

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
Augustana

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2014-10)

2014-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2014-10/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

2014-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2014-10/2a The Augustana Students' Association (ASA) and Augustana Campus by the ASA Executive: Hans Asfeldt, Shaun Dubash, Carolina Malloy, Bhavin Patel and Justin Draper, Sponsored by Governor Hansra and Councillor Gruhlke.

The ASA is the Campus Students' Association for Augustana Campus, University of Alberta. The ASA and its elected bodies are mandated to ensure a high quality university experience for Augustana students through innovative and responsible representation, advocacy, and the provision of services and activities.

The Augustana Campus is a faculty of the University of Alberta located in Camrose. The Campus, previously known as "Camrose Lutheran College" merged with the University of Alberta in 2004. Approximately 1000 full-time students study at the Campus. The Faculty has four departments: Fin Arts, Humanities, Science and Social Science. The Campus also runs an after-degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing through the Faculty of Nursing and a Masters of Science in Physical Therapy through the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

2014-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2014-10/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 14-10.01

**2014-10/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2014-10/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD**

**2014-10/6**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2014-10/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2014-10/8**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2014-10/8a**      CAC Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-10.02

**2014-10/8b**      Policy Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-10.03

**2014-10/8c**      Natalia Binczyk Resignation from Students' Council

Please see document SC 14-10.04

**2014-10/8d**      Vacancies for fall by-election

Please see document SC 14-10.05

**2014-10/8e**      Appointment of Science Councillors

Please see document SC 14-10.06

**2014-10/8f**      Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 14-10.07

**2014-10/8g**      Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 14-10.08

2014-09-09

HODGSON/LAU moved to make a project allocation not to exceed \$2000 for the purchase of an AED.

4/0/0

2014-09-15

LAU/DIAZ moved to appoint ORYDZUK and HODGSON to the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee as the Executive Committee representatives.

5/0/0



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

<i>Date: September 9<sup>th</sup> 2014</i>	<i>Time: 5.03 pm</i>	2014 – 2015
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<b>Motions</b>		
1.	<i>HODGSON moved to approve the agenda for September 09, 2014 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 8/0/0</i>
2.	<i>HODGSON moved to approve the minutes for August 19, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/5</i>
3.	<i>KHINDA/ORYDZUK moved that the Students' Council define the minimum requirements that must be met by a Student Representative Association (SRA) in order for Council to consider an SRA's wishes to advocate contrary to Students' Union political policy...</i> <b>Amendment recommended by the Council Administration Committee-            ...as follows: the Student Representative Association will conduct a plebiscite and host a general meeting prior to presenting to Students' Council and will present the results of the plebiscite to council.</b>	<i>CARRIED 7/0/1</i>



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **September 15, 2014**

Time: **6:10 pm**

2014 – 2015 **MEETING #09**

### **Motions**

1.	<b>BHATIA</b> moved that <i>September 15 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
2.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved that <i>August 12 minutes be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>2/0/3</i>
3.	<b>KHINDA</b> moved that <i>the Policy Committee consolidates its financial policies.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/1</i>
4.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved that <i>the discussion of Affordable Housing Policy be tabled to the next meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/1</i>
5.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved that <i>the discussion of Health and Wellness Policy be tabled to the next meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/1</i>
6.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>

To: Students' Union Council 2014-2015

Re: Natalia Binczyk's Resignation from Council

Date: September 17, 2014

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Dear Students' Council,

Please accept my letter of resignation from Council. I am making this decision with a very heavy heart. Working with you for the past 5 months (and with a few of you for almost 1.5 years) has been a pleasure.

As the year progresses, I am starting to realize that I will not be able to dedicate a sufficient amount of time to Council to make a true impact on the organization. I believe that staying on Council to only fulfill the very basic duties would not do justice to the organization. I have been advocating for a very engaged, active Council. If I cannot practice the vision I have been trying to share with you, I believe I should step down from my position.


All of you have so much to offer to the students at the U of A. I know the organization is in good hands. As I leave, I would like to encourage you once more to go above and beyond while fulfilling your duties as a Councillor. Go out, talk to students, propose changes to current structures, and try to make a change (however you envision that change). Since SCET finished its work, I continue to see more and more emphasis on creating an approachable and involved Council. This was the vision I entered Council with 1.5 years ago.

I regret to resign past the 'resignation deadline' and I apologize to the unfortunate timing. I sincerely believed I could manage all my commitments this year. Sadly, this is not the case. I will 'hang around' until the new CAC Chair feels comfortable in his/her position. I will also finish the clothing order and wrap up a few other CAC related items.

I hope our paths will cross again in the future. I wish you all the best in the pursuit of your Council related goals as well as your personal goals. All I want to ask for is that you don't settle for being a mediocre Councillor. The students and the organization deserve nothing but our best.

Sincerely,

Natalia Binczyk

 <b>Students' Union Elections Office</b> Phone: (780) 492-7102 Email: <a href="mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca">cro@su.ualberta.ca</a>	
<b>To:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Saadiq Sumar Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Union</li> <li>➤ Kathryn Orydzuk Vice President (Academic), Students' Union</li> <li>➤ Garry Bodnar University Governance</li> <li>➤ Rebecca Taylor Student Governance Advisor, Students' Union</li> </ul>
<b>From:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Jessica Nguyen Chief Returning Officer</li> </ul>
<b>Subject:</b>	Vacancies for open for contest in fall by-election
<b>Date:</b>	September 18, 2014


Below is a list of vacancies for Students' Council and General Faculties Council, as of September 18, 2014. The fall by-election will make available the following seats. Any questions or concerns with the list below should be directed to Jessica Nguyen, Chief Returning Officer, at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca).

### Students' Council Vacant Seats

Education	1 VACANT SEAT
Nursing	1 VACANT SEAT
Open Studies	1 VACANT SEAT

### General Faculties Council Vacant Seats

ALES	1 VACANT SEAT
Arts	3 VACANT SEATS
Business	3 VACANT SEATS
Education	3 VACANT SEATS
Engineering	3 VACANT SEATS
Medicine & Dentistry	1 VACANT SEAT
Nursing	2 VACANT SEATS

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<b>From:</b>	➤ Jessica Nguyen Chief Returning Officer
<b>Subject:</b>	Councillor Appointments - Science
<b>Date:</b>	September 18, 2014

Dear Council,

In accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 100, Section 7(2), vacated seats on Students' Council shall be filled by the candidate who would have been elected had another seat been allocated to the resigning councillor's faculty during the last election (Students' Council and GFC Election – March 2014).

In response to the recent resignations, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ali Qadri and Lok To to Students' Council to represent the Faculty of Science for the 2014-2015 year.

If you require any other information regarding these appointments, or regarding the councillor replenishment process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca).

Cheers,

Jessica Nguyen

(electronically submitted)





September 18, 2014

To: Council

Re: September 23 Council Report

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Hi Council,

I hope all of you are settling wonderfully into your classes! I know a couple of my fellow VPs are doing office hours now, which I actually think is an amazing idea. I want to do it but I'm never free at a regular time all the time. I could announce a new day and time each week in my report, but I think it might be better if you want to talk to me one on one if you send me an email ([vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca)) and I will set time aside for you as soon as possible.

I don't normally like to make my Council reports have a negative tone, but I'm afraid this one might. I am frustrated about my goals being somewhat stagnated over the last little while because of everything with the Market Modifier proposals and FAs. Don't get me wrong, I love the FAs and CAs and I would make all the time in the world for them, but I had always hoped it would be more positive. I started this whole governance journey on an FA myself (then called CBAS, now called AFSA), so these organizations have a special place in my heart. Recently, I've been put in a tough place with Faculty Associations because of actions that I feel are out of my hands. Under bylaw, what happens with the FAs falls to me, and the weight of those decisions are not light. What at first seemed procedural has now become very serious as people become invested. I know some of you are invested, the faculties and faculty associations certainly are, and many students and community members at large are. One of the things that's been bothering me the most is the starting of this narrative that 'the SU is unreasonable' or 'the SU won't bend on their positions so why bother talking to them'. It isn't true at all. Also it's really damaging for us from an advocacy perspective because we are reasonable at the table and there is an out for Faculty Associations who are in a particular instance where they would be going against what the students in their faculties wanted if they followed SU policy. Why, you might ask, do Faculty Associations need to have an out from policies that don't fit what their students want? Shouldn't they just be able to do what their students want? A valid question on all accounts. The SU designates its representative authority to SRAs. They are like proxies in a way. As a result of them acting on our behalf, we ask certain things from them. We ask them to let us know who they are each year (exec roster), we ask that they abide by bylaw 8200 (basically financial reports), and we ask that they abide by bylaw 8100 (overarching rules for SRAs). I've been on both sides of these bylaws, and they have always seemed fair to me.

Something else that's been bothering me about all this is this idea that I'm going to sanction an FA or punish them or something. I'm not. I don't have that kind of power and that's not the SU style anyways. When an SRA breaks bylaw (honestly, it's normally something to do with the financial report) we need to do an investigation to see if they are crumbling on the inside. Breaking a bylaw or getting into trouble with the faculty are usually really good indicators that something is really wrong in there. So we look into it. That's the investigation. Probation cannot be thought of in a punitive way. If I'm being honest, probation is probably a bad word to describe what really happens. While an Association is on probation, they just get extra help from the SU to fix the issues that they've been having, whether it be structural or financial. This is a collaborative process meant to help, not to punish. Derecognition is a more serious



thing that can happen, but, I mean, the VPA last year derecognized an FA and it was waywayway less controversial than the investigation this year is. This is baffling to me, but hey, different year, different environment. So before you, as a councilor, question me for not taking harsher action again the FAs, take a look at the tools I've been given to handle this. I don't have a mechanism for punitive action really. I only have procedures that are designed to problem-solve.

I want students in the faculties with proposed tuition increases to have the chance to vote in a plebiscite before the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The timeline is tight, but our President believes it can happen, so it must be true. Even if they run the plebiscites, there still really isn't time for them to present to Council, since Council meets on Oct 7 (prior to plebiscite) and Oct 21 (after they would have supported on this round). I do not yet have a solution for this issue.

Okay. On to other things I did in the past two weeks. I'll keep it short this time.

On the Wednesday after Council, the team packed up in a van and went to Campus Saint Jean to dole out some BBQ burgers. It was really good fun (as it always is with the CSJ folks).

I met with the VPA from SAMU on Friday for a very productive discussion on Open Educational Resources, which is a very interesting project coming from the province, as well as transfer credits between the two institutions. Also on Friday I did the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge! It was really cold, but it's for a good cause so it was okay.

On Saturday I came in for a morning session with city councilors. We brainstormed various ways that the city could contribute to post secondary education on a number of issues, then they surveyed us on ways to brand Edmonton more effectively.

I went to a handful of committees this week as well (as is the way of the VPA). Some common themes include the Enrolment Management Plan, which is a very interesting proposal from the registrar's office to control enrolment numbers and organize the way students are admitted, and Responsibility Centered Management, which is a change to the funding model of the university that involves every faculty managing their own funding.

See you Tuesday,  
Kathryn Orydzuk

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

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*"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."*

*Robin Williams*

Hi Council,

This is a relatively brief report, time wise. It will cover from September 8 through 18, plus some updates on some issues I've been working on.

### **Advocacy**

The **residence complaint form** was generally well received at the last Residence Advisory Committee. Both the residence associations and residence services gave great feedback about how to improve the form, and make it clearer to students what the purpose of the form was. We will be implementing those recommendations as soon as possible.

President Lau proxied for me at a recent **residence budget advisory committee (RBAC)** while I was sick. Everything seems business as usual, as we're looking over documents that describe where and how they intend to conduct renovations and maintenance on residences, and how they intend to adjust rental rates.

The **Residence Halls Association** discussions will be ongoing as time allows. There is a bit of urgency to it, but the next two weeks are tight on time, as I have many new meetings starting up, including the Council on Student Affairs, the Athletics and Recreation Fee Advisory Committee, and the Health Centre Advisory Group.

### **Council and Governance**

Due to illness and other urgent priorities, work on the Health and Wellness policy has been delayed until such time as I can sit down and write up first principles. The research for the residence policy proved more complicated than anticipated and will also be delayed.

## **Access and Communications**

Services staff, marketing and communications staff, the general manager and I are having ongoing meetings to discuss the branding of **Student Life Central**. If you haven't yet, please take the time to go check out the lower level.

## **Student Groups and Associations**

We will soon have a **board game rental service** for students at Student Life Central! It should be good to go as soon as our staff there have time after our September rush. The way we have discussed it working is that a student would give us their ONEcard, and we would provide them with a board game of their choice.

A discussion was briefly started with the Augustana Students' Association about how their clubs are managed. We may talk this year about how to better provide service to them through Student Group Services.

I have begun the process of **mapping out quiet and silent spaces on campus**. For background - in March, I heard from Muslim students how described that they could not always find adequate prayer space, especially in the far corners of campus. This conversation started as a way of reducing that burden where possible. Thus far, I have emailed both the Muslim Students' Association and our Safewalk director, and everyone seems on board. I will be meeting with a few Muslim Students' Association executives next Friday.

## **Events**

Green and Gold Day and Alumni events were this past weekend - I hope you got out for some of the festivities (or deals at Students' Union businesses!). I'm writing this on Thursday evening, but I'm sure I'll see many of your faces out on Saturday morning for our reception for Students' Union alumni, right?

I have been meeting with the writing centre team planning the **Long Night Against Procrastination**. Check it out at [fb.com/longnightagainstprocrastination](https://fb.com/longnightagainstprocrastination). It's coming up in November!

This week we have a **free movie night** on the Tuesday the 23rd, a **comedy night** on Wednesday the 24th, and the **farmers market** on Thursday the 24th. For more info on UASU events, check out [uasuevents.ca](http://uasuevents.ca), and for my events calendar, check out [uasu.ca/vpslcalendar](http://uasu.ca/vpslcalendar).

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Best,

Nicholas Diaz  
Vice President Student Life 2014-2015

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
ETLC E1 008

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-09)

- 2014-09/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**  
Meeting called to order at 6:09pm
- 2014-09/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
**ZHANG/GRUHLKE MOVED TO** special order item 2014-09/7e to the main agenda.  
**Motion: CARRIED**  
Dueck abstain
- 2014-09/7d      **GRUHLKE/BANISTER MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Elections Review Committee.  
Nominations: Jacobson  
Nominations Closed  
Appointed: Jacobson
- 2014-09/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
William Lau, President- Report  
Navneet Khinda, VP External- Report  
Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report  
Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance- Report
- 2014-09/4      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Umer Farooq, Audit Committee Chair- Report  
Bo Zhang, Bylaw Committee Chair- Report
- 2014-09/5      **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question period extended 15 minutes

**ZHANG/HANSRA MOVED TO** extend question period by 15 minutes

**Motion: CARRIED**

**ZHANG/CHEN MOVED TO** extend question period by 15 minutes

**Motion: CARRIED**

**ZHANK/KHAN MOVED TO** extend question period by 15 minutes

**Motion: FAILED**

Hansra, Kwan abstain

**2014-09/7**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2014-09/7a**

**LAU/HODGSON MOVES TO** appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee.

Nominations: Sleiman, Gaur, Jacobson, Zhang

Automatic Recess at 7:43

Meeting called back to order at 8:00

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Jacobson, Sleiman

**2014-08/7b**

**HODGSON/HWANG MOVES** Bill #4 The DFU Reform Bill in first reading:

All mentions and processes involving DFUs shall be moved to a newly created 6000 series of bylaws.

Two categories of DFUs shall be created, Operational DFUs and Granting DFUs. Only DFUs with 100% of funds going to grants shall be considered Granting DFUs.

Timelines for DFU creation shall be clarified and made explicit. Time will be allowed for the Students' Union to adequately consider a question.

Responsibilities of all parties involved in DFU creation shall be clearly outlined, and alternatives shall be made available should the Students' Union fail in its role to consider the question.

DFUs shall be moved to a five year plebiscite cycle, as opposed to the current referendum cycle. References to Class C and D fees shall be eliminated.

DFUs that have the condition of being opt-out as part of the referendum question shall conduct opt-outs through an online process, which the SU will administer.

Speakers List: Hodgson, Allard, Farooq, Lau, Chen, Diaz, Hansra

**HANSRA/ BANISTER Called to question****Motion: CARRIED****Motion: CARRIED****2014-08/7c**

**KHINDA/ORYZUK MOVE** that the Students' Council define the minimum requirements that must be met by a Student Representative Association (SRA) in order for Council to consider an SRA's wishes to advocate contrary to Students' Union policy as follows: the Student Representative Association will conduct a plebiscite and a general meeting prior to presenting to Students' Council, and will present the results of the plebiscite to Students' Council.

Speakers List: Khinda, Orydzuk, Diaz, Khan, Zhang, Gruhlke, Hodgson, Hansra, Allard, Dueck, Banister, Jaddock

**LAU/KHINDA MOVED TO** Move into informal consideration for 15 minutes**Motion: CARRIED**

**BANISTER/FAROOQ MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:  
**KHINDA/ORYZUK MOVE** that the Students' Council define the minimum requirements that must be met by a Student Representative Association (SRA) in order for Council to consider an SRA's wishes to advocate contrary to Students' Union policy as follows: the Student Representative Association will conduct a plebiscite or another method of consultation that Students' Council deems appropriate and a general meeting prior to presenting to Students' Council, and will present the results of the plebiscite or approved method to Students' Council.

**DIAZ/GRUHLKE Called to question****Motion: CARRIED****Amendment: FAILED****HANSRA/SLEIMAN Called to question****Motion: CARRIED****Main Motion: CARRIED****Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm**



