

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
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## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2013-03)

- 2013-03/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2013-03/2      PRESENTATIONS
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- 2013-03/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2013-03/5      QUESTION PERIOD
- 2013-03/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2013-03/6c      **CHELEN MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council amend the Fall Reading Week Policy in first reading based on the following principles:
- That the Students' Union will advocate for the creation of a Fall Reading Week that does not specify a particular implementation structure.
- 2013-03/7      GENERAL ORDERS
- 2013-03/8      INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2013-03/8h      Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report  
Please see document LA 13-03.01
- 2013-03/8i      Updated Policy Committee Summary Report  
Please see document LA 13-03.02
- 2013-03/8j      William Lau, VP Student Life- Report  
Please see document LA 13-03.03

June 4th, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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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.

I attended a meeting of the Board, University Relations Committee, and General Faculties Council over the previous two weeks. I'll provide highlights of the meeting of the Board and General Faculties Council here.

### **BoG Meeting**

The BoG meeting on Monday was a short one, as we were meeting primarily to discuss the budget and Comprehensive Institutional Plan. They are complementary and are usually approved concurrently. Upon receiving final approval from the Board, the CIP will be presented to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education.

A number of different members, including myself, expressed concern over the usage of the term 'flagship' throughout the CIP. We did not disagree that the U of A was – and is – the flagship post-secondary education institution in Alberta. Our concerns were with regards to the strategic

implications of the usage of the term given the current political climate.

It is no secret that the current Minister of EAE is not a huge fan of the way we utilize the term. Accordingly, myself and other members felt that it might have been pertinent to avoid using the term - at least in documents sent directly to the minister.

Nevertheless, other members of the Board felt that we would be betraying what we agreed upon in the Board retreat if we were to avoid usage of the term. The Board decided to continue using the term throughout the document, and both the budget and the Comprehensive Institutional Plan were approved. I'm interested in seeing what the response from the Minister of EAE will be.

### **General Faculties Council**

I also attended a meeting of General Faculties Council the same Monday. One item of particular importance was the President's initiative to restructure GFC.

Citing concerns from students and others over the previous year regarding the operation of GFC, President Indira has decided to move forward with a comprehensive review of GFC. While I am not opposed to this idea in principle, I disagreed with how Indira intended to go about doing it.

The initial plan was to strike a committee of only two faculty members to conduct the "objective" review. Obviously, we were concerned that there was absolutely no student representation on the committee. After some lobbying before and during the meeting, Indira acquiesced and agreed to include both undergraduate and graduate students on the task force committee.

This was a win for students, but it concerned me that we had to fight for fair representation in the first place. It should be the default to include undergraduate and graduate students in governance processes – especially when it is of profound significance.

I must admit I was somewhat disappointed with Indira's justification as to why she did not want to include undergraduate students. When asked, she indicated that she was hesitant because it

would be difficult to find students to attend these meetings during the summer. Further, she argued, undergraduate students would likely have less experience in the governance process than graduate students.

Her arguments were not very convincing, because there were plenty of student representatives that very GFC meeting (during the spring/summer break) and, as President Kusmu aptly pointed out, plenty of undergraduate students have a good deal of experience with governance (Kusmu himself having 6 years, as he noted).

Needless to say, it does not bode well for the health of the institution if students are not included at all levels of governance as much as possible. I certainly hope that Indira will endeavor to proactively include students in important matters such as GFC review in the future.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch at the contact information below.

In Solidarity,

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## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Date: May 28<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 6.04 pm

2013 – 2014 MEETING 2

### Motions

1.	<b>Woods</b> moved to <i>approve the agenda for May 28, 2013</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
2.	<b>Batal</b> moved to <i>approve the changes to the Policy Committee's Standing Orders</i> The PC decided to change the timing of any materials to be submitted to the agenda and the submission of the agenda to two business days prior to the committee meeting	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
3.	<b>Chelen</b> moved to <i>amend the Fall Reading Week Policy in first reading</i> President Kusmu brought forth changes to the Fall Reading Week Policy. The PC discussed and approved the changes as first reading.	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
4.	<b>Redman</b> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Report of the Student Life Portfolio

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Hello Council,

First, let me apologize for not sending in my report in time for the main agenda. As some of you may know, I was in Boston for the American College Health Association Annual Meeting 2013 from Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> until Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Including time spent networking, the conference ran from 8AM straight until midnight. Here, I will vaguely note a few key takeaways from the conference, but will elaborate in an upcoming Conference Report after discussing the items with the rest of our Exec team.

So – let's see what I've been up to in the past two weeks!

## **I. Programming**

### **Athletics**

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – one month of classes done, a busload or two of students from Augustana, cheap beers with peers, and a hockey game with Golden Bears. If all goes well, the SU Exec will run a BBQ in collaboration with the Augustana Students' Association (ASA) in the early afternoon that day. As classes end, busses will arrive and we will bring Augustana students with us back to main campus to enjoy a tail gate party in Varsity field. Later in the evening, a hockey game will commence just a few steps over in the Clare Drake arena, between the Augustana Vikings and the U of A Golden Bears.

Currently waiting on all parties to confirm the date! Main barrier is a possible time conflict with the IFC Toga Party.

### **Week of Welcome**

As we speak, our Week of Welcome (WoW) Facilitators will be looking over some of the work created by our Marketing department and finalizing our theme for WoW 2013!

## **II. Services**

### **Peer Support Centre**

As mentioned last time, I had the vision of adding an outreach component to the Peer Support Centre (PSC). With further discussion with our Services Managers, we will start by initiating a Comprehensive Review of the service.

As for Unitea, which is seeking a more sustainable structure, the PSC will be a resource, providing training for their volunteers. In the meantime, we will also be seeking individuals who may be interested in taking a leadership role within the young organization.

### **Student Group Services**

(VPSL & VPOF) The criteria for student group granting will be evaluated soon to ensure that our values are reflected in where funds are distributed. This includes Start-up, Activity and Conference grants which are accessible throughout the year from SGS. I would love to hear any feedback you may have regarding the granting process!

## **III. Advocacy**

### **Residence Community Standards**

As the Community Standards are up for review, I will be advocating for a wider variety of well-defined restorative sanctions in both Restorative Justice (RJ) and Administrative lease processes. I will also be advocating for an assessment of how cases are routed, to maximize RJ and minimize Administration involvement. Last but not least, I will also strive for a clear appeal process for Administrative disciplinary cases.

## **IV. Other**

### **Council/Faculty Association Retreat**

Loved it :)

### **City of Edmonton Recreation Facilities**

A conversation has started with the Operations Supervisor of the City's Leisure and Recreation Facilities. They have brought about a proposal, where all Students Union members receive annual admission passes to City of Edmonton-operated recreation and leisure centres (16 facilities, including the Kinsmen Sports Centre and Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre, located throughout Edmonton) at a cost of \$25.00 per year (a 96% discount from the 2013 price of \$624). The key to the financial viability for this program from the City of Edmonton perspective is an "all in" commitment from the Students Union, i.e. fee is attached to annual Students Union fees collected from all U of A undergraduate students.

### **Check Yourself**

As mentioned in the previous report, weekly meetings have been scheduled to participate in strategies to improve promotions of safe drinking habits. Unfortunately, the meeting times have conflicted with other meetings and I have been unable to attend the past two meetings. However, in my conversation with Donna Cave, Director of University Wellness Services, I will be following up with the Check Yourself Working Group to clarify the outcomes of such an intervention before fully committing myself to weekly meetings.

**American College Health Association Annual Meeting 2013**

First off, I am proud of what we have here on campus. While we are thinking about how to increase healthy eating options, opportunities for exercise and lower stress, our counterparts in the United States are trying to ban smoking and fight underage drinking. Nonetheless, the conference provided me with several ideas that could be implemented on our campus as well as valuable connections to other like-minded student leaders. As action items, I will be reviewing the following issues:

*Smoking Policy*

*Healthy Campus Curriculum*

*Alcohol Risk Management*

*Student Health Advisory/ Advocacy Committees*

Cheers,

William Lau

[Electronically Submitted]