

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
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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 2014-13)

- 2014-13/1**      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2014-13/1a**      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- 2014-13/2**      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2014-13/2a**      A presentation by Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell and Dr. Martin Ferguson-Pell to Students' Council on the proposed Peter Lougheed Leadership College. The presentation will include an outline of initial consultations, the foundations of the leadership course, the PLLC certificate, and the timeline of the project.
- 2014-13/2b**      **Update on the University of Alberta's Budget - Presented by Provost Carl Amrhein and Association Vice President Risk Management Services Philip Stack, sponsored by President Lau**
- The University of Alberta's Provost Carl Amrhein and Associate Vice President Risk Management Services Philip Stack will present to Students' Council an update on the University's budget. Furthermore, they will present to Students' Council updates on market modifiers and the new budget model (responsibility centred management).
- 2014-13/2c**      Presentation of the SU's Audit- By the Audit Committee  
Every year, the SU contracts a firm to perform an Audit of the SU and its operations. These include both day-to-day operations as well as major projects that they are undertaking. This year that includes the renovations to SUB and expansion of the fitness services. In the fall term, KPMG, presented its Audit of the SU to the Audit committee so that it may look over the findings, recommendations and approve it at the next council meeting. After the

approval of this Audit, by the SU's Student's Council, it will be made publicly available to students so that we may maintain our transparency as an organization dedicated to Students.

- 2014-13/3**      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2014-13/3a**      Executive Committee Report
- Please see document SC 14-13.01
- 2014-13/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2014-13/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2014-13/6**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2014-13/6a**      **HODGSON moves**, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill #4 in second reading based on the following principles:
- 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.
- Please see document SC 14-13.02
- 2014-13/6b**      **HODGSON moves**, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill #5 in second reading based on the following principles:
- 1) Given that the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) is a sub-committee of the Students' Union Executive Committee, it should not submit reports to Students' Council.
- Please see document SC 14-13.03
- 2014-13/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2014-13/7a**      **HODGSON/ moves to** appoint one permanent member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee.

- 2014-13/7b**      **FAROOQ/SLEIMAN moves to** appoint one member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.
- 2014-13/7c**      **FAROOQ/SLEIMAN moves to** approve the Students' Union audit for the 2013-2014 year
- 2014-13/8**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2014-13/8a**      CAC Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 14-13.04
- 2014-13/8b**      Nominating Committee Summary Report to Council  
Please see document SC 14-13.05
- 2014-13/8c**      Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report  
Please see document SC 14-13.06

**2014-09-18**

**4/0/0**

KHINDA/LAU moved to approve a project allocation not to exceed \$1000 for the purposes of building student awareness of the Students' Union

**2014-09-25**

**4/0/0**

DIAZ/ORYZDZUK MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$4644.40 for the expenses related to the SUDS conference.

**2014-09-25**

**4/0/0**

ORYDZUK/KHINDA MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$2500 to be used for relationship building with Faculty Associations.

**2014-09-25**

**4/0/0**

DIAZ/LAU MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$495.56 for Executive and Councillor t-shirts for WOW.

**2014-09-25**

**4/0/0**

KHINDA/LAU MOVED TO approve a budgeted conference request of no more than \$4700 for 3 UASU delegates to attend CASA's 2014 Advocacy Week.

**2014-09-29**

**5/0/0**

DIAZ/ORYZDZUK moved to make a project allocation not to exceed \$701.25 for the catering related to the Landing Launch PartyMtg Code Date Result Motion Notes

**2014-09-29**

**5/0/0**

HODGSON/DIAZ moved to approve a budgeted conference request of no more than \$1250 for the General Manager to attend the AMICCUS Regional Conference

**2014-10-02**  
**5/0/0**

KHINDA/ORYDZUK MOVED TO approve a budgeted conference request of no more than \$2500 for 3 Students' Union representatives to attend the Conference Board of Canada's PSE Skills Summit.

**2014-10-02**  
**5/0/0**

DIAZ/ORYDZUK MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$450 for the sponsorship of the Long Night Against Procrastination.

**2014-10-02**  
**5/0/0**

HODGSON/LAU MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$1753.13 for the International Student Services Transitions Coffee Break.

**2014-10-02**  
**5/0/0**

LAU/DIAZ MOVED TO make a contingency allocation not to exceed \$3200 to purchase a refurbished espresso machine for Dewey's.

# Bylaw 6100

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*A Bylaw Respecting Dedicated Fee Units*

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## 1 Amendments

1. Any amendments to this Bylaw must be reported to each Dedicated Fee Unit.

## 2 Definitions

1. "Dedicated Fee Unit" shall refer to any entity that collects fees from students through the Students' Union for the purposes of covering operating costs or providing grants under this bylaw.
2. "Registered Student Group" shall refer to a student group at the University of Alberta that has successfully registered with Student Group Services.
3. "Finance Committee" shall refer to the University of Alberta Students' Council Finance Committee.
4. "Referendum" shall refer to the definition in Bylaw 2200
5. "CPI" shall refer to the Consumer Price Index for the Province of Alberta

## 3 Creation

1. Dedicated Fee Units shall only be created after a successful Referendum.
2. Entities that wish to establish a Dedicated Fee Unit shall submit a proposal to the main office of the Students' Union by November 15th, of the year before the fee is to be implemented.
3. The proposal must outline at minimum:
  - a. The purpose of the fee;
  - b. The amount, per student per term, of the fee;
  - c. Whether students are able to opt out of the fee;
  - d. How the fee is administered to part time students and Augustana;
  - e. Whether or not the fee applies to the Spring and Summer terms;
  - f. Any other requirements specific to the type of fee being proposed.
4. Upon receipt, the proposal shall be immediately forwarded to the Bylaw Committee.
5. The Bylaw Committee shall approve within fourteen (14) days from receiving the proposal, a petition question that reflects the original intent of the proposal and outlines the following:
  - a. The purpose of the fee;
  - b. The amount, per student per term, of the fee;
  - c. The composition of the committee or board overseeing administration of the fee;
  - d. A provision for the appointment of minimum one Students' Council member by Students' Council to the board or committee overseeing administration of the fee, as a voting member;
  - e. How the fee is administered to part time, Augustana, and off campus students;

- f. Whether or not the fee applies to the Spring and Summer terms;
  - g. If any portion of the fee is for a University facility or service, a provision to guarantee access by any Students' Union member to that facility or service; and
  - h. If students may opt out of paying the fee, a provision for them to do so online, provided by the Students' Union
6. If the Bylaw Committee is perceived to have failed in this matter, the issue may be brought to the Disciplinary Interpretation and Enforcement Board by the entity proposing the question.
  7. Students' Council will not allow for the implementation of a Dedicated Fee Unit that:
    - a. would cause the Students' Council to breach its fiduciary responsibility to the Students' Union; or
    - b. supports activities that are beyond the scope and mandate of the Students' Union as outlined in the Post Secondary Learning Act.
  8. For the purposes of determining the scope and mandate of the Students' Union, Students' Council will consider whether the activities that are in questions would
    - a. provide services that directly benefit the University of Alberta campus community, including students in their pursuit of a post secondary education; or
    - b. eliminate obstacles for students in their pursuit of a post secondary education at the University of Alberta.
  9. The entity wishing to establish a fee must return a signed, valid petition to the Chief Returning Officer of the SU as per Bylaw 2200 in order to initiate a Referendum.
  10. Students' Union services or operations may request that Council consider their proposed question for a Referendum on a Dedicated Fee Unit without conducting the petition subject to the following conditions:
    - a. the question has been drafted by Bylaw Committee;
    - b. the question satisfies all conditions outlined under section 3.5 of this bylaw; and
    - c. if the referendum is successful, the service or operation ceases to be provided by the Students' Union
  11. Except as otherwise stipulated in this bylaw, any Referendum shall be conducted in accordance with Bylaw 2200.

## 4 Review

1. Dedicated Fee Units shall be re-evaluated by plebiscite at least every five (5) years.
2. Dedicated Fee Units may be amended or abolished only by:
  - a. a joint resolution of Students' Council and one other body, specified in the schedule; or
  - b. Referendum.
3. Dedicated Fee Units that wish to raise their fee beyond CPI must first hold a Referendum as per Section 3 of this bylaw.

## 5 Oversight

1. Finance Committee shall be responsible for the oversight of all Dedicated Fee Units.
2. Finance Committee may make requests for financial documentation from Dedicated Fee Units as deemed necessary.
3. A Schedule detailing the following for each Dedicated Fee Unit shall be maintained by the Vice President Operations and Finance:
  - a. the amount of the fee;
  - b. whether the fee increases and by how much;
  - c. whether the fee is opt out;
  - d. the next scheduled plebiscite date; and
  - e. whether part time, off campus, and Augustana students are required to pay the fee
4. Unless otherwise specified in the appropriate Schedule, all fees in the Schedules increase annually at a rate equal to CPI.
5. For all fees with an opt-out mechanism, the Students' Union shall exclusively provide for online opt-outs.

## 6 Conditions of Receipt

1. In order for a Dedicated Fee Unit to receive funds from the Students' Union, it must:
  - a. fulfill all reporting requirements; and
  - b. be fulfilling all relevant mandates, bylaws, and standing orders.
2. No funds shall be disbursed to a Dedicated Fee Unit until such time as the Finance Committee has approved this disbursement.
3. Where a Dedicated Fee Unit is in compliance with the conditions set out in 6.1, the Finance Committee shall approve the disbursement of funds by August 31 of that fiscal year or within four weeks, whichever is later.
4. Finance Committee may postpone its disbursement decision if:
  - a. there are any new inconsistencies or breaches from past years with the documents required during the relevant time period; and
  - b. those new inconsistencies or breaches have not been rectified.

# Bylaw 6200

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*A Bylaw Respecting Operational Dedicated Fee Units*

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## 1 Amendments

1. Any amendments to this Bylaw must be reported to each Operational Dedicated Fee Unit.

## 2 Definitions

1. All definitions in Section 2 of the Bylaw Respecting Dedicated Fee Units shall read into Section 2 of this bylaw.
2. "Operational Dedicated Fee Unit" shall refer to a Dedicated Fee Unit that does not use one hundred percent of its monies for granting purposes.
3. "Society" shall refer to a registered society under the Alberta Societies Act

## 3 Eligibility

1. The following entities are eligible to initiate a referendum as per Bylaw 6100 to become an Operational Dedicated Fee Unit:
  - a. Registered student groups that do not already receive funds as a Dedicated Fee Unit;
  - b. Students' Union services; and
  - c. Registered Societies.
2. After becoming an Operational Dedicated Fee Unit, the group is required to transition to a Society within a year of the successful referendum in order to receive its funds.
3. Groups will receive their funding their first year regardless of their status as a Society
4. An organization may only receive one Dedicated Fee Unit under this bylaw

## 4 Reporting

1. All Operational Dedicated Fee Units shall provide an annual report of their finances to the Finance Committee within four months of the end of their fiscal year.
2. This report shall include:
  - a. A budget illustrating how funds received from the Students' Union reserve will be spent during the coming year;
  - b. Its audited financial statements from the previous fiscal year;
  - c. Evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union;
  - d. Evidence that they are fulfilling their mandate as described under this bylaw; and
  - e. Such other information as may be required by the Finance Committee to determine whether it is fulfilling its mandate under this bylaw.

3. Budgeted Fee Unit funds not spent in their entirety shall remain available in future year(s) for related purchases as originally deemed.
4. Reserve funds carried over shall be accurately and openly presented on the audited financial statements.
5. Operational Dedicated Fee Units must have their yearly audited financial statements, and board meeting minutes posted publicly online

## 5 Mandates

1. The mandate of an Operational Dedicated Fee Unit will contain at minimum:
  - a. The name of the society as registered under the Alberta Societies Act;
  - b. A description of the primary operations and aims of the group;
  - c. The purposes and/or projects that the money will fund; and
  - d. Any restrictions or rules that apply to the use of that funding.
2. Operational Dedicated Fee Unit mandates shall be reviewed by the Students' Union Vice President Operations and Finance, or the Finance Committee as needed.
3. Mandates may only be amended by:
  - a. a joint resolution of Students' Council and one other body, specified in the schedule; or
  - b. Referendum.
4. Mandates shall be included in the Schedule for Dedicated Fee Units

# Bylaw 6300

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*A Bylaw Respecting Granting Dedicated Fee Units*

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## 1 Amendments

1. Any amendments to this Bylaw must be reported to each Granting Dedicated Fee Unit.

## 2 Definitions

1. All definitions in Section 2 of the Bylaw Respecting Dedicated Fee Units shall read into Section 2 of this bylaw.
2. "Granting Dedicated Fee Unit" shall refer to a Dedicated Fee Unit that uses one hundred percent of its Dedicated Fee Unit monies for granting.

## 3 Eligibility

1. The following entities are eligible to initiate a referendum as per Bylaw 6100 to become a Granting Dedicated Fee Unit:
  - a. University of Alberta Undergraduate Students.

## 4 Reporting

1. All Granting Dedicated Fee Units shall upon request by the Finance Committee provide a report of their finances that includes:
  - a. Proof of expenditures from the previous year's grants, as requested;
  - b. Evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union; and
  - c. Such other information as may be required by the Finance Committee.
2. Granting Dedicated Fee Units must submit a list of successful applicants and how funds will be allocated amongst them to the Finance Committee for approval before funds may be disbursed to those applicants.
3. Finance Committee shall approve or deny this list of successful grant applicants in its entirety, and may not target specific applicants for approval or denial.
4. Finance Committee may only deny this list of applicants and withhold the Fee Unit's funds if:
  - a. Approving this list would result in a breach of the fiduciary responsibility of the Students' Union;
  - b. The list contradicts any restrictions or rules for use of the Granting Dedicated Fee Unit's funds that exist in its Standing Orders, in the Finance Committee Standing Orders, or in this bylaw's schedule; or
  - c. There are significant concerns over misuse or unfair allocation of granting funds.

# Bylaw 1100

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*A Bylaw Respecting the Executive Committee*

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## 1 Composition

1. The Executive Committee consists of
  - a. the President,
  - b. the Vice President (External),
  - c. the Vice President (Academic),
  - d. the Vice President (Operations and Finance),
  - e. the Vice President (Student Life), and
  - f. the General Manager, as a non-voting member.

## 2 Mandate

1. The Executive Committee shall
  - a. manage those aspects of the Students' Union not otherwise provided for in legislation, and
  - b. represent the Students' Union to all external parties.
2. The Executive Committee
  - a. has the authority to direct any of its members, and
  - b. may delegate any of its authority.

## 3 Conduct of Meetings

1. The President is the chair of the Executive Committee.
2. Quorum of the Executive Committee is four voting members.
3. The Executive Committee has the same reporting requirements as a standing committee of Students' Council.

## 4 Members

1. The President
  - a. shall develop and maintain awareness of significant issues that impact students;
  - b. is the primary spokesperson for the Students' Union;
  - c. shall supervise the affairs of the Students' Union subject to the authority of the Executive Committee and Students' Council; and
  - d. has the authority to direct the General Manager.
2. The Vice President (External)
  - a. shall develop and maintain awareness of significant issues external to the University of Alberta that

- impact students;
  - b. shall advocate for the Students' Union to the federal, provincial, and municipal governments; and
  - c. shall lead and coordinate the Students' Union's efforts on advocacy external to the University of Alberta.
3. The Vice President (Academic)
- a. shall develop and maintain awareness of significant academic issues that impact students;
  - b. shall advocate on behalf of the Students' Union on academic issues; and
  - c. shall lead and coordinate the Students' Union's efforts on academic advocacy.
4. The Vice President (Operations and Finance)
- a. shall develop and maintain awareness of the Students' Union's operations and finances;
  - b. shall oversee those portions of the Students' Union's budget process falling within the realm of the Executive Committee;
  - c. shall provide operational and financial advice to the Executive Committee and its members; and
  - d. shall, in the absence of the President,
    - i. chair the Executive Committee, and
    - ii. have the authority to direct the General Manager.
5. The Vice President (Student Life)
- a. shall develop and maintain awareness of significant non-academic issues internal to the University of Alberta that impact students;
  - b. shall advocate on behalf of the Students' Union on non-academic issues internal to the University of Alberta; and
  - c. shall lead and coordinate the Students' Union's efforts on advocacy on nonacademic issues internal to the University of Alberta.
6. The General Manager
- a. shall provide support to the Executive Committee and its members;
  - b. shall implement the directives of the Executive Committee; and
  - c. shall oversee and direct those portions of the Students' Union staff who report, directly or indirectly, to him/her.

## **5 Term of Office**

1. The President and the Vice Presidents of the Students' Union must be members of the Students' Union.
2. The President and the Vice Presidents of the Students' Union shall be elected to serve a term lasting from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.
3. The General Manager shall be selected in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

## **6 The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)**

1. The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) will operate as a subcommittee of the Students' Union Executive Committee with the mission to:
  - a. aid the Students' Union in its ongoing efforts to be socially and environmentally responsible in the administrative, political, and business arenas.
  - b. help promote the organization as a leader in economic, environmental, and social sustainability as aspired to in the Students' Union's Strategic Plan 2011-2014 by offering consensus based recommendations to the SU Executive Committee.
  - c. provide tools for the Students' Union to serve as a model example of global citizenship for students, the University, and the broader community in a rapidly globalizing world.



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: October 7<sup>th</sup> 2014*

*Time: 5.32 pm*

2014 – 2015

## **Motions**

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| 1. | <i>HODGSON/HWANG moved to approve the agenda for October 07, 2014 as amended.</i>   | <i>CARRIED<br/>3/0/1</i> |
| 2. | <i>HODGSON/HWANG moved to approve the minutes for September 09, 2014 as tabled.</i> | <i>CARRIED<br/>3/0/1</i> |
| 3. | <i>HODGSON moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 14<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Time: **5.00 pm**

2014 – 2015

### **Motions**

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| 1. | <i>ORYDZUK/CROUTZE moved to approve the agenda for October 14, 2014 as tabled.</i>                                   | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 2. | <i>ORYDZUK/BANISTER moved to approve the minutes for September 16, 2014 as tabled.</i>                               | <i>CARRIED<br/>3/0/1</i> |
| 3. | <i>BANISTER/CROUTZE moved to go in-camera at 5.02 pm.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 4. | <i>BANISTER/ORYDZUK moved to go out-of-camera at 5.04 pm.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 5. | <i>BANISTER/BRYCE moved to nominate Fred Drury and Gloria Wang to the Information technology Advisory Committee.</i> | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 6. | <i>BANISTER/ORYDZUK moved to go in-camera at 5.05 pm.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 7. | <i>BANSITER/ORYDZUK moved to go out-of-camera at 5.06 pm.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 8. | <i>BANISTER/ORYDZUK moved to nominate McKenzie Martin to the Academic Policy and Process Review task Force.</i>      | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |
| 9. | <i>BANISTER/ORYDZUK moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>  | <i>CARRIED<br/>4/0/0</i> |



October 21, 2014

To: Council

Re: Report

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Dear Council,

Hope midterms went well! Thanks to those of you that came out to the additional meeting last Tuesday. As you may have heard, we passed a motion allowing the LSA to contravene our policy regarding advocating for tuition increases, with an amendment that clarifies that while the SU is allowing the LSA to represent the results of their survey, the SU is still opposed to Market Modifiers broadly. I have received the LSA's investigation report from Discover Governance, and I will be making a decision soon. I'm currently checking into whether the LSA executives are okay with me sharing the report directly to Council. They initially said that they preferred if it weren't shared, but I'm asking again for good measure.

Last week I began an exciting new project! The renovations have opened up a unique opportunity for us to place a Time Capsule in a place where it will remain undisturbed for decades. The plan right now is to contact stakeholders in the university community and ask if they would like to put an item that is meaningful to their constituency (yes this includes Students' Council).

This week I saw a demo for the new online university calendar that looks pretty great. I've been pushing for a tool that has an exceptionally good search function, which the one that I saw definitely has, but I've also been pushing for ability to integrate with BearTracks and do degree tracking or 'online advising'. I'm uncertain whether the latter will be possible at this point, but I will keep advocating on that point.

As you may know, the SU is currently drafting its 5-year strategic plan. This is quite the undertaking, but it seems to be going really well, and I think we are making really good progress. We are currently in the "Mission and Vision" phase. The Strategic Planning Committee meets weekly.

Things are going very well in terms of the Information Sharing Agreement with the Registrar's Office. This agreement will allow the RO to share the emails of students with the SU for a variety of purposes. One of the most important new features of the agreement will be the ability of Faculty/Campus Associations to send emails to their electorate through us. I'm hoping this will be all finished by mid-November.

Another new and exciting idea that I am now implementing is "SU 101". This is a presentation that will be given by Discover Governance and myself, and will be modelled after the "Governance 101" session that University Governance gives once per term. The idea behind SU 101 is that we in the SU know pretty much everything about the structure of university governance, but the people who work in university administration don't always know about our decision-making structure here in the SU. The session will also be marketed to students who are interested in learning more about their SU.

I had a very productive meeting with the Provost's office this week where I raised concerns about Online Access Codes (those attachments that you get for Econ and Stat classes where you do your assignments online and they cost an arm and a leg), as well as talked about moving forward with OER, eBookshelf,



and Formative mid-term evaluations. I am actually really happy with the good relationship I feel that I have with university admin thus far into my term. It's more collaborative rather than antagonistic, and while we obviously disagree on many things, more will get done in the end.

We are just about ready to launch the new Used Book Registry. I've been working on advertising for it so it can be populated with used books for winter term. The staff in charge of the website tell me that they want to use the system to pilot some sort of new-fangled cellular-device technology with it, but I don't know the details of it.

I had a long meeting with SGS and VP Diaz this week as well. We talked about various ways to streamline the registration and constitution checks so that groups can get approved much faster and much more painlessly. It looks like SGS will be revamping the way they do things very soon, and the new system will be tested next term.

At Academic Standards Committee today, it was a short meeting but there were a couple interesting takeaways. There was an item on the agenda that highlighted for me the importance of Departmental Associations and making sure that they are communicating and have the resources that they need for advocacy. There was an item on the agenda that was a vote to suspend a number of programs so that the courses housed within them could be recombined under a single big program: East Asian Studies. This proposal is not as negative as other program suspensions, where the courses are disappearing altogether, but it still is a reduction. I also had a bit of trouble with the process, it didn't go to ASC SOS, and I've seen program additions go to SOS, so I dunno why program reductions don't. Anyways, the first time I ever heard of this suspension was when the agenda was released, and I was pretty nervous about it. I inquired over email to the proposers and got some really detailed answers back, including an email from the president of the East Asian Studies Undergraduate Association, which is a Departmental Association. The DA felt that they had been consulted thoroughly on this matter and were very supportive of it. In the end, I decided to abstain. I didn't want to support a program suspension, but I also took into account the support of the DA and the consultation done with them.

Something that a councilor asked me about this week on WhatsApp also came up at ASC; the ENCS program that is offered jointly through ALES and Campus Saint Jean. The admission was stopped for the Winter term for ALES students, but it is actually being (temporarily?) suspended for the 2015/16 year while the admin re-evaluate the direction of the program. I have asked that they keep me in the loop and update me when they have more answers.

Also today I got an update on the online petitions system that I've been trying to implement. I learned that it will be fairly easy to develop and will be ready for January (if all goes well). COFA also voted to approve Faculty Association involvement in the petition system so students will be able to make faculty-specific petitions.

Last meeting while I was presenting, Governor Hansra brought up something about \$250 000 in pensions, and I didn't really know what he was talking about at the time, and that was pretty concerning to me since he said 'it is my job to know', so I looked into it further, but his comment remains mysterious to me. University financials, budget, and HR is a board matter, and no student sits on the Board HR and Compensation committee. Academic Planning Committee (which President Lau sits on) deals with budget principles broadly but doesn't get into the details of pensions. In any case, reducing



pensions is a contract issue, not something that the SU normally gets involved in. If Governor Hansra really believes that this is an issue, he should speak with his fellow governors on HR and Compensation committee, and if he would like my assistance, I would implore him to help me understand what he thinks my role should be.

See you Tuesday!  
Kathryn Orydzuk

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
ETLC E1 008

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-12)

2014-12/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm.

2014-12/1a

Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

2014-12/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2014-12/3

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2014-12/4

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2014-12/5

### QUESTION PERIOD

2014-12/5a

**ORYDZUK moves that** Students' Council grant permission to the Law Students' Association to advocate in contravention of the Students' Union's Tuition Political Policy (XXIV) in the specific matter of the 2014 Faculty of Law Market Modifier Proposal as presented to law students and Students' Council

A market modifier survey was conducted by the LSA amongst the student body to which one-third of the law school responded out of which 58% supported the proposal, 25% opposed and about 16% abstained.

**JADDOCK/HODGSON MOVED TO** suspend the standing orders to have unlimited number of speaking turns

**Motion: CARRIED**

**WONG/HUDSON Called to question**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Motion: FAILED**

**KHINDA/JADDOCK MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:  
**ORYDZUK/LAU move that** Students' Council grant permission to the Law Students' Association to advocate in contravention of the Students' Union's Tuition Political Policy (XXIV) under the following circumstances:  
(1) this contravention applies only in the specific instance of the 2014 Faculty of

Law Market Modifier proposal, as presented to law students and Students' Council between August and October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014; (2) Students' Council will maintain its advocacy against all tuition increases that may decrease the accessibility of postsecondary education in Alberta.

Call to question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: CARRIED

Diaz, Hansra, Kwan abstain

HANSRA/WONG called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: CARRIED

Zhang, Kwan abstain

Call for division

Lau- Y  
Orydzuk- Y  
Khinda- Y  
Hodgson- N  
Diaz- N  
Hansra- Abstain  
Banister- Y  
Dueck- Y  
Zhang- Y  
Jaddock- N  
Gruhlke- Y  
Wong- Y  
Khan- Y  
Croutze- Y  
Champagne- Y  
Kwan- Abstain  
To- N  
Hudson- N

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

2014-12/6

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-12/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2014-12/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

