

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday September 23, 2012
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LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2012-13)

2012-13/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-13/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-13/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-13/3b Student Attributes: Background and University of Alberta Suggested Attributes. Presented by Dustin Chelen, Vice President Academic. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen.

Abstract: The academic plan of the University commits to "articulating and supporting the development of core sets of skills, attributes, and values to be incorporated into graduate and undergraduate programs, while recognizing that each Faculty will best decide how to move in this direction, which could include reviewing and updating the curriculum." The CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies, co-chaired by the SU VPA, has brought together professors, administrators, and students from across the University to develop a list of attributes reflective of the UofA learning environment. This presentation will update Council on the background and the suggested list of attributes.

2012-13/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-13/4b Ruling 2012-04 of the DIE Board (CRO re: Election Dates)

Please see document LA 12-13.01

2012-13/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2012-13/5c VP Academic Response

Thank you for the question.

The International Students' Association is an initiative started by last year's VPA and VPSL in an attempt to enhance the service to and representation of international undergraduate students at the University of Alberta. While I agree with these two objectives, I think serious thought needs to be invested in to solving a number of unique problems: How does the SU formally and practically delegate representative authority to groups like Residence and International Associations? How does the University respect and recognize their mandate, particularly in light of the recent disregard shown to the LHSA. Is a student group the best way to ensure effective representation of international student

issues? Are the challenges of intercultural communication, diversity of the constituency, and time spent at the University insurmountable to sustaining the organizational structure of the ISA? What is the relationship between the ISA and International Student Services?

We have composed the ISA Oversight Committee with the purpose of addressing these questions. Unfortunately, the international student voice on this committee has been lacking, which is demonstrative of some of the issues addressed above. Our next steps are to refill the student position via su.ualberta.ca/joinacommittee, and then begin to discuss some of these difficult questions. If the ISA Oversight Committee deems it appropriate, they will develop a strategy to recruit students to serve on the ISA Student Advisory Committee to work on developing a constitution for the ISA.

If you have any feedback on the above questions, or if you know international students interested in serving on the ISA Oversight Committee, I'm happy to hear from you.

2012-13/5e

Question for Councillor Nguyen from Brent Kelly, BoG Rep.

A number of constituents have approached me with concerns regarding a statement you allegedly made on The Wanderer website.

The statement of concern was in response to comments made on an article you wrote for the Wanderer titled Undercover: Being a Hot Ass Mess published October 12th.

Some constituents have expressed concerns that your statement was a threat and may have violated the code of student behavior, or potentially even civil or criminal law. The specific statement of concern is as follows:

"I am from a filthy rich family, what I spend on a pair of shoes would probably [be] more than [your] monthly rent and I'm not sorry for being privileged. So you better hide well! One day, if I know who you are, you will regret the post forever and ever"

My question for the Councilor is, do you think your statement violated the code of student behavior or any civil or criminal code? If so, how will you address this? Also, have you taken any steps to apologize for what some of my constituents see as a threatening statement?

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Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

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Saadiq Sumar VP Student Life- Report

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Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report

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DIE Board Ruling 2012-1

Hearing Details:

Style of Cause: Interpretation of Bylaw 2300(4)

Hearing Date: October 18th, 2012

Hearing Number: Ruling # 04 2012/2013

DIE Board Panel Members: Sean Wallace, Chief Tribune

Mary McPhail, Tribune

Drew-Jordan Maharaj, Tribune

Issues:

Should the first day of voting for the General Faculties Council (GFC) and Students' Council (SC) General Election occur fifteen days after the **first** or **second** day of the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Bylaw 2300 section 4(1)?

Does fifteen days in Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1) refer to business days (i.e., excluding Saturday & Sunday)?

Do the dates for the GFC and SC election – March 21 & 22, 2013 – satisfy Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1)?

Relevant Legislation

From Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1):

“The [GFC and SC] election shall occur fifteen (15) days after the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Bylaw 2200.”

[] From Bylaw 2200 Section 4(1):

“The [Executive Committee and Board of Governors] election shall be held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday during the second week following the Winter Term Reading Week.”

Decision

[] The Panel recognizes that Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1) is ambiguous with respect to “fifteen days after the... [Executive election]... as set out in Bylaw 2200, and thus is open to interpretation.

[] If one defines the GFC and SC election date as fifteen days after the **second** day of the Executive election, then the corresponding election dates for the GFC and SC election would be Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, 2013.

[] The Panel agrees that the intention of Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1) was not to host an election day on Saturday, as a weekend day would be unsuitable for the electorate. The Panel recognizes that the CRO has discretion in this ambiguity to ensure greater opportunity to vote, and would be able to count fifteen days from the **first** Executive election day.

[] If one defines the GFC and SC election date as fifteen **business** days after the Executive election, then the corresponding election dates would be Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, 2013.

[] Friday, March 29, 2013 is Good Friday, a statutory holiday with no University classes scheduled. The Panel agrees that election dates scheduled on statutory holidays would be unsuitable for the electorate.

[] The Panel acknowledges that the past GFC and SC elections had not used business days in determining an election date.

[] Based on past precedent and the practicality of avoiding weeks that potentially host statutory holidays, the Panel has determined that fifteen (15) days should not be considered business days only.

[] The Panel has determined that the dates for the GFC and SC election (March 21 & 22, 2013) satisfy Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1).



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 17th 2012**

Time: **6.04 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING 12**

Motions

1.	SMITH moved that the <i>October 17, 2012 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>
2.	KHINDA moved that the <i>October 2, 2012 minutes be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED (No vote)</i>
3.	KHINDA moved that the <i>meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>



October 20, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

See below for updates arising from my portfolio over the past two weeks.

I. BA Restructure

The Faculty of Arts has asked students and staff to work together to develop proposals for a complete overhaul of the structure and requirements of a Bachelor of Arts degree. I'm supporting the Collective Body for Arts Students to ensure that the student voice is heard in this process. Students interested in the BA restructure should contact volunteer@theccbas.ca.

II. ESA Road Off Probation

I met with the Education Students' Association Executive and Council to map the road off probation in the next months. Next steps include amendments to their Constitution and Policy Document, presentations to COFA and Council, and responding to feedback from major stakeholders. Council can expect a presentation from them at the next meeting.

III. Take Back the Term

Students facing academic difficulty in the Fall semester have the opportunity to attend Take Back The Term on October 27. Sessions on time management, study skills, and mental health are available free of charge to students who register at www.bearshden.ualberta.ca/tbt.

IV. Extending the Withdrawal Deadline

The proposal to extend the withdrawal deadline met resistance from a number of professional faculties at a recent Academic Standards Committee meeting. I'm hopeful that the proposal will still be presented to the GFC Executive committee meeting slated for November.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen



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From:	➤ Farid Iskandar Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	Councillor Appointment - Education
Date:	October 22, 2012

In accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 100, Section 7(6), empty seats on Students' Council shall be filled by *"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."* The last election where nominations were open for the Faculty of Education in Students' Council was Students' Council and GFC By-Election – September 2012.

In response to the recent vacancy of an Education position, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jason Hong to Students' Council as Education Councillor for the 2012-2013 year.

If you require any other information regarding this appointment, or regarding the Councillor replenishment process, please contact me at cro@su.ualberta.ca.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 22**

Time: **3:00 PM**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #**

Motions

1.	HODGSON moved that BSA's financial reporting deadline be extended to December 31st.	CARRIED 4/0/0
2.		CARRIED 0/0/0
3.		CARRIED 0/0/0
4.		CARRIED 0/0/0

October 23, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

Power Plant

Two weeks ago I attended a tour of the Mercer building downtown in preparation for a charrette about the North Power Plant. Many stakeholders attended the latter event and we had a productive conversation about the needs and possibilities for future development in the building.

Access Fund Selection Committee

The Vice President (Student Life) and I attended a round of Access Fund selections yesterday. We'll be continuing the process on Wednesday due to a high applicant volume this round.

Sustainability

Two weeks ago, the Operations Sustainability Working Group had its first working meeting. We focused primarily on an update on the Sustainability Assessment recommendations. The General Manager, Vice President (Student Life) and I attended the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) 2012 conference last week. A formal conference report will follow.

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last two weeks include attending a lunch with the University Board of Governors and attending the Board's open session. I have also been studying for a midterm, which I wrote this morning.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema.

2012/2013 Report to Council

October 23rd, 2012

Vice President (Student Life)

Prepared by: Saadiq Sumar, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

I don't have very much to report for the last couple of weeks, as I was away at AASHE for six out of fourteen days. I also apologize that I am not able to be present for council tonight, as I am currently preparing with the other student associations for a meeting of the City of Edmonton's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Wednesday morning at 9:30AM. If you have any questions, send them to my e-mail directly, send them with another member of the executive team, or talk to me on Friday at Council Retreat (which I am assuming you are all coming to).

Also, it's midterm season. Good luck to all of you. Remember to take a break every once in a while and let your hair down, as you should not be compromising your mental or physical well being for the sake of your academics.

Finally, congratulations to the UofA Pandas Rugby Team. They fought hard against the UofC Dinos yesterday to take the CanWest Championship!

Programming

Comedian Lars Callieou

Lars Callieou is coming to Dinwoodie Lounge on Wednesday night. If you don't have your tickets just yet, let me know and I'll see if I can set some aside for you. I also have a few sets of tickets to give away once again. The last comedian was great, and I am sure Lars will put on a great performance. The tickets for the event in advance are only \$5 and the show should be wrapped up by about 9 or 9:30PM.

Singer/Songwriter Series

The singer/songwriter series ran again after the Thanksgiving Long Weekend. We got some great turnout for all the singer/songwriters and it looks as though this is gaining some traction and momentum. I'm hoping we can finalize the singer/songwriters soon to start advertising the event. The next series will run October 29th to November 2nd, and I am anticipating a ton of traffic due to Sustainability Awareness Week.

Services

U-Pass

As stated in the introductory paragraph, the student associations are meeting with the CoE TIC on Wednesday to go over the situation to this point, as well as advocating directly to councilors about the latest proposal that we have submitted. We also had an advisory meeting to specifically discuss other items relating to the U-Pass contract and additional services to be included.

Advocacy

Residence Halls Association

The RHA is still looking for Executive Members. If you are interested in residence issues, if you know someone else who's interested, or if you think a friend would make a positive contribution on the RHA, please have them contact myself of the RHA President Kaibree Drake.

Alcohol Policy

Several stakeholder groups have been meeting to discuss changes and updates to the alcohol policy. There are several different items to be discussed, including streamlining the current procedures as well as events like pubcrawls and beer gardens. Let me know if you have anything you would like me to bring up at these meetings.

Other

Green and Gold Day Recap

I met with several members of the University Athletics as well as Jason Cobb from the Office of the Dean of Students and Colleen Elliott from Alumni Affairs to go over ideas for future Green and Gold Days. There were a ton of great ideas generated and next year's Green and Gold Day will hopefully be on a much larger scale than this year's event.

Message from Robin Everall

Robin Everall is the Provostial Fellow charged with looking at the state of mental health on our campus. The following is a message from her:

"Dr. Everall is interested in undergraduate student perspectives on questions such as:

- Are students aware of the mental health and support services available to them on and off campus? What do they know about these services?
- How should services be promoted to reach the largest number of students and increase awareness of service availability?
- What impedes students from accessing services?
- How should we reduce the barriers to accessing services?
- What services are necessary but missing?

The goal of this process is to enhance relevant, responsive, and accessible mental health services to students at the University of Alberta. The meeting schedule of each group will be set after the group is established, but members should be available in October. Nominations are being solicited from a wide diversity of students, including full- and part- time students, international students from a variety of countries, domestic students, and students who are parents.”

Please pass this message on to your constituents so that Dr. Everall can do a complete job of identifying mental health related issues on campus and working to solve them.

Meeting with the Registrar’s Office

The Executives met with representatives from the Registrar’s Office to discuss items ranging from Fall Reading Week to the Health and Dental Plan. Overall, these meetings serve to keep the SU Executives in touch with what the RO is doing and vice versa.

North Power Plant Charette

The VPOpsFi, the PotSU, the GM, and I met with representatives from Facilities and Operations, the GSA, and DIALOG to discuss the future plans for the North Power Plant. Although I was not able to stay for the entirety of the meeting, the general themes that were discussed included different visions for the NPP, general programming for the space, and a model for the building.

UofA Open House

Several staff members and the Executive Team were out at the Open House on Saturday to talk to students about what the Students’ Union is and what the SU does. It was a great way for us to meet future students and tell them about our experiences as students at the UofA and active members in the Students’ Union.

Takeaways:

Apply for an RHA Executive Position (or tell a friend to apply)
Meet with me if you are interested in the portfolio or just to chat!
Talk to your constituents about the message from Dr. Everall
Come to the Comedy Show Tomorrow Night

Athletic Schedule:

The final Item I have is a quick update on the upcoming Golden Bears and Pandas Home Games for the next couple of weeks:

Saturday, October 27th: Golden Bears Soccer vs. Calgary (2PM)

Saturday, October 27th: Pandas Hockey vs. Lethbridge (6PM)

Saturday, October 27th: Bears Volley vs. Saskatchewan (6PM)

Sunday, October 28th: Golden Bears Soccer vs. Calgary (2PM)

Friday, November 2nd: Bears Basketball vs. Brandon (6PM)

Saturday, November 3rd: Golden Bears Hockey vs. Mount Royal (6PM)

Saturday November 3rd: Bears Basketball vs. Brandon (6PM)

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at [HYPERLINK](#)

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October 23rd, 2012**To:** Students' Council**Re:** Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to make a similar statement available for public viewing.

It's been a busy few weeks since our last Council meeting. The biggest and most important event for me in my role as BoG rep was the Board orientation/meeting last Friday, so I'll focus on that in this report.

Board Orientation

The Board orientation was in the morning from nine until around noon. It was very similar to the (first) council retreat in that much of the basics of our role as governors of the institution were covered. I had read over the orientation documents thoroughly months before; so much of the meeting was more of a refresher for me. Nevertheless, we did cover some new ground. Plus, of course, the meeting was no doubt of great benefit to newer Board members. It also provided an opportunity for Governors to field questions that they may have been hesitant to ask in other circumstances.

After the orientation, we attended a great lunch mixer hosted by the SU at RATT. It was an extremely valuable opportunity for SU, GSA, and University representatives to mingle together.

Interestingly, many of the other Governors had never been to RATT, so it was a pleasure to have the honor of introducing them.

Board Meeting

After lunch, it was back to SAB for the Board meeting. Being the first meeting of the new semester there was a great amount of material to discuss. Unfortunately, much of the important matters were discussed in closed session, which I am not able to discuss here.

In the open session, as is usual, we were given various reports from the Vice-Presidents and committees of the Board. One element I would like to discuss here was a recommendation from the Audit Committee.

One of the members of the Audit Committee, Ove Minsos, had concerns regarding how the movers and seconders of motions were recorded in board meetings. Him and a number of other members felt that it was no longer necessary for the Board to be recording the movers and seconders of motions, since the group as a whole decides upon the motions. Myself and Colten disagreed with this perspective, citing concerns with transparency and accountability. To my disappointment, the Board voted in favour of removing the mover and seconder requirement, with only Colten and I voting against and Ashlyn (GSA President) abstaining.

In a way, I feel that this event was a symptom of the tensions within the Board. In many respects I feel that the Administration and Governance unit sometimes do not give us all the respect we deserve as various constituent groups. More and more frequently it is the Administration versus the other constituent groups of this campus (SU, GSA, NASA, AASUA) and I must admit I'm somewhat worried. There appear to be increasing tensions between the constituent elements at all levels, and I'm not sure how best I may assist in defusing the situation. I'm confident that the



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various constituents of this University will continue working together in the future, but I feel that some things may need to change.

So that concludes my report. If you have any questions about the meeting or orientation, do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2012-2013 | [University of Alberta Students' Union](#)

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