

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday July 28, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2011-05)

2011-05/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-05/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-05/2a Vice-President Academic Presentation on the 2011-2015 Academic Plan- Presented by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic.

Over the past two years, the University of Alberta engaged in discussions and then formally approved the 2011-2015 Academic Plan: *Dare to Deliver*. This document is foundational to both the present and future of the university; already, committees and task forces have been struck to implement different priorities set out in the plan. My presentation to Council regarding the Academic Plan has several goals: first, I plan on explaining some of the key priorities of the university, based on the Academic Plan; two, I will explain how some of my VPA goals relate to the Academic Plan; three, I will explain some of the history behind the Academic Plan (the consultation process, for instance); four, I will provide councillors with a copy of and explain the Students' Union's 2009 Submission to the Academic Plan.

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# **Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board**

## **Ruling of the Board**

### **HEARING DETAILS**

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<b>Style of Cause:</b>	Reference Re: Bylaw 2000 and Bylaw 100
<b>Hearing Number:</b>	Ruling # 02 2011/2012
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	June 21, 2011
<b>DIE Board Panel Members:</b>	Megan Mickalyk, Chief Tribune, Chair; Kelsey Norton, Tribune; Tim Mallett, Tribune

### **ISSUE**

[1] Is the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) able to serve in other, remunerated positions with the Students' Union through the method provided by Bylaw 100(19)(4), or does Bylaw 2000(6) preclude the holding of such positions?

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

[2] **From Bylaw 100:**

#### **19. Conflict-of-Interest**

(4) Neither any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee nor the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall apply for a remunerated position with the Students' Union unless the selection of that position is ratified by Students' Council

**From Bylaw 2000:**

#### **6. Elections Staff Eligibility Requirements**

(1) The Chief Returning Officer shall not concurrently hold any position of Students' Council or any of its boards and committees, the D.I.E. Board or the Students' Union's paid staff.

### **DECISION**

[3] The Chief Returning Officer is unable to hold additional positions within the Students' Union, as it is contrary to Bylaw 2000(6).

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF MICKALYK, CHIEF TRIBUNE**

[4] Nothing indicates that one Bylaw supersedes another. Consequently, the only interpretation that does not entirely invalidate either provision would be to uphold Bylaw 2000(6), which prevents the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) from holding additional positions within the Students' Union. Bylaw 100(19)(4) does not directly state that the CRO may hold additional positions, rather it dictates a requirement the CRO would have to meet before ever being able to serve in such positions. Although Bylaw 100 (19)(4) provides a method by which the CRO may hold a remunerated position, there is no valid situation whereby the CRO would be able to rely on this process, as the holding of such positions is inconsistent with Bylaw 2000(6).

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF NORTON, TRIBUNE**

[5] I concur.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF MALLET, TRIBUNE**

[6] I concur.

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<b>DIE Board Panel Members:</b>	Megan Mickalyk, Chief Tribune, Chair; Kelsey Norton, Tribune; Imane Semaine, Tribune

### **ISSUE**

[1] What is the outcome when “None of the Above” wins a seat in a multi-seat race, such as faculty councillor elections? Would subsequent seats remain unfilled, or would only one seat be unfilled, while subsequent seats are filled with successful candidates? Would the replenishment process of Bylaw 100(6)(2) be used to fill any vacant seats?

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

[2] **From Bylaw 100:**

#### **6. Replenishment**

(2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor’s faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.

(4) The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until

- (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
- (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
- (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above

**From Bylaw 2000**

#### **58. Voting**

(3) On each ballot, there shall be an explanation of the balloting procedures which shall

include, at minimum, the following

a. that “None of the Above” shall be considered a candidate;

### **61. Balloting and Counting- Executive, Board of Governors and Councillor Elections**

(29) Where “None of the Above” is declared victorious, no further candidates shall be declared victorious.

(30) Where a joke candidate is declared victorious, the seat to which that joke candidate has been elected shall be considered vacant.

#### **DECISION**

[3] When “None of the Above” is declared victorious, all subsequent seats appear to also be left unfilled, as the Bylaw declares that no further candidates can be declared victorious.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF MICKALYK, CHIEF TRIBUNE**

[4] Section 61(29) of Bylaw 2000 is vague and does not provide a clear indication as to what ought to occur when “None of the Above” wins a seat in a multi-seat race while there are still several positions to be filled. DIE Board was presented with two possible interpretations. The first is to take a plain meaning approach, and to find that where the Bylaw states that no further candidates will be declared victorious, this applies to all races, including multi-seat races. The other would be to read in an assumption that this only refers to a single seat in a multi-seat race.

[5] On its face, this provision appears to indicate that if “None of the Above” wins a seat, all subsequent seats also remain unfilled. Bylaw 2000(61)(29) clearly states that when “None of the Above” is “...declared victorious, no further candidates shall be declared victorious,” meaning subsequent seats also cannot be filled. The situation of “None of the Above” winning does not appear to be intended to create a vacancy, as it is clearly stated in Bylaw 2000(58)(3)(a) that “None of the Above” is considered a candidate. Unlike in the situation where a joke candidate is elected, as in s. 61(30), nothing indicates that the election of “None of the Above” can be deemed to create a vacancy. Consequently, “None of the Above” would hold a seat. Additionally, the legislation does not provide for the ability to fill further seats in a multi-seat race, as it states that no further candidates can be declared victorious. This is consistent with what we find in Bylaw 100 with respect to replenishment, which states that the replenishment process for councillors would end at the point where “None of the Above” is declared victorious.

[6] If the drafters of Bylaw 2000 intended, in the event of “None of the Above” winning a seat in a councillor election, that subsequent seats still be filled, stipulating as such would give greater clarity to the Bylaw.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF NORTON, TRIBUNE**

[7] I concur.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS OF SEMAINE, TRIBUNE**

[8] I concur.

June 24, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hi Council,

As you know I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Unfortunately I will not have much access to email while I am away so I won't be able to respond timely to any emails. If you have anything urgent Andy Cheema will be the chair of the Executive while I am away and hopefully can answer your questions.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

I have put a lot of time over the past couple of weeks into communications meetings internally. I have been meeting frequently with each of the Vice Presidents, the General Manager, and the Director of Research & Political Affairs. I am beginning to understand better how to work with everyone in the office and how I can be most effective in supporting the executive. This has led to a lot of communication regarding our goals for the year and you will be receiving a presentation on July 12<sup>th</sup> from the Executive Committee on their final goals list.

### **BUILDING PLANNING**

As part of the planning for renovations to our building and to the Power Plant the executive have decided that it will be very useful to see some examples of other student association spaces that are very successful in Canada; this was a recommendation from last years executive. The General Manager, myself, the Vice President (Operations & Finance), and the Vice President (Student Life) will all be going to Ontario from July 20-22 where we plan to tour 5 or 6 Students' Union Buildings. We did this through our projects allocation fund and this time saves us about half on the trip since myself, the General Manger, and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) will all be in Ontario already (myself for CASA and the other two for a meeting of the Canadian Student Horizon Group.)

### **THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

I have created the beginning of a document to streamline the planning processes of the Students' Union. It relates Executive Goals to Department Goals to the Strategic Plan and I am very excited about the project. I have passed my thoughts on to the General Manager and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) and we will finalize a planning process some time in July.

### **FALL READING WEEK**



The Fall Reading Week Task Force had its second meeting where a format for getting feedback was visualized. The process is going very well with many logistical options for creating the week on the table. The Vice President (Academic) will be taking my place as co-chair for the next meeting as I will be out of town. I think we will be able to make a lot of progress over the summer with the help of our research department and I look forward to future meetings.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I attended a Board of Governors meeting on Friday, June 17. Some of the major issues that were discussed were:

- The Energy Management Plan – a system where the University borrows money to finance sustainability projects related to energy management and pays back the loan through energy savings.
- The creation of a French Language College program at Campus St. Jean
- The repurposing of Balmoural to build a cyclotron which creates medical isotopes for treatments and research
- The annual report from the auditor.
- The off-campus activity and travel policy.

There are no more Board meetings until September at which time the budget planning process will begin.

## EDMONTON ALLIANCE OF STUDENTS

We have recently revived the Edmonton Alliance of Students, which is comprised of the Student Associations of Grant MacEwan, Nait, and ourselves. The three Presidents have decided to meet monthly and for our entire executives to meet bimonthly. This has proven to be a very good use of time and we have already started discussions on how to work together on the U-Pass and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee regulation. I am very optimistic about the group and believe that this communication forum could play an integral role in these issues moving forward.

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at [president@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).

*“Determine the thing that can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.” – Abraham Lincoln*



# ERC SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: *June. 23, 2011*

Time: *5:33pm*

2010 – 2011 *MEETING #1*

## Motions

1.	<i>BELLINGER</i> moved that the <i>June.23, 2011</i> agenda be approved as <i>amended</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/0</i>
2.	<i>BELLINGER</i> moved to <i>approve the following as the ERC goals:</i> <i>Make a presentation for bylaw by the end of august, make changes to the bylaw in October and report to council by November 30<sup>th</sup>.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>2/0/1</i>
3.	<i>FERGUSON</i> moved that the meeting be <i>adjourned</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/0</i>

**Prepared by:** Colten Yamagishi, Vice President (Student Life)

**To:** Students' Council 2011/12

Hello wonderful council! I apologize for not being able to make it to this council meeting. I (at the time of the meeting) will be in Calgary attending the Leaders Hall conference hosted by the UofC SU and the SAIT SA. The conference will provide me with a great opportunity to speak to student executives from around the country to discuss best practices in services, programming, advocacy etc. and to visit the LGBTQ centre at the UofC. I will attempt to Skype in if possible, however the closing dinner for the conference is being held at the same time. I hope that you all give Vice President Cheema and Vice President Csorba a hard time during question period while they hold down the fort. I will be back in the office on Thursday morning.

Here is a brief summary of what I have been up to in the last two weeks:

### ***Programming***

#### **Break the Record:**

We are excited to finally announce the date for the Break the Record Dodgeball World Record Attempt. The game will be held Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. I hope that you all come out and bring at least 3623 of your friends so that we can once again reclaim our record! We will be running a strong interactive marketing campaign for the event this year so I hope that you all volunteer to help out.

#### **WOW:**

The entire programming department has been at the COCA campus programming conference in Whistler British Columbia for the week. They have been having fun, learning about new programming initiatives, and scoping out potential acts for this year's Week of Welcome. We will soon be choosing our WOW theme once we receive the style guides for each theme from the marketing department.

#### **Movie Nights:**

As promised in my election platform we will be seeing a significant increase in the number of affordable (and quality) student movie nights being held in the Myer Horowitz theatre this year. This is being done with the goal of hosting easy access events for students to enjoy and to become interested and acquainted with the Students' Union. We are interested in working with the Gateway to promote the movie nights. Please let me know of any feedback regarding what movies you would like to see and what parts of the overall service you think would enhance your movie-going experience.

#### **Services**

First of all, I would like to thank the CSD staff for hosting an amazing Orientation BBQ. The event had an absolutely enormous number of student attendees and there was a great energy

surrounding the event. Unfortunately I showed up right at the beginning of the water fight and turned into an easy target. My nautical themed shorts are still hanging up to dry.

### **Bears' Den:**

The exec and SU staff recently received training on the Bears' Den online web utility. Norma Rodenburg (the Student Affairs Officer from the Dean of Students' Office) led us through a quick seminar teaching us how to create our own customizable profiles and how to edit student group spaces on Bears' Den. Bears' Den is an amazing program and will provide us with a ton of opportunities for communication and student engagement this year. The website should be in full operation next month and will be ready for thousands of student registrations during orientation and Week of Welcome. To get your own Bears' Den account check out the following link: <https://alberta.collegiatelink.net/>

### **SUSTAIN SU:**

We have successfully rebranded ECOS (the environmental coordination office of students) to be named **SUSTAIN SU: The Student Sustainability Service**. Everyone is very excited about this new name and the new strategic plan for the service. On a side note, I would like to congratulate Ian Moore (Director of Sustain SU) for receiving an Emerald Award in the youth category from the Provincial Government to recognize his and his programs accomplishments in sustainability. Ian is extremely deserving of this award for all of the excellent work that he has done for our school and the Students' Union.

### **Infolink Rebranding:**

We have completed another brainstorming session for the renaming of our Infolink service and have proposed a set of names to the executive for feedback. Some popular choices include Infolink+, Campus Connection Centre, and Connect SU. I will keep you updated with the process.

### **Advocacy:**

#### **Residence:**

I have spent a ton of time in meetings over the last two weeks regarding residences. I have met with Dima Utgoff (Director of Residence Services) as well as Peter Ochs (former UASU advocacy department employee) regarding the possibility for a residence governance decision-making system that would involve a voting system with student and residence services representation. The idea is very interesting to me and I believe that it could provide a solution to the communication errors that often come up between residents and Residence Services.

I also met with Rory and Doug Dawson (Director of Ancillary Services) to discuss food vendors on campus as well as details regarding the meal plan and the renovations to the cafeteria in Lister Centre.

I had a Skype meeting with Adi Rao (President of the RHA) regarding planning for the first RHA council meeting that will happen this summer (hopefully in a few weeks).

### **Property Theft:**

I attended an awesome roundtable meeting/discussion hosted by the director of Campus Protective Services regarding property theft on campus. We worked on planning ideas for a campus wide antitheft awareness campaign the CPS is interested in running. I will begin the

campaign by telling you not to leave your bags/laptops/belongings unattended on campus. The thieves are hungry! In all seriousness, theft on campus is a bigger problem than most people think and we need to be very careful to protect our belongings. What would you do if all of those precious notes disappeared with your laptop right before your final exams!

### **Health Promotion Advisory Committee:**

We discussed a number of interesting issues at HPAC including the results of the National College Health Assessment results for students at the UofA, psychological health and domestic violence at the workplace, smoking on campus, and the University/Aramark's healthy food choices initiative and food services contract.

### **U-Pass:**

At our last U-Pass Administration meeting we received an update from ETS on next year's U-Pass stickers and were excited to hear that they are no longer rectangular but will have an interesting shape and design. We are interested in asking for smart card U-Pass technology to work in coordination with the OneCard but I guess we will have to do with fancy stickers for the time being. I briefed the committee with plans to survey students regarding our Spring/Summer U-Pass initiative and announced that we are working on a lobby document to convince city councilors in the three outstanding municipalities to force their municipal transit services to join the U-Pass program.

### **Opportunities for you to get involved:**

-Go join Bear's Den <https://alberta.collegiatelink.net/>

-Sign up for WOW volunteering

<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/eventsvenues/wow/volunteer/volunteerapp/>

-Tell me what you like to see regarding SU movie nights

### **Summary:**

The last two weeks I spent a lot of time answering e-mails and random requests from students, student groups, and outside organizations. Our Students' Union is very popular and everyone wants to get involved with us! When I return from the Leaders Hall conference I plan to go full steam ahead to achieve some of my platform goals before the summer is over.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).

Colten Yamagishi  
780-299-3076



## POLICY COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: June 20, 2011*

*Time: 6:07 PM*

2011 – 2012 *MEETING #03*

### **Motions**

1.	<i>CSORBA/ISKANDAR</i> moved that the <i>June 20, 2011</i> agenda be approved as amended.	<i>CARRIED 9/0/0</i>
2.	<i>CSORBA/WOODS</i> moved that the <i>June 6, 2011</i> minutes be approved with the amendments.	<i>CARRIED 9/0/0</i>
3.	<i>ISKANDAR/WOODS</i> moved that the <i>August 1, 2011</i> meeting be moved to <i>August 2, 2011</i> .	<i>CARRIED 8/0/1</i>
4.	<i>WOODS/LIANG</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED 8/0/1</i>

June 27, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report. Please note that, in the absence of the President, my office assumes the essential duties of the President. Should you have any pressing presidential matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Grant Allocation Committee**

Last year's GAC and Council made influential decisions to restructure the administration and financing of the SU awards program. One of these changes – a partial transfer of Access Fund reserves into the Student Involvement Endowment Fund – is the core driver of the awards program expansion. Today I authorized a 2.8 million dollar transfer, as approved by last year's council. On the other end of this, GAC is in the midst of discussions about guidelines for new awards. Namely, we are establishing financial need and merit criteria, and working out the number and sizes of new scholarships.

### **Student Group Granting**

The Vice President (Student Life) and I have met with Student Group Services as well as the Dean of Students office to discuss Student Group Granting. In particular, we are looking at amending the written policies to better reflect effective practices. This project will ultimately involve changes to GAC Standing Orders and the Granting Committee Terms of Reference.

### **Lower Level Changes**

The General Manager and I have met again with a project manager, and have received an offer for the firm's services. Should we wish to accept this offer, we will bring a request for funding to the Budget and Finance Committee and ultimately to Council. Such a request would be to allocate funds from the Building Reserve, which was created precisely for this type of project.

### **Finance-Operations Summit**

I was in Toronto from June 20-22 to attend a gathering of operations/finance executives from Students' Unions across the country. The purpose of the Summit was to discuss topics that are relevant to our similar portfolios, including food and beverage, capital expenditures and budget practices, among many others. Above all else, it was incredibly valuable to take a step back from the specificity of UASU technical minutiae that I deal with on a daily basis, and to think about our organization's practices within the range of possible alternatives. In doing so, I was able to develop an appreciation for the diversity of student organizations across the country. I will be preparing a report on the meeting to summarize what I learned.

### **Gateway Board of Directors**

The GSJS Finance committee met last week to review the society's 2011-2012 draft budget. The Business Manager provided an overview of the draft document, presenting on key budgetary drivers. It is worthy

of note that the budget does not forecast a deficit position for the upcoming year. The budget will be making its way to the Board for final ratification.

### **PAW Centre**

We have received a detailed response from University legal counsel pertaining to the PAW Centre agreement. The letter addresses points from the most recent stakeholders meeting as well as prior communications. Our next steps are to review the response in detail, and to consult with our own legal counsel as well as the GSA. We will likely proceed with a response once the President has returned.

### **GST Exemption**

Students living in residence are exempt from paying GST when purchasing meals with their meal plans. I am very interested in offering the same exemption at SU businesses to make food more affordable for students. To this end, I spoke with the Canada Revenue Agency today and received confirmation that our food and beverage operations are eligible to offer this exemption! This is excellent news – once a few more details are worked out, we can proceed with implementation.

### **Infolink Rebranding**

Myself and the Vice President (Student Life) have been involved in discussions about the potential rebranding of Infolink. These discussions are happening in the context of the service's redevelopment and anticipated expansion. Both the service's visual identity and name are up for discussion in an attempt to more closely associate its brand with what it offers.

### **Strategic Planning**

The President, the General Manager and I have been talking a lot about integrated strategic planning. We are trying to develop a coordinated organizational process to align departmental goals and executive goals with the strategic plan and with each other, in a way that feeds seamlessly into the budget process. In doing so, we strive to create a framework within which goals can be efficiently pursued and achieved.

Cheers,  
Andy



*Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative Report*

*Meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup>*

Hello council,

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June we had another board meeting. Many issues that have arose in the last couple of weeks, were clarified. Most notably, the question on the Dean of Medicine and his convocation speech was answered. This was a big issue for the university, and to my knowledge this was dealt in an efficient and well versed manner. The Dean has resigned on the recommendation of the Provost. He will maintain in his faculty position following his brief administrative leave.

The Vice-Dean of faculty student affairs Dr. Verna Yiu, will be serving as interim Dean in his stead.

The college Saint-Jean ( not to be confused with the faculty) will now be offering a diploma in business administration. We raised concerns about students trying to transfer credits, but for now credit transfers between the college and the university will be done as if they were separate institutions. This diploma will be a two year program, situated in the new college Saint-Jean facilities in La Cité Francophone. The need for the program was explained in letters from members of French businesses, indicating the need for qualified bilingual employees.

We also approved the funding for the Next Generation Energy Management Program that will be saving the university about 3.8 million dollars annually upon completion, although the program will cost around 35 million dollars in its extent. The program will target implementations such as lighting system upgrades and retrofit, waste heat recovery systems (air and water), micro-steam turbines, and high efficiency motor replacements.

These potentials projects have been identified and are being further investigated:

“Steam System Insulation – Medical Sci, Biological Sciences, Agriculture Forestry

Air System VSD"s and Controls – Human Ecology, Campus St Jean, Augustana

Solar Thermal Water Heating and Air System Heat Recovery - Phys. Ed

Small Scale Solar PV – Engineering Buildings

Domestic Water Reduction –Students Union, School of Business

Air System Upgrades – Ed North, Clinical Sci, Cameron

Retrofit Room Controls – Central Academic, Tory, Assiniboia

Pump System VSD"s and Controls - Medical Sci, Bio Sci, Agriculture Forestry

Parkade Lighting Retrofits – Education, Timms/Telus, Stadium, Windsor"

We also approved the Balmoral Repurposing Proposal. This proposal of creating a cyclotron facility on south campus would play an important part in the production of medical isotopes that diagnose cancer and heart disease. The half-life of the isotopes is six hours, which makes the facility's purposing by south campus an exceptional advantage, as it is near the LRT which will soon connect the hospitals in Edmonton and has easy access to the airport.

The community has shown support to the new facility, and its cyclotron.

If anyone is interested in reading the proposal for the facility or any of the open agenda items, feel free to contact me.

-Raphael Lepage Fortin

Vice-President Academic Council Report

Date: June 24 2011

By: Emerson Csorba

## INTRODUCTION

The last two or so weeks have been replete with meetings. This simply indicates that September is fast approaching, and that the portfolio is becoming increasingly busy. Throughout the week, I have nevertheless managed to make progress on a handful of my goals, with a notable emphasis on graduate/student attributes, sustainability and faculty association involvement in Orientation 2011. Still, this is not an exhaustive list, as progression has taken place in other aspects of the VPA portfolio, such as undergraduate research. Finally, the personal balance that I have attempted to strike between VPA and a lively social life has taken a hit this week. On Sunday, I worked six hours, twelve on Monday and thirteen on Tuesday. At least I have made time for friends and spent a few hours playing soccer and meeting new people at the Orientation barbecue. Without further ado, the report:

## GRADUATE/STUDENT ATTRIBUTES

As I discuss this topic more in depth and continue to dedicate time to it, I feel that students are A) coming to better understand graduate/student attributes and B) becoming more enthusiastic about the topic. If this is true, then I am certainly doing my job, and I will only attempt to spread the word to more people. If you are wondering why I write “graduate/student” attributes, it is because “graduate” can be a tricky word. This term does not refer to attributes of students in graduate studies; rather, it pertains to undergraduates that have convocated. Overall, I find that “student” attributes is probably the clearest form of expressing the meaning of what I wish to convey: that these attributes are characteristic of undergraduate students at the University of Alberta.

On June 23, 2011, I attended the second meeting of co-chairs for the Committee on the Learning Environment Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies. This forty-five minute meeting went very smoothly, as we determined the membership of the committee, and then set a timeline for future meetings with the larger committee. The membership consists of faculty members from large faculties (both professional and non-professional) as well as members from both Campus Saint-Jean and Augustana. I have taken the drafting of the committee terms of reference, which will be written within two weeks.

In my consultations with councillors, faculty associations and SU staff regarding student attributes, I plan on utilizing a deliberative dialogue/democracy process, in order to enhance the legitimacy of the process and maintain a high level of transparency.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

On June 23 2011, I attended one of the few meetings of the Undergraduate Research Initiative Advisory Board. The URI is set to launch in September 2011, and will be

marketed to students through a spot next to Clubs Fair during Orientation 2011. Moreover, the SU will be launching a marketing campaign regarding the SU Undergraduate Research Symposium to begin in early October.

Additionally, the URI committed \$10,000 to the SU symposium, which is outstanding. At the moment, I have drafted a letter for fundraising and am putting together a package that will be sent out to stakeholders on campus within the next two weeks. The student undergraduate research planning committee's terms of reference is nearly finished, and I hope to have the committee meeting by July. These are all tall orders, but they are necessary in order to ameliorate undergraduate research on campus.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

I have continued to use Twitter on a daily basis, and of late, the majority of my posts are accompanied by the #UASU hash tag. On an extremely bright note, the SU EXECUTIVE BLOG IS NOW UP. Please take some time to go read the blog posts and respond to if you have any comments and questions. I have attempted to write informative pieces that update students on VPA-related matters, but also throw in some more personal, philosophical posts. I would be grateful to see what councillors think about what has been written thus far.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Throughout the last two weeks, I have met with Mr. Ian Moore of what was formerly called ECOS, and Dr. Susan Barker, the current chair of the Office of Sustainability Academic Advisory Committee (OSAAC). My meeting with Dr. Barker and Mr. Moore (which took place on Monday June 20) was auspicious, as we talked about student attributes, a double-sided examinations policy and the development of a Sustainability Certificate for students that take nine credits of sustainability-themed courses.

On a fairly sustainability-related note, I learned about the Deliberations on Campus Sustainability (DoCS) process, and am excited to employ deliberative dialogue/democracy as the means of consultation for some student attributes consultation.

## FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS IN ORIENTATION 2011

Later today, on June 24, I will be meeting with the Assistant Manager of Orientation, and both the OPC and OVC, to discuss the involvement of faculty associations in September 6 Orientation activities. At the moment, the ISSS, CBAS and the ESS have all confirmed their participation in Orientation, which is a significant change and opportunity for Orientation, faculty associations and more generally, the Students' Union. On Monday June 13, I met with representatives of CBAS and on Monday June 20, I met with representatives of the ISSS. Throughout this process, I will meet regularly with Mr. Tim Ira, the Assistant Manager of Orientation 2011, to ensure that the planning is carried out as well as possible.

## NATIVE STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

As part of the summer rounds with faculty associations, Amanda Henry (the SGA), Giselle General (the SGO) and I met with the NSSA executive. At the moment, the NSSA is on probation; however, with close work with this faculty association, I hope that the NSSA can finish the year with sufficient organizational capacity to move off of probation. The current executive is composed of strong and experienced leaders, which means that the NSSA is in good hands.

## FESTIVAL OF TEACHING

On Monday June 20, 2011, I represented the Students' Union at the first Festival of Teaching meeting. This event, which will take place in March 2012, has significant potential for the university community, and I hope to involve student groups and councillors as much as possible in the planning and implementation. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please tell me, as I will be more than happy to explain more about the festival.

## STUDENTS' UNION STAFF/VOLUNTEER CORPORATE TEAM

Student and staff engagement is one of my priorities for the upcoming year. Instead of focusing almost exclusively on academic-related issues, I have and will continue to dedicate a substantial part of my time to involving as many individuals as possible in the Students' Union. For the corporate team, I plan on creating a team of staff members (from the services, businesses and programs) and volunteers that will participate in monthly events (activities run by the City of Edmonton, for example). The two leads on this project are myself and Ms. Brandys from SFAIC. Other activities might be a pick-up soccer game at Lister, or the organization of Students' Union Campus Recreation teams. Additionally, I think that weekly social events on Friday are needed. By organizing these events, the SU will strengthen its internal connections between the various departments and the hundreds of volunteers.

## CONCLUSION

The last two weeks have been the busiest of the year, and although I have been highly productive, I need to maintain a strong social life balance. This has wavered a bit, but I will do my absolute best to set aside time for myself. Please take a look at my new June 23 blog post regarding pace. Aside from that, I look forward to listening to and answering your questions.

In solidarity,

-Emerson Csorba