming budget, regulating mandatory non-instructional fees, the creation of a new student employment program, and increasing non-repayable student financial aid. In our hour-long meeting with the Deputy Premier, we not only talked about the same things but I also included a discussion surrounding international students' tuition. This was a challenge since CAUS and the SU doesn't have a clearly articulated stance on international students (besides the fact that we're against it going up). The questions that were a challenge in addressing was something along the lines of, "At what point do stop international students taking more and more seats from domestic students? Where's the line? Should there be a quota? Or should it be completely merit-based?"

Furthermore, Ignite Alberta had the opportunity to present to the Deputy Premier's quarterly meeting with all of the PSE institution's board chairs. While I'm trying to move this file more on the plates of other student leaders, the Deputy Premier specifically stated that he'd like me to be one of the students who'd present this. This is the first time student representatives have ever presented to this group and the feedback from the board chairs was overwhelmingly positive. (On a side note, things are progressing well with Ignite. We requested a deadline extension from the Ministry so we can submit our final report in mid-/late-December since we had some challenges with distributing surveys at our PSE institutions."

- **Budget**

At the October 28th GFC meeting, Acting Provost Martin Ferguson-Pell briefed the institution about its budget. One of the interesting things from the presentation was the institution's plan to increase international student enrollment and how the Ministry was apparently "comfortable" with this idea.

But the obviously more exciting and interesting news in regards to the institution's budget was its recent \$14.4 million injection of mid-year funding from the provincial government. While we're all happy to see the government restore \$50 million of funding to the PSE sector (approximately two weeks before the Premier's Leadership Review... --), we're still extremely displeased with the budget cuts in the first

place. Vice President External Adam Woods did a great job in the media expressing these sentiments to the media and to MLAs during CAUS' advocacy days.

When I chatted with President Indira Samarasekera yesterday about the Leadership College, she noted that the funding would be tied to specifically bettering the student experience on campus, address student enrolment pressure in some faculties, and focus on long-term strategic objectives. Currently, it is pretty vague as to how this new funding will be divvied up but the President stated that the Ministry would have some degree of signing off on the institution's plans.

It should be noted that while all PSE-related stakeholders played an important part in government's decision to reinject more funding to our institutions (e.g. CAUS, the Council of Faculty Associations, the Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education, the Alberta Student Executive Council), I personally believe that the University's Board Chair, Douglass Goss, played perhaps one of the most influential roles. If you ever see him around, please be sure to give him a hi-five and a "thank you" for his relentless advocacy work to the provincial government. We all played an important part but he often doesn't get recognized for his work.

- **The Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative and College**

Since The Gateway's explosive feature on the campus-wide discontent with the proposed Lougheed Leadership College component of the Lougheed Leadership Initiative, a lot has progressed on this front. On October 30th, Vice President Academic Dustin Chelen and I met with Dr. Peter Meekison – the University's point-person on the Leadership Initiative – to discuss the SU's discussion paper on the initiative. Apparently the Board Chair, President, and other influential community members on the project were really taken aback with the campus-wide discontent The Gateway reported on and wanted to remedy the situation immediately. Dr. Meekison really appreciated the SU's discussion paper and liked some of the ideas we had. After that, Dustin and I met with Board Chair Douglass Goss and expressed is discontent with how the entire process has been and wanted to make sure students were on board. As a result of that meeting, Dustin and I met with President Samarasekera yesterday to further discuss the SU's paper.

President Samarasekera was extremely receptive to our discussion paper and stated that she was along the same lines as us. She stated that the residence and the idea of a college are actually two very separate things and cited Innis College from the University of Toronto as an example to look at. Like Innis College, President Samarasekera thinks that there could be a Lougheed Leadership college that'd have an enrollment of, possible, ~1,900 students from a variety of faculties (much like Innis College) where a select few of them can live in a residence if they so choose too (i.e. the Loughed Leadership college). This is a massive departure from the University's original communications where the College was cited as an integral part of the leadership initiative where participating in the program was conditional on living in the residence. Additionally, President Samarasekera was receptive to the idea of creating an endowment fund to provide sustainable funding for currently leadership programs (i.e. Undergraduate Research Initiative, Emerging Leaders Program, Community Service Learning), funding for new leadership initiatives, and funding for faculty's to develop and sustain faculty-specific leadership certificates. Furthermore, the SU will have a seat at the table for the University of Alberta Lougheed Leadership Initiative's Academic Advisory Committee.

This is all great news and it's a huge step in the right direction. Right now, Dustin and I are tasked with further investigating what the Lougheed Leadership Initiative can look like on campus. (If you want to

get involved, please don't hesitate to email us!) Additionally, President Samarasekera is interested in convening a special Students' Council meeting in December where John Ferguson (the Chair of the entire Loughheed Leadership Initiative) and his partner can present to Council. This is an extremely exciting opportunity. Dustin and I will continue to keep Council posted on this front.

- **Residences**

On October 23rd, the SU, the Graduate Students' Association and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and the University's Administration – more specifically, the Dean of Students (DoS), DoS' Student Affairs Officer, Associate Vice-President of Risk Management Services, and the University Secretary – began its four-part workshop on creating a consultation/engagement guideline between all of the stakeholders. This exercise is a part of the agreement that prevented the SU from taking the University to judicial review for its unilateral changes made to Lister Hall on July 23rd, 2013. So far these sessions are exceeding everyone's expectations and the conversations have been rich. So far, it is starting to change the way we all think about how the institution and how the SU and GSA can better engage with its stakeholders.

In other news, there have been some developments with the Lister Hall Students Association's (LHSA) cases from the University. For some context, last year's Students' Council supported the LHSA in defending itself against charges under the Code of Student Behavior (COSB). We expected these cases to be wrapped up by September. However, these cases have dragged on longer than expected despite the Dean of Students – one of the primary proponents behind these COSB charges – stating his support for the LHSA this year, which is a drastic step forward in the right direction. These cases bring up issues of fundamental fairness and justice in the university's discipline process and, as a result, the SU continues to support the LHSA. Unless these cases wrap up really soon, we'll be coming back to council for additional legal fees. In any case, I'm hoping Students' Council will receive a presentation to update everyone on this file.

- **Fostering Student Entrepreneurship on Campus**

This part of my executive goals has been progressing very nicely so far. Vice President Operations and Finance Josh Le, Vice President Student Life William Lau, and I had a meeting scheduled with Tod Babiak – one of the cofounders of Make Something Edmonton – to talk about all-things related to entrepreneurship and how the SU can play a role in it. Unfortunately, our meeting with him and his colleagues got reschedule. However, we met with Ken Batista – one of founders of StartUp Edmonton – had an excellent conversation with him about the possibilities of fostering entrepreneurship on campus. One of the large outcomes from that meeting was the realization that the redevelopment of the North Power Plant (NPP) can be a large and integral part of fostering further entrepreneurship on campus (meaning that VP Le and I have to work more closely together on both files). Additionally, as a result of our meeting with Ken, I received a special ticket to attend StartUp Canada's event in Ottawa during my time in Ottawa for CASA's Advocacy Week. Furthermore, Ken stated that he's willing to use his political clout to assist the SU in its efforts to foster entrepreneurship on campus if we need it.

In addition to that, VP Le, VP Lau, and I participated CAPS' StartUpU's weeklong event on fostering entrepreneurship activities on campus. It was an absolute blast and I plan on meeting with CAPS' director to talk about the SU's interest in this.

- **Fall Reading Week (FRW)**

A lot has happened on the FRW file. VP Chelen and I presented to the Dean of Students' Council on Student Affairs where we received overwhelming support from its members in the FRW scenario the SU is proposing. Additionally, we met with Deans and Associate Deans from the Faculty of Arts, ALES, and Science to get feedback and support on our proposal. While things were looking positive, there was a turn of events. Our objective of having a FRW scenario passing through university governance by December 2nd so Fall 2014 can receive a FRW didn't pan out due to a really bad governance schedule in November and December. Currently, our objective is to have it approved in early February so that Fall 2015 can see a FRW. While this was a disappointment, I'm still unbelievably determined to ensure that a FRW scenario gets passed this year. In the meantime, VP Chelen and I will be building more support from Deans.

- **Gender Diversity in Elections**

Things have been progressing on the executive's goal of having great inclusivity – primarily on ensuring greater diversity in governance. In the SU's Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee, there have been some great ideas surrounding how to get greater gender diversity in elections – from hosting elections workshops early on in the year to subsidizing the costs of attending external election workshops. Furthermore, VP Chelen and I worked with Stephen Chin – former ISSS President – on his project to get more women involved in elections by outlining what are the current barriers and issues facing gender diversity in the SU's governance structures and providing our thoughts on how this could be remedied.

- **Miscellaneous**

Other things to take note of:

- **Athletics** – Part of our executive goals is to bolster the profile of athletics on campus. Some of the executives and I attended multiple Bears and Pandas games where there has been excellent turnout. VP Lau and I are in talks with some folks from Athletics on how we can further bolster attendance to athletic games and some of the ideas floating around is ensuring that all games are free. (Side note: Congratulations to the Pandas Rugby team for being CIS and Western Champions!!!)
- **Student Council Engagement Task Force (SCET)** – Another goal of mine is reform to Students' Council. I'm glad to say that SCET has been doing an excellent job in investigating on the different ways council can be reformed to ensure greater engagement with its constituents. Major shout outs to all of its members, especially to its Chair (i.e. Councillor Natalia) and its student-at-large representatives (i.e. Seamus, Lok, and Fabian).
- **Students' Council Alumni Chapter** – I'm in talks with folks from the University of Alberta Alumni Association to create an alumni association chapter for Students' Council. This should be a really neat side project.

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

Signing off,



Petros Kusmu



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OUTLINE OF ISSUE

 Agenda Title: **University of Alberta 2014-2015 International Tuition Fee Proposal**

Motion: THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, recommend to the Board Finance and Property Committee that the Board of Governors approve a proposal from the University Administration for an increase to international tuition fees of 5.0%, effective September 1, 2014 and as illustrated in the table below.

General Tuition Fees:

Undergraduate (Arts and Science)^{a, b}	2013-14	2014-15	Change^c	
			(\$)	(%)
International, Base	\$5,269.20	\$5,320.80	\$51.60	0.98%
International, Differential	<u>\$13,441.20</u>	<u>\$14,324.40</u>	<u>\$883.20</u>	<u>6.57%</u>
Total, International	\$18,710.40	\$19,645.20	\$934.80	5.00%
Course Based Masters^a	2013-14	2014-15	Change^c	
			(\$)	(%)
International, Base Tuition	\$3,708.00	\$ 3,744.72	\$36.72	0.99%
International, Differential	<u>\$3,866.40</u>	<u>\$ 4,208.40</u>	<u>\$342.00</u>	<u>8.85%</u>
Total, International	\$7,574.40	\$ 7,953.12	\$378.72	5.00%
Thesis 919^{a, e}	2013-14	2014-15	Change^c	
			(\$)	(%)
International, Base Tuition	\$2,312.80	\$ 2,335.92	\$23.12	1.00%
International, Differential	<u>\$2,412.24</u>	<u>\$ 2,625.36</u>	<u>\$213.12</u>	<u>8.83%</u>
Total, International	\$4,725.04	\$ 4,961.28	\$236.24	5.00%
Thesis Based Masters/PhD^{a, b, d}	2013-14	2014-15	Change^c	
			(\$)	(%)
International, Base Tuition	\$2,778.00	\$2,805.72	\$27.72	1.00%
Graduate Thesis Market Modifier	\$848.28	\$856.68	\$8.40	0.99%
International, Differential	<u>\$2,906.76</u>	<u>\$3,197.28</u>	<u>\$290.52</u>	<u>9.99%</u>
Total, International	\$6,533.04	\$6,859.68	\$326.64	5.00%

- (a) Values are based on a full-time per term and full-time per year.
- (b) Excludes applicable market modifier and/or program specific differential fees, except for the graduate thesis market modifier, which is included above.
- (c) Tuition increases are applied to the fee index. As such, the effective year over year percentage change on the overall full-time program may be below 1.0/5.0 percent.
- (d) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study prior to Fall 2011 and are assessed the reduced thesis rate.
- (e) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study beginning in Fall 2011 or later; this is based on an annual fee assessment (including spring/summer).

Program Differential and Market Modifier Fees:

Program Differential ^a	2013-14	2014-15	Change	
			\$	%
Juris Doctor (JD), base ^b	\$4,500.60	\$4,545.60	\$ 45.00	1.00%
Juris Doctor (JD), IDF on base ^b	\$4,694.12	\$5,108.84	\$ 414.72	8.83%
Total International JD Program Fee ^b	\$9,194.72	\$9,654.44	\$ 459.72	5.00%
Master of Business Administration, Base	\$591.96	\$597.84	\$5.88	0.99%
MBA, IDF on Base	\$617.40	\$671.88	\$54.48	8.82%
Total International MBA Program Fee	\$1,209.36	\$1,269.72	\$60.36	5.00%
Market Modifier ^a	2013-14	2014-15	Change	
			(\$)	(%)
Business, Base Market Modifier	\$207.72	\$209.78	\$2.06	0.99%
Business, IDF on Market Modifier	\$529.84	\$564.64	\$34.80	6.57%
Total, International	\$737.56	\$774.42	\$36.86	5.00%
Engineering, Base Market Modifier	\$175.64	\$177.36	\$1.72	0.98%
Engineering, IDF on Market Modifier	\$448.04	\$477.48	\$29.44	6.57%
Total, International	\$623.68	\$654.84	\$31.16	5.00%
Pharmacy, Base Market Modifier	\$400.20	\$404.16	\$3.96	0.99%
Pharmacy, IDF Market Modifier	\$1,020.84	\$1,087.92	\$67.08	6.57%
Total, International	\$1,421.04	\$1,492.08	\$71.04	5.00%

(a) Values listed are per course, unless otherwise stated (assumes 3 units course weight).

(b) Program Fees - values are based on a full-time per term and full-time per year.

Item

Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Proposed by	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Presenters	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Subject	Tuition for 2014-2015

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic).
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To set tuition fees for the 2014-2015 academic year.
The Impact of the Proposal is	See 'Purpose'.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	Tuition proposal set by the Board of Governors on December 14, 2012 for September, 2013.
Timeline/Implementation Date	September, 2014.
Estimated Cost	N/A
Sources of Funding	N/A
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	Comprehensive Institutional Plan; <i>Dare to Discover</i> ; <i>Dare to Deliver</i>
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure	1. Ministerial Letter Regarding the New Tuition Fees Regulation: A letter to the President, University of Alberta, dated September 17,

Relevant to the Proposal
(please quote legislation and
include identifying section
numbers)

2013, from the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) states that: "As per the Public Post-secondary Institutions' Tuition Fee Regulation, the maximum allowable weighted average tuition fee increase across the entire institution shall not exceed 1.0 per cent."

2. *Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)*, Sections 61(1) and 61(2)(a):

61(1) The board of a public post-secondary institution shall set the tuition fees to be paid by students of the public post-secondary institution.

61(2) The tuition fees under subsection (1) for all public post-secondary institutions other than Banff Centre

(a) must be set in accordance with the regulations[.] [...]"

3. *Public Post-Secondary Institution's Tuition Fees Regulation, Alberta Regulation 273/2006*):

"Definition of tuition fees for Act purposes, etc.

2. For the purposes of the Act and this Regulation, "tuition fees" in respect of an institution means the following:

(a) fees identified in the institution's calendar or in a supplement to its calendar as tuition fees or fees for instruction for courses that are part of programs approved by the Minister under the Programs of Study Regulation (AR 91/2009) or for the purposes of the Student Financial Assistance Act, excluding the following: [...]

(v) any differential or surcharge in fees that the board of the institution may set for courses taken by individuals who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada[.]"

4. *PSLA Section 26(1)(o)* states:

"Powers of general faculties council

26(1) Subject to the authority of the board, a general faculties council is responsible for the academic affairs of the university and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, has the authority to

(o) make recommendations to the board with respect to affiliation with other institutions, academic planning, campus planning, a building program, the budget, the regulation of residences and dining halls, procedures in respect of appointments, promotions, salaries, tenure and dismissals, and any other matters considered by the general faculties council to be of interest to the university [...]"

On the line-by-line budget, including consideration of matters related to tuition, GFC has delegated this responsibility to its senior standing committee, the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), as noted in the following.

5. *GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) Terms of Reference*

	<p>(Mandate - Section 3.4(b)):</p> <p>“APC is responsible for making recommendations to GFC and/or to the Board of Governors concerning policy matters and action matters with respect to the following: [. . .]</p> <p>4. Budget Matters To recommend to the Board of Governors on the annual budget, excluding budgets for ancillary units. [...].”</p> <p>6. Board Finance and Property (BFPC) Terms of Reference (Section 3(d)):</p> <p>“3. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall: [...]</p> <p>d) review and recommend to the Board tuition and other like fees[.]”</p>
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Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	President’s Executive Committee (Operations) – October 31, 2013 (for endorsement)
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	GFC Academic Planning Committee – November 13, 2013 (for recommendation); Board Finance and Property Committee – November 26, 2013 (for recommendation); Board of Governors – December 13, 2013 (for final approval)
Final Approver	Board of Governors

Attachments: *The Attachments for this item are exactly the same as those included with Agenda Item #6.*

1. Attachment 1 (pages 1 – 4) - University of Alberta Tuition Proposal, 2014-2015
2. Attachment 2 (page 1) - Letter from the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) to the President, University of Alberta

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday November 5th, 2013
ETLC 1-018

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-13)

2013-13/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

2013-13/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 19th, 2013

2013-13/2

PRESENTATIONS

2013-13/2a

Student Mental Health at the U of A by Dr. Robin Overall, 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

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

2013-13/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Natalia Binczyk, SCET Chair- Report

2013-13/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes

BINCZYK/SPEAKMAN MOVED TO suspend the standing orders to allow for a straw poll

Motion: CARRIED

MOHANED/KELLY MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to allow from a motion from the floor

MOHAMED MOVED TO approve bill #4 in first reading based on the following principle.

The student refuge fund would not become a Class D fee if it was increased beyond the current rate of exchange as per the schedule.

Motion: FAILED

Binczyk, Schiavone and Hwang abstain

GREHAN/SCHIAVONE MOVED to adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Councillor Attendance Records							
2013-2014		Attendance					
Council Seats (40 total Name		13-10-Sept 24	13-11-Oct8	13-12-Oct22	13-13-Nov 5		
Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)							
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President	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	N		
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	0.5	N		
VP External	Adam Woods	Y	N	Y	Y		
VP Operations & Finance	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
VP Student Life	William Lau	Y	Y	Y	0.5		
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)							
ALES	Kareema Batal	0.5	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Erin Borden	Y	N	Y	0.5		
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Dylan Hanwell	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Marina Banister	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Arts	Stephen Schiavone	Y	0.5	N	Y		
Arts	Bashir Mohamed	N	Y	Y	Y		
Augustana (Faculty)	Stephanie Grulke	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Business	Ralph Mlynarski	N	Y	Y	Y		
Business	Rafael Valdez	N	N	Y	0.5		
Education	Stephanie Corbett	0.5	N	Y	N		
Education	Katie Horvat				Y		
Education	Vacant						
Engineering	Braiden Redman	0.5	Y	Y	0.5		
Engineering	Taimur Malik				Y		
Engineering	Abdullah Hamid	Y	Y	N	0.5		
Engineering	Vacant						
Law	Sangram Hansra				Y		
Medicine & Dentistry	Samantha Lam				0.5		
Native Studies	Harley Morris	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Nursing	Dan Sims				N		
Nursing	Vacant						
Open Studies	Jessica Nguyen	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Pharmacy	Vacant						
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant						
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y	Y	0.5	Y(p)		
Science	Chloe Speakman	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Science	James Hwang	Y	Y	N	Y		
Science	Dawson Zeng	N	Y	N	Y(p)		
Science	Eric Grehan	Y	N	Y	Y		
Science	Natalia Binczyk	0.5	Y	0.5	Y		
Science	Maxwell Douglas	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)							
Speaker	Craig Turner	Y	Y	Y	Y		
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	N	N	N		