

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday January 8th, 2013
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LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2012-17)

2012-17/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-17/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-17/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-17/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document LA 12-17.01

2012-17/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-17/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2012-17/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-17/6n **SMITH MOVES** that upon the recommendation of the Bylaw committee Students' Council approve the referendum question based on the following principles.

Do you support the establishment of The Gateway Online and Multimedia Fund, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The fee shall be assessed to both full and part time students at a rate of \$2.83 per term*;
- b) The fee shall be initiated in the Fall 2013 term*;
- c) The fee shall only apply to full and part time students in the Fall and Winter terms*;
- d) The fee shall increase annually at a rate equal to the Alberta Consumer Price Index;
- e) The fee shall expire on April 30, 2018, or at such a time that a successful referendum is conducted to rescind the fee;
- f) The fee will be used to assist The Gateway with its online, multimedia and otherwise digital content, strategies and staff; and
- g) Students may opt out of this fee online and unconditionally. The opt out deadline will be advertised.

*As defined by the 2012/2013 University of Alberta academic calendar.

- 2012-17/6o** **SMITH MOVES** that upon the recommendation of the Bylaw committee Students' Council approve the referendum question based on the following principles.
- Do you support a single increase of \$2.83 to the existing fee* for The Gateway Student Journalism Fund, subject to the following conditions:
- a) The fee shall be increased for both full and part time students in the Fall and Winter terms**;
 - b) The increased fee shall:
 - i. be initiated in the Fall 2013 term;
 - ii. increase annually at a rate equal to the Alberta Consumer Price Index;
 - iii. expire on April 30, 2018, or at such a time that a successful referendum is conducted to rescind the fee;
 - c) Students may opt out of this fee online and unconditionally. The opt out deadline will be advertised.
- *The existing fee is \$3.22 for the Fall and Winter terms and \$0.41 for the Spring and Summer terms.
 **As defined by the 2012/2013 University of Alberta academic calendar.
- 2012-17/6p** **SMITH MOVES** that upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee that Council approve the Bill #15 in first reading based on the following principle:
1. Class C/D DFUs should be required to reaffirm by campus-wide referendum at least once every eight (8) years.
- 2012-17/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2012-17/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2012-17/8l** Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report
- Please see document LA 12-17.02
- 2012-17/8m** Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report
- Please see document LA 12-17.03
- 2012-17/8n** Colten Yamagishi, president- Report
- Please see document LA 12-17.04

November 14

CHELEN/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$4800.00 for the President Colten Yamagishi, Vice President External Petros Kusmu and Director of Research and Political Affairs Justin Williams for the purpose of attending the CASA Advocacy Week Conference from November 17-23 , 2012 in Ottawa, Ontario.

4/0/0 CARRIED

November 28

CHELEN/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$3280.00 for the purpose of purchasing 2012 Students' Union survey prizes.

4/0/0 CARRIED

December 13

YAMAGISHI/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the participation of the UASU in principle of the conference hosted by AGC, ASEC and CAUS conference occurring on February 21 & 22, 2012 at the University of Alberta.

5/0/0 CARRIED

December 14

KUSMU/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 for the Students' Union Building Occupancy Tracker Project.

5/0/0 CARRIED

CHELEN/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$190.20 for the purpose of printing holiday cards.

5/0/0 CARRIED

December 21

YAMAGISHI/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approves a projects allocation not to exceed \$5000 for the purpose of reimbursing the contributions of the

UASU Programming and Venues and Marketing Departments to the Ignite Conference hosted by AGC, ASEC, and CAUS.

3/1/0 CARRIED

January 7, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Hope you had a great and relaxing holiday! Below are the highlights since my last report.

SUB Renovations

After my last report we continued to finalize the Schematic Design Report. This was completed, approved by the Steering Committee and presented to University governance as described in the next section of this report. I will submit a copy to Students' Council in the near future, but please let me know if you'd like one sooner.

We have continued and will continue to meet with select stakeholders to work on their respective needs and opportunities. This week, two student group focus groups are planned to generate ideas and a deeper understanding of the best design solutions for student group spaces.

Now that we have realistic visuals we have begun to advertise the project to a broad audience. An open house held on December 4th will be followed up with another this month. We will also raise awareness and collect feedback through a tradeshow style booth this month.

We conducted an RPF for construction manager bids and will be evaluating the results this week with the guidance of our project manager. Hiring a CM at this stage of design will allow us to mitigate any constructability issues and improve design in order to lower costs. A CM will also be able to provide guidance on various aspects of the project including phasing solutions.

The next four months will bring an aggressive series of SUB renovation tasks and milestones, including CM selection, Design Development, working drawings, a business case, agreements with the University, project financing and SU and University governance.

Facilities Development Committee

A special meeting of FDC occurred on December 20th to review the schematic design report for the SUB renovations. DIALOG and I presented the report to the committee and fielded questions from members. I was very pleased with the level of interest and enthusiasm I sensed, with many questions asked and comments provided. The document was accepted unanimously.

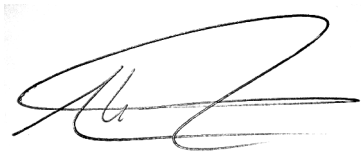
PAW Centre

Before the break the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation approached us with a proposal to swap the "proshop" retail space alongside the concourse with an adjacent space. The Vice President (External) and I donned hard hats and steel-toed boots in order to visit the spaces in question. It was later discovered that the structural characteristics of the space might make it difficult to swap spaces and meet our needs. Further engineering information will provide more clarity.

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last few weeks include an Access Fund Selection Committee meeting, a Joint Beverage Committee meeting (a semi-annual meeting to discuss topics related to the Single Source Beverage Provider Agreement) and a meeting with an interior design firm that may have interest in campus projects such as the Power Plant. I was on holiday while the office was closed for much of the winter break.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema

January 7th, 2013

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 makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

Happy New Year! Hope you've all had lots of time to rest and recuperate. I went back to Calgary over the holidays and spent plenty of time with my family. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in exams and papers, forgetting the things that really matter: friends and family. That said, I'm very much looking forward to the winter semester.

There was meeting of the Board of Governors before the holiday season began, and I'd like to take some time to discuss it here. There were a number of important votes at the last meeting which need mentioning.

Board of Governors Meeting

Tuition and rent increases were voted upon at the meeting. It was disappointing that only Colten and I voted against the cost increases. I was especially concerned when the GSA President, Ashlyn Bernier, failed to speak or vote against the motion for increased costs to students. As I see it, any

increase in the cost to attend this institution is a corresponding decrease in the accessibility of education at our University. It is a shame that we are making our University less accessible to the public.

The additional burden that increases in cost places on students is felt not only now but for many years. Students are increasingly graduating with ever-larger mountains of debt. Further, as education becomes less accessible, smaller and more elite groups will be able to afford attendance. We are selling short the future of not only ourselves, but our province. Returns on education are so high that we are losing the potential for growth when we fail to fund our education intuitions adequately. And, in a province of such great resource wealth, this wrongheaded direction is all the more vexatious.

I certainly hope that the Board of Governors will muster the courage to show some real leadership in this province. The solution to this University's problems is not decrease accessibility. The solution is to demand adequate funding from the government.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

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January 8, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

I hope that you all had a great holiday. I know that mine was certainly much needed and much enjoyed. This should be a pretty action packed semester for Council so I hope you are ready for lots of excitement. If today's agenda is any sign of things to come it looks like we have a lot of work cut out for us but I know that we will all do a fantastic job.

Coming into a new semester remember to keep your eye on the prize. We have a tremendous opportunity to accomplish a number of big wins for our students. Focus on balancing your workload so that you can stay true to your commitments and operate effectively in everything that you do. Also, try your best to keep your head above the water with the politics that often arise with the oncoming election season. Those who keep strong to their values will always win in the long run. Remember that we are all a team and are all in this for the same reason – to serve in the best interest of our students.

Anyhow, welcome back and happy New Year.
Here is a brief update on the past bit.

I am excited to see you guys tonight!

Board of Governors Dec. 14

Dec. 14 saw one of the most important BoG meetings of the year as we passed both the tuition and rent increases for 2013/2014. Tuition will be increasing by CPI (2.15%) and rent will be increasing by an aggregate (2.36%). Both the BoG rep and I voted against both motions and I attempted to amend the rent motion to be capped at CPI (2.15%) but the amendment failed. The meeting also had a conflict-laden discussion surrounding the approval of the creation of the Department of Gender and Women's studies. The discussion was focused on determining the appropriate requirements of a program to become a department. I was quite frustrated by the discussion as the proposal had passed unanimously through a number of GFC and Board committees with little discussion but saw a considerable amount of opposition come from the President at the last step of approval at the Board. I was also very frustrated that I was unable to ask a series of four written questions regarding mandatory non-instructional fees that I had submitted the night before the meeting. I will be following up in the appropriate manner to ensure that the questions are brought back to the table.

China Institute Board of Directors Meeting

We received a presentation updating us on the most recent work being done by the China Institute. From my perspective the China Institute has done well expanding and strengthening our international relations but they seem to be constrained by a lack of resources and vision for the University as a whole. The Institute has set some lofty goals for the next few years and I believe that the University should continue to provide them with support. I also learned how to use a Keurig machine the hard way.

Fall Reading Week Meeting with PhysEd&Rec

Kyle Marshall (UGAA) and I met with Dean Mummery and Dr. Montgomery from the FPERS to discuss the implications that the Fall Reading Week would have on Butterdome event bookings with specific focus on the annual Butterdome Craft Sale.

SERC

At the last SERC meeting we discussed the definition of social sustainability, the impact of colonization on the UofA campus/community and examined ways to improve the representative diversity of Students' Council and the SU executive. Next meeting we will be creating a work plan to layout a schedule of projects that we want to be working on.

U-School

The VPX and I met with the U-School team from the Senate to discuss how we can get involved and support the program. U-School is a Senate initiative that brings underprivileged youth to campus for a week to explore the university and to see what post-secondary education has to offer.

Property Tax Meeting with Doug Dawson

The VPX, VPSL, and I met with Doug Dawson from Ancillary Services to continue working towards a joint proposal asking the government to remove municipal property taxes on student residences. The proposal is coming together slowly as we have to work in coordination with other institutions but overall we are making considerable ground. We are currently discussing how the funds saved from not having to pay property taxes could be redistributed to areas such as reducing deferred maintenance and improving residence association programs.

Party for Dima

The GSA hosted a wonderful surprise party to celebrate Dima Utgoff's retirement. Dima was the long-serving Director of Residence Services and has made a name for himself for being especially student friendly and being extremely supportive and responsive to student concerns. We are sad to see Dima go but are very thankful for the wonderful work that he has done for us in the past number of years.

Management Retreat

Last Thursday the General Manager hosted a management retreat in SUB with all of our managers/directors. I found the retreat to be extremely useful as it helped us refocus our thoughts and energies and develop a collective vision of what we aim to achieve this semester. It was very useful for me to hear the goals and projects that each unit is working on, as well as any impediments that they are facing. I was very pleased with the amount of effort that the GM put into this event. I believe that positive staff culture and teamwork is fundamental for any effective organization.

International Student Orientation

On Friday I helped welcome over 100 new international students who have just arrived on our campus for the winter semester. I gave a quick presentation on the SU and tabled for a few hours to help answer the students' questions.

Summary

January should be a pretty busy month for the executive. We will be meeting with the Augustana Student Executive on Tuesday, travelling to Calgary for an extended CAUS meeting on Saturday, and will be prepping for our final projects of the year (Fall Reading Week, SUB Reno, Ignite Conference, Campus Musical, supporting FA's etc.) Be sure to check out the awesome Antifreeze events happening all week.

Ways to get involved:

- Prepare for your executive elections if you are running! Also, please help us recruit last minute candidates. Sometimes the best people for the job need a bit of encouragement to get them going.
- I was thinking about hosting a job-shadow day for people interested in running for executive portfolios so let me know what you think of this idea.
- Attend Golden Bears and Pandas games (the VPSL usually has a list of upcoming games in his report)
- Come check out the Antifreeze events happening this week! www.su.ualberta.ca/events

Cheers,

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.