

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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**Tuesday October 30, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

## **A G E N D A (SC 2001-13)**

- 2001-13/1**                    **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2001-13/2**                    **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada!"**
- 2001-13/3**                    **University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**
- 2001-13/4**                    **ROLL CALL**
- 2001-13/5**                    **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 2001-13/6**                    **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**
- 2001-13/6a**                    Coke-Jamie Speer
- 2001-13/6b**                    APIRG (Limited to 25 minutes)
- 2001-13/7**                    **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 2001-13/8**                    **REPORTS**
- a. Christopher Samuel, President – Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.
  - b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic – Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.
  - c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External – Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.
  - d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance – Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life – Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative- Written or oral report may be provided at meeting.
- g. Rehabilitation Medicine
- h. Science
- i. President Athletics
- j. Executive Committee, Minutes.  
Please see Document SC 01-13.01.
- k. Students' Union Boards & Committees Reports  
The Minutes of the various SU Boards and Committees are available on the SU WebPage: [www.su.ualberta.ca](http://www.su.ualberta.ca).

**2001-13/9**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**2001-13/10**

**LEGISLATION**

**2001-13/10a**

JONES/WEPLER RESOLVED THAT Students' Council amend the Standing Orders of Council and rescind motion 99-23/10e.

Please see documents SC 01-13.02 and SC 01-13.03.

**2001-13/11**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2001-13/12**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2001-13/12a**

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Nathan Brown as Student-at-large member on the Communications Advisory Committee for the term November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2001-13/12b**

SPEER/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint one member of Students' Council to sit as a Students' Council representative on the Recreation Action Committee for the upcoming year.

**2001-13/12c**

SAMUEL/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the D.I.E. Board Selection Committee ratify the appointments of Ryan Cheng, Chris Fahlman and Katharine Nicolson as Alternate Members, Heather MacNeil, Tasha Novick as Alternate Members pending a successful interview and acceptance of the position and Sean Doherty, Nels Ekelund, R. Aaron Low and Vincent Tong as Members of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board for the 2001/2002 school year.

**2001-13/12d**

SAMUEL/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the D.I.E. Board Selection Committee, ratify the appointments of Vincent Tong as Chair and Sean Doherty as the Alternate Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board for the 2001/2002 school year.

**2001-13/13**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2001-13/13a**

Advisory Search for Vice-President (Finance and Administration).

Please see document SC 01-13.04.

**2001-13/14**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please see changes listed below.

**2001-13/14a**

**Next Council Meeting**

**UPCOMING  
COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

- November 13, 2001 Council meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for November 20, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
- November 27, 2001- 6:00 p.m.

**Future Council Meeting**

- December 4, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.
- January 8, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.

**2001-13/14b**

**Next Council Meeting**

**UPCOMING  
FACULTY  
REPORTS**

- Arts
- Business

**2001-13/15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Tuesday October 9, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.  
Alumni Room, Students' Union Building**

**MINUTES (SC 2001-11)**

NB: Because of the change of location, this meeting will not be recorded on audiotape.

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/absent</b>	<b>Proxy Name</b>
President	Christopher Samuel	Present	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
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Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Proxy	Alex Fraese

Arts	Kara Deringer	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Meena Rajulu
Business	John Watkins	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Absent	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Proxy	Charlie Beamish
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Don Welsh	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present	

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Native Studies (School of			
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Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Chris Samuel	Absent	
Science	Constantina Renzi	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Absent	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Present	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
President Athletics	Vacant		
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Absent	

Recreation Action Committee			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

### Observers

Dr. Doug Owram, University Vice-President Academic

Joe Brindle

Emily Bratt

Eddie Martinez

Kirsten McCrea

The Chicken

The Ape

**2001-11/1**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2001-11/2**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."**

**Samuel** led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

**2001-11/3**

#### **University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

**Jones** led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

**2001-11/4**

#### **ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

**2001-11/5**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Melnyk/Baxter** moved that the agenda of the SC2001-11 meeting be approved.

**Samuel** requested that items SC2001-11/7 through SC2001-11/13 be struck from the agenda.

### **Consensus**

**Jess/Hillier** moved to suspend Standing Order #1.

**Carried**

**2001-11/6**

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**2001-11/6a**

Tuition Presentation

**Samuel** introduced Dr. Doug Owram, University Vice-President Academic, who gave a presentation on the University's tuition proposal for the 2002-2003 school year.

**Owram** began his presentation by explaining that the tuition proposal is the culmination of a long process, which included extensive consultation with the Budget Advisory Committee, the Students' Union, and the Graduate Students' Association. There will be an open forum coming up next week, and the decision will be made by the Board of Governors on November 2.

Tuition discussions, **Owram** explained, are difficult for all parties involved, because there is little popularity to be gained by asking for a tuition increase. There are no specific guidelines in Alberta politics about how the University should be approaching tuition: the European system generally dictates that tuition should be free, while the American system favors much higher user fees; Canada falls between these two guidelines. Legislation is in place prohibiting tuition fees from providing more than 30% of the University's operating revenue, but there is so much room for increase by that stipulation that the cap is meaningless, and student associations have begun lobbying against it.



The question becomes whether the funding for post-secondary education should come from higher-income taxpayers, or from students who have trouble affording it. Neither option is very palatable, and the choice raises the omnipresent conflict between accessibility for students and University debt. The consideration at the moment is maintaining and improving the quality of education, and there are many government concerns that do not involve education. As a result, the University is not optimistic about government funding for the coming year.

The University's proposal is for a 3.65% tuition increase for the 2002-2003 school year. This figure is lower than the maximum allowable increase, but higher than the current CPI. The increase will be principally funneled into some major initiatives in undergraduate learning, as well as graduate studies; the Graduate Students' Association has accepted an application fee beginning next year.

In the planning documents, the University originally wanted to request a 5% increase, because of the considerable budget deficit the University is facing (approximately \$8.5 million). The budget must be increased because over the course of the past five years, the student population has increased by approximately 3,000 students. The other concern is the indirect cost of research, which the federal government has stated it will not subsidize. The research budget has been raised, but with this comes a strain on the system. It is doubtful that the federal government will come through with cost relief this year.

The concern is not simply with the amount of money the University received, but where it is directed. Provincial grants have dropped from 38% to 30% in the past five years, and the biggest growth area is research. Research grants are excellent, but this funding is not flexible, and cannot be routed into the operating budget. Finally, although there have been significant tuition increases, the percentage of the operating budget funded by tuition has remained constant.

Tuition increases are becoming more palatable: the increases in the mid-1990s were far larger, when the University was in a state of crisis. After the provincial cuts came to an end, students began to strongly resist increases. As of three years ago, the University moved off the maximum allowable increase, and is trying to lower the increase figure incrementally each year.

Students are opposed to tuition increases, and the University does not enjoy requesting them. However, there are quality issues that need to be addressed. First-year students find it difficult to orient themselves to such a large campus, and through this and larger lectures, among other concerns, some students are inclined not to finish their degrees. The University must take responsibility for educating students properly at the undergraduate level. This requires more money.

While the University is requesting a tuition increase, it is, at the same time, looking to increase levels of support through scholarships, bursaries and grants. The University is trying to provide accessibility, and trying to give back to the students who need and deserve it most, at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

The University sincerely wishes that it could have met the Students' Union's and Graduate Students' Association's request of a 2% tuition increase. The increase will be given to undergraduate teaching improvement. The economic situation all over the world has deteriorated sharply over the course of the past few months. Compounding this difficulty is the University's current deficit, and not addressing this will result in the deterioration of the University, which will have far more negative long-term results.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

**Jess:** Why could the University not freeze enrolment levels, thus removing the pressure of increasing student population?

**Owram:** The difficulty is pressure at the provincial level, because there are only four universities in Alberta, and there is a concern with decreasing accessibility. Freezing enrolment would also require increasing the minimum entry average.

**Tobias:** If there were only a 2% tuition increase, what would be the direct effect on students?

**Owram:** The reality is that the University is facing the possibility of external cuts, which brings a new series of problems. The result would likely be cutting nonessential programs. Currently, the University has convened a deficit elimination task force, which will examine these kinds of consequences.

At this time, there was a disturbance to Dr. Owram's presentation from a group outside of Council.

**Harlow** explained to this group that observers of Council must be sponsored to speak, and that they must identify themselves. He also explained that if a member of Council were willing, there could be a motion to include this group's presentation in the agenda.

**Sharma/Jones** moved to include the presentation of this group.  
**Carried**

At this point, questions for Dr. Owram resumed.

**Agur:** If the PeopleSoft system had been carried out according to budget, how would this affect the increase?

**Owram:** This must be amortized because it was a one-time expenditure (approximately \$30 million). This is not to say that the University entirely defends what happened, because it was a singularly horrible experience.

**Speer:** How much money does the University have in unspecified reserve?

**Owram:** Approximately \$2.8 to \$3 million. However, this may yet be used to address the problem of the University's deficit.

**Renzi:** Is there a specific document that articulates the undergraduate learning initiative to which the increase would be put?

**Owram:** Administration is currently working with the deans of first-year faculties to assemble a proposal about the changes they wish to implement. Hopefully more information will be available in the next several weeks.

**Renzi:** Will these changes then be dictated by the deans?

**Owram:** Their input will be considered, but is subject to approval from Administration.

**Clyburn:** What criteria governs reserve funds?

**Owram:** The reserve funds have been shrinking over the course of the last several years, and the unspecified reserves are to cover unforeseen circumstances, in order to ensure a balance. The Universities Act does not allow schools to run a deficit.

**Kotovych:** What measures are being taken to re-establish declining funding levels for the University's operating budget?

**Owram:** There has been some progress in lobbying government over the past several years. This has been something of a joint effort with students, particularly on the issue of resources. The University is optimistic about funding in the long-term, though help is doubtful for this year. Lobbying is ongoing.

**Sharma:** What is being done to bring the government "to the table" on this issue?

**Owram:** The government does not respond well to protest or rally tactics, or other confrontational practices. President Horowitz led a protest on the High Level Bridge that the University had to atone for for ten years. Every message so far this year has told the University that there is no funding for this year, so it is trying to focus where gains can be made.

**Baxter:** Has the University considered lobbying government to rededicate some of its dedicated funding?

**Owram:** This is an excellent idea. It would be advantageous to move some funding to base operating costs, and the University is lobbying for that. The government has improved, in that they no longer insist on the level of micro-management that they used to. There is room for progress in this area.

**Beamish:** What impact has the hiring of two new Vice-Presidents had on central administration costs? How does this compare to other universities?

**Owram:** The University of Alberta's number of Vice-Presidents has been extremely low for the size of the university. Furthermore, there is construction ongoing on campus, and without someone able to dedicate full attention to monitoring that process, far more money would ultimately be wasted. The University of Alberta is consistently in the top category when administrative overhead evaluations take place.

**Jones:** What are the University's plans to increase non-specific operating funding?

**Owram:** The number-one source of these monies is government grants, and when the federal government has restabilized, matters will improve. The University's relationship with the government has improved; there was a time when this relationship was viscerally hostile, and there has been much progress since then. For the moment, the University must look at non-traditional sources of revenue.

**Wanke:** As students would be forced to make a considerable sacrifice if this increase proposal were approved, are similar sacrifices taking place in terms of administrative costs?

**Owram:** This is the purpose for which there is a task force looking at the University's budget and alternate sources of revenue. The University is looking to get a stranglehold on administrative costs, but for the most part, these costs are very necessary. With such a large institution, cost efficiency cannot be entirely guaranteed, but the University is trying to improve.

**Brindle** (sponsored): It is frustrating that these presentations always include a ten-year retrospective when proposing tuition increases. When can students expect to see a longer-term plan for tuition?

**Owram:** This is indeed a problem. The University is budgeted on a year-by-year basis, and government funding comes on the same schedule. It would be excellent for the SU, the GSA, and Administration to come together and assemble guidelines for these sorts of negotiations, but the problem remains that both of these organizations have a complete turnover every year. A mechanism must be put in place for longer-term plans, but thus far there has been no consensus.

**Salyzyn:** There is some concern over the future of this high-tuition/high-student support mechanism. The specter of differential tuition and a growing American outlook towards tuition are frightening. What is the University's response to this?

**Owram:** This is a discussion that needs to take place between the University and students. Administration itself has growing reservations about the advantages of differential tuition, as it could create an increasing "class" disparity from faculty to faculty. However, differentials on practical levels, according to the varying costs of faculty maintenance, could likely avoid this problem. The Budget Advisory Committee will not disappear after tuition negotiations have concluded, and discussions with student representatives on this matter will be ongoing.

At this point, the presentation was concluded, and Dr. Owram was sincerely thanked for taking the time to speak with Council.

**2001-11/6b  
STUDENT WORKER  
ACTION  
ORGANIZATION  
PRESENTATION**

**At this point, a presentation on tuition was given by the Student Worker Action Organization.**

The representatives of the Student Worker Action Organization introduced themselves, with some exceptions, and explained that their focus is to organize students as a working class, as it believes that students are exploited on campus, and that education is a right, rather than a privilege.

This organization is autonomous, and works alongside the general labor movement. Free tuition is their demand, beginning with a comprehensive tuition freeze. Students, they asserted, should not have to bear the cost of the University, which should be a complete democracy. Board and faculty positions, they believe, should be elected by the University population as a whole.

Tuition increases are becoming prohibitive, and student debt is becoming staggering. Other provinces have established tuition freezes and rollbacks at their universities, and there is no reason that Alberta should not do the same.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

**Jones:** Is this organization aware that inflation is increasing?

**Student Worker Action:** Yes.

**Jones:** In this case, should taxpayers be entirely responsible for post-secondary education?

**Student Worker Action:** The private sector consistently benefits from post-secondary graduates, and there is no reason that they should not pay for this.

**Beamish:** What does this organization expect the Students' Union to contribute to this cause?

**Student Worker Action:** The Students' Union should advocate a tuition freeze to Administration and all levels of government.

**Beamish:** The duty of the SU is to work with the University and government to achieve the best possible solution for students, realistically. The stance of a tuition freeze or rollback is unrealistic and unattainable. The SU's efforts would be better spent on working towards attainable goals, rather than wasting its time with unreachable ends.

**Kotovych:** Does this organization believe that it is more effective for a multitude of voices to speak to government, or for a unified voice to espouse a unified cause?

**Student Worker Action:** This organization is looking to build relationships with other like-minded groups.

**Sharma:** A tuition freeze is not a radical proposal. It has already happened in other provinces, and the idea of it should not be surprising. This is a moderate stance.

**Wanke:** Other provinces and universities have suffered considerably from their decision to adopt tuition freezes, and it is the students who ultimately suffer the most. How does the Student Worker Action Organization justify wanting this in Alberta? Furthermore, why has this group not tried to work with the Students' Union, rather than against it?

**Student Worker Action:** The Student Worker Action Organization is willing to work with any student organization, but only along certain principles; it approached **Samuel** for support in its goals, and was denied on behalf of the Students' Union. The organization has not researched the statistics regarding the outcome of tuition freezes at other institutions.

**Burrows:** Have members of this organization spoken with their faculty representatives?

**Student Worker Action:** No.

**Renzi:** Alberta is the most conservative province in the country. Why would the government be motivated to cooperate with a stance such as this one?

**Student Worker Action:** Students should not assume the government's response before an attempt is made to convince them.

**Renzi:** This attempt has already been made.

**Student Worker Action:** Some positive results have been gleaned.

**Samuel:** Might this not be due to well-researched strategy on behalf of students, and negotiating with the government, rather than protesting?

At this point, **Samuel** apologized that his question was out of order, and requested that it not be answered.

**Watkins:** Why were faculty representatives not approached in this matter? **Sharma** would have been interested in cooperating.

**Student Worker Action:** What the organization has heard about Students' Council dictated that it would not be responsive.

**Watkins:** This information was ascertained of previous incarnations of Students' Council. This organization should not make assumptions about the current Council.



**Brindle:** Does this organization have research to strengthen its claims? This is not a new idea; why should it be more convincing now than it has been in previous years?

**Student Worker Action:** The research should not be the responsibility of concerned students. Evidence suggests that a tuition freeze is the wish of many students.

**Agur:** Are there specific examples of successful tuition freezes?

**Student Worker Action:** An example is the University of Toronto graduate students' agreement.

**Point of Information:** The agreement reached for University of Toronto graduate students was not a freeze or rollback, but a one-time bursary to students. This ensures that tuition will remain high.

**Student Worker Action:** Regardless, this is progress.

**Weppler:** Reasons for wanting a tuition rollback are valid, but this organization does not have the resources to effect change. Why did its members not join other like-minded groups? Why does it expect to make a difference, when other groups with superior resources have failed? Improvement is possible, but this stance is too militant to be effective.

**Student Worker Action:** The purpose of this organization is to organize all students against the forces behind tuition increases.

**Jess/Nychka** moved that debate be limited to no more than two more questions.

**Carried**

**Kawanami:** If the organization believes that the Students' Union is capable of making a difference, why did it not approach the SU initially?

**Student Worker Action:** Members of the organization believed that they would not be listened to by the SU.

**Zwack:** British Columbia schools established a tuition freeze, which will likely now result in deregulated tuition increases. Manitoba also had a tuition freeze, without reserves, which means that their university is now suffering a considerable deficit. The University of Saskatchewan recently underwent a 15% tuition increase due to previous freezes. How does this organization think that the SU can be effective in bringing about a tuition freeze when its demands for a 2% increase are not being heeded?

**Student Worker Action:** It is difficult to have a unified voice when the SU refuses to participate. If student representatives will not cooperate, results should not be expected.

**Zwack:** Is this group solely focused on tuition, or is it willing to acknowledge what SU work has done to relieve student debt?

**Student Worker Action:** Tuition is an important issue, but other areas do need to be explored. The group's purpose is to be a liaison between student advocates, and if the SU is not willing to rally on behalf of students, this group will.

At this point, **Samuel** requested Council's attention to make a brief statement.

**Samuel** thanked the SU marketing department for assembling the boards and banners with tuition information for Council – and particular thanks were offered to Juliana du Pree, who worked very hard.

The rationale behind the request for a 2% tuition increase was to reflect an honest understanding of the real cost of living, as the current CPI is approximately the same figure. The SU also has a responsibility to addressing the quality of education, and this increase is a sort of tuition freeze, in line with the current economy, and which would not cause the University to deteriorate, along with the education students receive, and the value of University of Alberta degrees. The University is undergoing genuine hardship at the moment.

As for other schools having adopted a tuition freeze policy, it is an ongoing problem not only for their administrations, but for student representatives as well, because there are no new funds coming in, and the quality of universities is declining. As a result, some schools have had to begin levying private fees for certain aspects of education. This is a situation that the University of Alberta is trying to avoid. Ultimately, the best results for students and the University will be achieved through moderation.

A militant stance demanding a tuition freeze will result in the SU losing its current invitation to University and government negotiating tables, and eventually, the student voice will be lost. A more moderate approach has yielded considerable success. Currently, the SU is the only external body on the Board of Governors allowed to present to the Board on issues.

The SU could take whatever stance is demanded of them, but the Executive Committee feels strongly that this is not the reason that they were elected. There are times when the right decision is not the popular one, and the Executive's role is to provide stewardship to students, leading them in their best interests.

At this point, the presentation was concluded, and the Student Worker Action Organization was thanked for its time.

**2001-11/6b**

Dedicated Referendum Fee Presentation

**Jess/Nychka** moved to postpone this presentation to the next Council meeting.

**Carried**

**2001-11/14**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Zwack:** The forum for mayoral candidates will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Myer Horowitz Theater.
- **Sharma:** The Student Worker Action Organization is willing to answer any other questions after the meeting.
- **Speer** asked Council members to take the Referendum Fees package in preparation for the upcoming presentation.
- **Clyburn:** There will be a French party this coming Friday at Bonnie Doon Hall. Tickets are \$5.00.
- **Salyzyn:** Volunteers are still needed for the SU Survey. **Salyzyn** asked interested Council members to contact Dan Costigan at 492-4236.

**2001-11/15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Agur/Hillier** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**Tuesday October 2, 2001-6:00 p.m.  
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**MINUTES (SC 2001-10)**

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Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
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Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present (6:49 p.m.)	
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Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Absent	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Absent	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
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**Observers**

Jonathan Gorton

Jonathan Tischer

Adam Cook

Alexis Pepin

2001-10/1

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2001-10/2

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2001-10/3

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2001-10/4

**ROLL CALL**

**Harriman/Zwack** moved that Brett McNally be instated as a representative for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics.

35/0/2 **Carried**

**Samuel/Samuel** moved that Brian Loewen be instated as a representative for the Faculty of Law.

**Harlow** explained that according to the changes to Bylaw 100 recently approved by Council, Mr. Loewen cannot be instated as a representative, as he has already been expelled for delinquent attendance. However, **Harlow** left the decision in Council's hands.

Mr. Loewen explained that he was unaware that there were meetings of Council during the summer. There was a great deal of confusion in September, and he did not attend Council meetings at that time because he did not believe that he was allowed. Mr. Loewen concluded by stating that although Bylaw 100 is clear on such matters, he would be honored to represent the Faculty of Law and all students as part of such an excellent assembly.

At this point, the floor was opened to debate.

**Sharma:** If Council were to breach Bylaw 100 and reinstate Mr. Loewen, could the decision be reversed by the D.I.E. Board?

**Harlow:** Students' Council is supreme in this matter, and the D.I.E. Board cannot question its rulings.

**Sharma:** Is the same true of S.C.A.A.B.?

**Harlow:** S.C.A.A.B. convenes only when the D.I.E. Board has made a procedural error.



At this point, according to custom, Mr. Loewen left Council Chambers so that Council could deliberate further and vote on the motion.

**28/7/2 Carried**

Mr. Loewen was welcomed back to Council.

At this point, a roll call was performed by the Secretary.

**2001-10/5**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Hillier/Jess** moved that the agenda of the SC2001-10/5 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2001-10/6a – A Presentation by the President

2001-10/12d – CASA Conference

2001-10/12e - ACEC

**Consensus**

**2001-10/6**

**2001-10/6a**

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

At this point, **Samuel** (President) took the floor to make a brief presentation warmly congratulating the Secretary on having been chosen for the MacTaggart Writing Award, a travel scholarship endowed by former University of Alberta Chancellor Sandy MacTaggart and his wife, Cecile.

A bouquet of truly beautiful flowers was presented to the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee. The stunned Secretary thanked the Executive Committee and the rest of Council for their support and congratulations.

**2001-10/7**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Weppler/Agur** moved that the minutes of the SC2001-09 meeting be approved.

**Samuel** (councilor) was, once again, present at the meeting rather than absent.

**Consensus**

2001-10/8

**REPORTS**

- Christopher Samuel, President
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The first Gripe Tables of the year have been completed. The SU decided on a more interactive approach this year, and is compiling a report of several immediate resolutions made in response to some of the complaints and comments. This report will be made available at the next series of Gripe Tables.
  - The SU survey has begun and information will be collected from more than 3,000 students on campus. **Samuel** thanked **Salyzyn** for her hard work. Results of the survey will be made available to Council as soon as they have been compiled.
  - The Gripe Tables and the execution of the SU survey would not have been possible without the time of many volunteers, whom **Samuel** thanked. At this point, Council was offered a listing of all volunteer opportunities for the coming year.
  - The University has decided on moving a 3.65% tuition increase at the November 2 Board of Governors meeting. The SU hopes to refine that number further, but recent developments in the international economy are making the possibility rather remote. The University feels it cannot decrease the suggested number, due in particular to the provincial government's 1% budget cut and the \$8 million structural deficit the University currently faces. The SU is in serious and constant negotiations with Administration, and has the support of the Graduate Students' Association. The next phase of the lobbying plan is to meet with the Board of Governors. The SU has hoped to make this a very public discussion, but the events of September 11 has focused attention decidedly elsewhere. Doug Owrarn will be making a tuition presentation to Council next Tuesday, and councilors were encouraged to force him to justify his belief in the lack of any alternatives to the tuition increase.
- Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The meeting of the General Faculties' Council in September was, overall, a good one for students. The student representatives formed a strong presence, and gained student representation on Chair selection committees and Dean selection committees.
  - **Salyzyn** and Academic Affairs Coordinator Thea Varvis are reviewing the Student Awards bylaw and looking at referendum fee resources. This will likely be coming to Council in the near future.

- Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- On October 11 there will be an Annual General Meeting held for the University, and students from Council and other boards and committees are invited to contact their MLAs to be hosted for the meeting.
- 520 letters have been sent to high schools for the High School Leadership Conference. External Affairs Coordinator Adam Cook is working on this. The project will eventually need volunteers.
- With regards to polling stations on campus for the upcoming municipal election, the City has informed the SU that arrangements would have had to be made prior to May 2001. Thus, polling stations are unfortunately impossible.
- The Mayor's forum will be held on October 10 from 2:00 until 4:00 in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Unfortunately, mayoral candidate Bill Smith has declined his invitation.
  
- Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided in the agenda package.
- SUB expansion feedback is expected from the COFA meeting taking place this coming Thursday. Information sessions for SU staff, tenants and University Student Services will be held regarding the expansion.
- **Speer** also attended a sponsorship meeting and a stakeholder meeting.
- A SUB expansion meeting discussed matters of financing and the refining of space configuration.
- At a recent Customer Service meeting, mechanisms for an upcoming Silent Shopper program are being put in place for RATT and the Power Plant.

- Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The University has given the SU the green light to develop the First Year Experience, which would provide full-year orientation services to first-year students. Such a program would include referrals and an information area with highly trained staff. This is an exciting prospect, but it is in a very preliminary stage of development.
- Plans for Antifreeze are beginning, and letters are being sent out for people to sit on its planning committee.
- A letter has been sent to the Canadian University Press regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. The Executive Committee is currently waiting for a response.
- This coming Thursday is the first *Survivor* night at the Power Plant this year.
  
- Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors

#### Representative

- Unfortunately, due to illness, **Burrows** was unable to attend the meeting.
  
- Nursing Report
- An oral report was provided by **Ledi**.
- **Ledi** thanked Council for an excellent learning experience so far this year.
- The Nursing Students' Association is working on participation in a colloquium to be held in Mexico City in October 2002. **Ledi** is currently sitting as the fundraising representative for the cause. He urged members of Council to contact him with strategy suggestions. This colloquium will network nurses and researchers all over the continent, and Nursing students at the University of Alberta are honored to have been invited.
- Nursing students are concerned that the Gripe Tables are inaccessible to their Faculty, as many of their classes are far from the center of campus.
- **Ledi** suggested that for the same reason, the SU consider establishing a branch outside of SUB on campus.

- Pharmacy Report
- An oral report was provided by **Prediger**.
- Last Friday, an awards ceremony was held for students and faculty members in Pharmacy.
- Pharmacy students are bidding to host Professional Development Week in 2004. The cost of bidding is \$4000.00, and will require traveling to Newfoundland. This is an important event, and fundraising is underway.

**2001-10/9****QUESTION PERIOD**

**Clyburn:** Is there a consensus yet in the negotiations with APIRG representatives? What are their requests for board composition?

**Speer:** APIRG wants a board composed of the general student population, with nine students-at-large. The SU feels that because the funds are funneled through the SU, there should be SU and Council representation on the board. The SU must be accountable to the funds and practices of the board.

**Taher:** Now that students will have representation on Dean and Chair selection committees, what will the process be? Will the SU wait for faculties to contact them?

**Salyzyn:** Thea Varvis is currently compiling a list of student representatives for faculties, but the SU's approach will be reactive, because students will need to respond to committees when they're struck, which is not on a regular basis.

**Hillier:** Efforts to make SUB smell less like vomit have been unsuccessful. What is happening with this?

**Speer:** The University has been contacted to identify the problem, and efforts are ongoing.

**Davidson:** Why are there no Campus Corners at Oilers hockey games?

**Wanke:** The Oilers have approached the SU about such a relationship, but on the condition that their tickets be sold at the SUB Information Booth, and that certain quotas be met. This is infeasible right now.

**Baxter:** Will regular attendance regulations be enforced at next week's special meeting?

**Harlow:** Yes.

**Tobias:** What penalties would students suffer if there were a budgetary shortfall with a 0% tuition increase?

**Samuel:** With the proposed increase, \$3 million in tuition fees will be collected by the University. If there were no increase, the University's structural deficit would increase from \$8 million to \$11 million, which would translate into cuts on campus.

**Kawanami:** Is there any further information on consumption quotas pertaining to the Coke agreement?

**Speer:** The quota figure is not public information.

**Kawanami:** When does the agreement expire?

**Speer:** The Coke agreement expires in the school year 2007-2008.

**Samuel:** Council should be given a presentation on this issue. This will be composed for a Council meeting in the near future.

**Jones:** Could the quota figure be provided to Council *in camera*?

**Samuel:** Permission will need to be confirmed.

**Deringer:** Which gripes did members of the Executive Committee choose for immediate resolution? How were the choices made?

**Samuel:** The Executive wanted to select several issues and resolve them, in order to show students that progress is being made on addressing their concerns. The others will be considered in due course, and diligently addressed. The choices were based on those gripes that reflected the most important student issues.

**Salyzyn:** For the Academic portfolio, the issues chosen were increased photocopying prices and extending Add/Drop deadlines. The others are under consideration.

**Wanke:** More information needs to be disseminated to students. Issues in the Student Life portfolio are being divided between the Student Life Board and the Programming Committee.

**Sharma:** Why was Council not consulted about the SU's tuition strategy, considering that it has been released to the media?

**Samuel:** The University made its proposal on September 11, when approaches, strategy and content had to be severely altered. These events fell between Council meetings. Feedback from Council is welcome.

**Sharma:** Who devised the strategy?

**Samuel:** Random students on campus were consulted, as well as the Executive Committee, the Communications Advisory Committee, the Student Communications Coordinator, the SU's Researcher, and many others. The Executive has taken a leadership role on this issue, and felt that striking a specific committee would prove no more useful than the mechanisms in place.

**Sharun:** Will Council members and other students be able to discuss strategy for the meeting with Dr. Owrap beforehand?

**Samuel:** The Tuition Town Hall meeting will provide just such an opportunity. Information about it will be sent to members of Council *via* e-mail.

**Mendoza:** Will Council be provided with a more comprehensive financial report than the one presented at the last meeting of the General Faculties' Council?

**Samuel:** Certainly.

**Samuel** (councilor): Where do the monies from Imaginus go?

**Speer:** Imaginus pays for the staff who are students, but the SU does not share in its profits. They rent the space in Dinwoodie Lounge.

**Harriman:** Should APIRG not be a separate entity from the SU, and control its own finances?

**Samuel:** The wording of the APIRG referendum question made no mention of autonomy. According to the Universities Act, the University and the SU are the only two bodies on campus empowered to collect fees, so APIRG could not do this independently. The SU is trying to address the needs and wishes of APIRG within the confines of the Universities Act stipulations. A bylaw is being created to govern this post-referendum process in the future.

**Harriman:** Is the SU asking for more than half of the representation on the board that is being composed?

**Samuel:** The model for this board is the same as the one used for the Access Fund, which also dispenses monies on a case-by-case basis. There must be adequate SU representation on this board, because it is the only way to ensure direct accountability to Council.

**Zwack:** The APIRG is the first of its kind in Alberta, and thus it is the first time that the Universities Act in Alberta is being tested against it.

**Samuel:** At a future meeting of Council, there will be a presentation regarding APIRG.

**Fraese:** An interesting gripe was the one suggesting that Council representatives be paid.

**Wanke:** Councilors are highly prized, but there is a direct conflict of interest inherent in making the positions paid.

**Jess:** How can Council members at the University of Lethbridge be paid?

**Samuel:** Council has obviously identified an issue that its members are passionate about. The time and effort expended by Council representatives is truly remarkable, and the Executive Committee, in response, will examine possible support and reward mechanisms.

**Darling:** What is the process of implementing the new VIDS system?

**Wanke:** Equipment is still coming in, and staff are working on its compatibility with existent equipment. Currently, footage of SU events is being sought for replay on the televisions, and other ideas are being explored.

**Darling:** Is there any new information on the locations of the televisions?

**Wanke:** The proposal for campus-wide VIDS has not yet gone through. The televisions in SUB will remain in their current locations, pending re-evaluation due to SUB expansion. Soon, the SU will be trying three 'beta' sites with the old televisions: the Games Room, Dinwoodie Lounge and the Student Groups office.

**Sharma:** Will the SU consider taking a proactive stance in the tuition debate by participating in or supporting a protest rally against the increase?

**Samuel:** The SU considers logical argument more persuasive and effective than loud argument, and declines to participate in or lend its support to any protesting or rally measures. The SU has built a relationship with Administration and government based on courtesy and professionalism, and has profited from that relationship. The SU itself does not respond well to 'loud' tactics, and there is no reason to believe that Administration will. Students need to articulate themselves well in order to gain respect and be heard.



**Sharma:** Considering lower increases and tuition levels at other universities in Canada, whose students do employ protest measures, can the SU truly claim that such tactics are ineffective?

**Samuel:** Are there examples showing a direct cause and effect?

**Sharma:** Such universities as Simon Fraser and Queen's have excellent campaigns that governments have responded to.

**Samuel:** Schools in British Columbia have benefited from a New Democratic provincial government, and within two years the trends in their tuition will likely worsen. Queen's signed off on a policy with their SU that quality would be their first priority, given the problems arising from the 2% tuition cap policy in Ontario. The University of Manitoba's tuition rollback is being called into question at the moment, and there are several other examples of these extreme measures being ultimately fruitless.

**Sharun:** A recurring concern at the Gripe Tables is the substandard service at RATT and the Power Plant. Why is service not improving? What measures are being taken to address these concerns?

**Speer:** Customer service protocol was finalized last week, and the Executive Committee is following up on it to ensure that it is carried through. A Silent Shopper program is being implemented, but resultant improvements will take time. The SU is working consistently towards this goal.

**Sharun:** Will customer comment cards be available at the bars? How many managerial reviews are conducted each year?

**Speer:** Comment cards are being developed, and name tags for servers will become mandatory. Managerial review is the jurisdiction of the General Manager, who examines managers' work on an ongoing basis.

**Clyburn:** Are students aware of the University's reserve fund, and the amount of money in it?

**Samuel:** There is an ongoing debate between the University and the SU over what a portion of this reserve should go towards: the SU believes that it should be decapitalized for tuition relief, while Administration insists that it is more important to use it for campaigning. Dr. Owram should be consulted about this at the next meeting.

**Jones:** How would the Executive Committee characterize the changed perception of the SU in the eyes of the provincial government, in light of the recent 1% budget reduction?

**Zwack:** The provincial government will honor the direction of all monies already committed; there are simply no further financial commitments being made at this point.

**Samuel:** The University remains pessimistic on this issue, considering its current structural deficit. At the moment, there are no government grants forthcoming to help address it. Many assumptions about future funding have been called into question.

**Deringer:** How much money is in the Access Fund reserve? How is this money being invested?

**Speer:** The surplus is currently approximately \$800,000. It is in the Access Fund bank account, and is being invested *as per* SU policy. Due to the organizational review, the direction of these monies in the future is being examined. A decision will be reached in the next three to four weeks.

**Wanke/Sharma** moved the Question Period be extended by fifteen minutes.

**Carried**

**Samuel** (councilor): Is there a target date for the implementation of the full-year orientation service?

**Wanke:** Not at the moment. Hopefully it will be established and running by September 2002. The Orientation program will remain as it is. Along with the University's proposal, the SU hopes to reinstate the senior-year orientation program, and other services are being considered.

**Brechtel:** Who will pay for these programs?

**Wanke:** The proposal will insist that the University pay for all the services. Administration is concerned with increasing retention of first-year students, and are looking to the SU to help them with this issue. This will be similar to services such as SFAIC and Orientation, which are SU-run with University funding.

**Samuel** (councilor): There is a concerning disparity in the pricing of the video game Virtua Tennis between SUB and HUB Mall. In SUB, the cost is \$1.00, while in HUB it costs only \$0.25. Is anything being done about this?

**Speer:** Video games in SUB are contracted by an outside provider, whom the SU will contact with these concerns.

**2001-10/10**

**LEGISLATION**

**2001-10/10a**

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee rescind Operating Policy 50.03 relating to Student Group Grants.

**Speer** introduced the motion, explaining that this is an archaic policy which should have been rescinded some time ago.

32/1/2 **Carried**

**2001-10/10b**

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, rescind Political Policy "Student Loan Program-Privatization of".

**Zwack** introduced the motion. As student loans are no longer privatized, this policy is no longer relevant.

35/1/2 **Carried**

**2001-10/10c**

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, rescind Political Policy "Student Loan Program: Risk Sharing".

29/6/3 **Carried**

**2001-10/12**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2001-10/12a**

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between THE STUDENTS' UNION, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA and THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1368.

**Speer** introduced the motion. After a long process of negotiation, an agreement has been reached between the SU and CUPE. CUPE Local 1368 has approved the document. **Speer** outlined the significant changes, as provided in the agenda package.

**Baxter** noted his abstention.

**Jess:** Is the designated increase cumulative?

**Speer:** It will be compounded.

**Jones:** Does this impact the SU budget negatively?

**Speer:** Monies were set aside for these negotiations, so the increases have already been accounted for.

**Rajulu/Jess** moved to call the question.

35/2/3 **Carried**

35/0/2 **Carried**

#### 2001-10/12b

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support Jennifer Wanke attending the conference activities associated with Prairie Music Week, September 27-31, on the provision that she incur the full cost of registration fees (not to exceed \$175.00) and that Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, consider a reimbursement of the registration expenses at its October 2 meeting.

**Wanke** introduced the motion. It is traditional that the COCA Western Regional conference be held at Prairie Music Week. Preparations and organization of this event were postponed until the last minute, but it worked out well: early bird rates were granted for flights, and conference rates were obtained at hotels. However, **Wanke's** registration fee had not yet been approved, and because this was not sufficient cause to call an emergency meeting of Council, she paid the fee herself. This is an important conference for COCA, and for the Student Life portfolio. If preparations had been made earlier, there would have been a motion at Council prior to the conference.

25/10/3 **Carried**

#### 2001-10/12c

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Chris Burr and James Knull to the External Affairs Board as Student-At-Large members.

32/2/1 **Carried**

**2001-10/12d  
CASA GENERAL  
MEETING**

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$3900.00 to send the Vice-President External to the CASA General Meeting in Ottawa from October 13-21, 2001.

**Zwack** introduced the motion. This is the same conference expenditure that was brought to Council previously, but the cost has been reduced because **Salyzyn** will not be attending. As well, due to the events of September 11, the Lobby conference has been replaced by a General Meeting. **Salyzyn** will not be attending because the Lobby conference would have been more appropriate to her portfolio.

**Jones:** Will this motion supercede the previous one?

**Harlow:** Yes.

**Sharma:** The hotel seems to be particularly expensive.

**Zwack:** The reservations for the Lobby conference could not be broken; the hotel was chosen because of its proximity to Parliament Hill. More cost-effective accommodations will be sought in the future.

**Kawanami/Samuel (councilor)** moved to call the question.

32/2/0 **Carried**

34/1/1 **Carried**

**2001-10/12e  
ACEC**

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Athletic Campus Events Coordinator Hiring Committee, ratify the hiring of Christine Rogerson as ACEC.

28/4/4 **Carried**

**2001-10/14****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Samuel:** At the Council meeting after the tuition meeting, Ian Reade, Director of Marketing, will be making a presentation on the University's Customer Service Program. **Samuel** asked that representatives be prepared with concerns and comments.
- **Mendoza:** There are new video games in the basement of the Education building, including virtual golf and foosball.
- **Kelly:** The Secretary thanked the Executive Committee again for the lovely presentation made to her at the meeting.

**2001-10/15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Brechtel/Davidson** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

# MINUTES

EXEC 01-31

## Executive Committee

October 15, 2001

**ATTENDANCE**

Christopher Samuel	President
Amy Salyzyn	Vice-President Academic
Jamie Speer	Vice-President Operations & Finance
Jennifer Wanke	Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith	General Manager
Catherine van de Braak	E/A, Recording Secretary

**Absent** Kory Zwack Vice-President External

**1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chris at 10:36 am

**2. Approval of Agenda** The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:

Action Items

- a) Operating Policy (Jamie)
- b) Forest Society Loan (Jamie)

Discussion Items

- b) In Camera Personnel (Bill)
- c) Parkland Institute
- d) Chaplains (Chris)
- e) University Lobby Trip (Chris)

**3. Approval of Minutes** The minutes of the October 10, 2001 Executive Committee meeting were adopted by consensus.

**4. Reports**

GENERAL MANAGER

Short-listing applicants for the Manager of Programming and Licensed Activities, interviewing will begin soon

Working a great deal on issues relating to SUB Expansion

VP STUDENT LIFE

Working on:

- Student Groups concerns
- Freshheads program launch
- AntiFreeze
- U of A pride

Survivor Night is running on Thursdays

Held handbook de-briefing meeting

Short-listing for Manager of P&LA

VP OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

Working on:

- SUB Expansion
- Operating Policies update
- Customer Service

Met with:

- Student Legal Services
- Dan Costigan and Marketing class

Attended SOA granting session

VP ACADEMIC

Proposal going forward to University Teaching Fund to implement mid term teaching evaluations

GFC upcoming

Working on Awards with Thea

Attended:

- COFA Meeting, went well, Jen attended and gave a good presentation
- ONE Card Student Advisory Meeting
- CAAST
- AGM

PRESIDENT

Tuition- “the battle continues”, tuition document is finished, will be re-printed to correct small errors.

SUB Expansion-continuing to work on

Attended:

- AGM,
- Alumni Awards
- Reunion Weekend Gala dinner

**5.Items of Business**

**Action Items**

**a) Operating Policy**

The executive reviewed the Operating Policy regarding External Organizations. Concerns were raised regarding the wording. Jen and Jamie will make suggested changes and it will be brought back to executive.

**b) Forest Society Loan**

Sean from the Forest Society presented a request for a \$20,000.00 loan from the Students' Union to finance the groups yearly tree sales. This loan is always paid back; there has never been a problem. Sean was thanked for his time and the executive will notify him of their decision.

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a loan request of \$20,000.00 to the Forest Society from the Students' Union to be used for the Forest Society's annual tree sale. The entire amount of the loan is to be repaid prior to January 15, 2002.

VOTE ON MOTION

3/0/0 CARRIED



**Discussion Items**

- a) **Thank you Cards** Prices were tabled for the cards. The executive requested that prices for higher volume be investigated.
  - b) **In Camera Personnel** Meeting moved in camera
  - c) **Parkland Institute** Tabled to the next meeting
  - d) **Chaplains** Discussion ensued regarding the issues and concerns that have been raised by the Chaplains relating to SUB expansion.
  - e) **University Lobby Trip** Chris met with Elan Bowman from Government Relations regarding a proposed trip to Ottawa. University senior adm. as well as Chris and Brad Wuetherick will be able to attend. The SU is responsible for our costs. Chris will bring a cost breakdown back to executive and Students' Council for approval.
- 7. Announcements**
- 8. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 12:12

# MINUTES

EXEC 01-30

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## Executive Committee

October 10, 2001

### ATTENDANCE

Christopher Samuel	President
Amy Salyzyn	Vice-President Academic
Kory Zwack	Vice-President External
Jamie Speer	Vice-President Operations & Finance
Jennifer Wanke	Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith	General Manager
Catherine van de Braak	E/A, Recording Secretary

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kory at 10:41 am

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:  
Action Items

- a) Conference Request (Jen)
- b) Sponsorship Request (Jamie)

Discussion Items

- h) Operating Policy (Jamie)
- i) Dedicated Fees Bylaw (Jamie)
- j) Sponsorship (Amy)

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2001 Executive Committee meeting were adopted by consensus.

### 4. Items of Business

#### Action Items

#### a) Conference Request

Bill tabled a request to attend the 2001 AMICCUS-C Regional Conference in Kelowna Nov.1-3. The total cost will be \$920.00. This is a budgeted expense.

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support Bill Smith attending the 2001 AMICCUS-C Regional Conference in Kelowna Nov.1-3 at a cost not to exceed \$920.00.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

- b) Conference Request** Jen tabled a request to attend the COCA Central Regional Conference October 26-28. Most of the expenses will be covered by COCA. The total cost to the SU would be \$349.36. The VP Student Life conference budget will cover the expense.

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense, not to exceed \$49.36 to send Jennifer Wanke, VP Student Life to the COCA Central Regional Conference October 26-28, 2001

VOTE ON MOTION 3/1/0 (1 Abstention) CARRIED

- c) Sponsorship Request** Jamie tabled a request from Kappa Alpha Theta regarding sponsorship of an event. The executive feel that this request should be directed to either the Eugene Brody Committee or Student Groups Granting Committee. Kory will bring the request forward at the next Eugene Brody meeting.

**Discussion Items**

- a) Survey** Chris noted that all was going well, the only challenge is finding people to administer the survey. The next step will be to input the data. Minor concerns were discussed as well
- b) Parkland Institute** Concerns were raised regarding the rental rate being charged to the Parkland Institute for their use of Dinwoodie, the Meditation Room and the Alumni Room. The executive feel that the group should be charged for Dinwoodie and Alumni room. Kory will look into this.
- c) Laptop** Chris will need to use the executive laptop for tuition presentations over the next few weeks. Kory will be able to use the extra laptop on his upcoming conference.
- d) December Retreat** Chris expressed concerns regarding a 2-day retreat in December. The executive feel this is an opportunity to have a break and will pay for it themselves. Jen will coordinate the trip.
- e) Leadership Awards** Chris is unable to sit on the Undergraduate Leadership Selection Committee due to the number of references he has written for students. Amy will sit on the committee.
- f) SU Thank You Cards** The executive, reviewed the proposed designs. This will be brought back to executive with the changes and prices.
- g) PC Political Convention** This event is happening Nov. 9-11 in Red Deer. The executive feel that this is a great opportunity and that Kory, possibly Chris, should attend. Kory will work the details out with Oliver.

- h) Operating Policy** Jamie tabled a proposed operating policy relating to External Organizations. The executive would like to review the document. This item will be discussed at the next executive meeting.
- i) Dedicated Fee Bylaw** Jamie tabled a proposed Dedicated fee Bylaw. The executive will review this document and bring it to Students' Council for their feedback.
- j) Sponsorship** Amy raised concerns again regarding the poster linking books to Labbats and what was being done to address the concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the sponsorship committee and their role. Jamie and Jen will raise the concerns at the next sponsorship meeting and will bring information back to executive.
- 7. Announcements** AGM: Chris reviewed the upcoming AGM and what is important to attend.
- 8. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

## **CURRENT**

### **STANDING ORDERS OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

1.
  - a. Meetings will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. (or the designated time on the Agenda).
  - b. A meeting will be cancelled if quorum is not achieved by 6:15 p.m. (or fifteen minutes after the designated time on the Agenda).
2. Oral reports of the Executive shall be limited to five (5) minutes by each Executive Committee member.
3. Question Period shall last for a maximum of one-half (1/2) hour. Question Period may be extended by up to fifteen (15) minutes with the consent of five (5) members of the Students' Council for the first 2 extensions. Further extensions require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
4. For any item, any member may speak once; a second or subsequent time if there is no Councillor who is waiting to speak for the first time. Any member speaking to an item for a first time, excluding the mover of the item, is limited to (2) minutes, any member speaking for a second or subsequent time is limited to (1) minute. The mover of an item may speak for up to five (5) minutes to introduce that item only. Any member answering a question is limited to (2) minutes.
5. There shall be no smoking in Students' Council Chambers.
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7. Students' Council Agenda material shall be published/distributed by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding a Students' Council meeting.
8. The Speaker shall notify the President, Students' Council, and the relevant faculty association of the removal of any Council member who has been absent for three (3) consecutive or five (5) aggregate meetings.
9. Council meetings will automatically adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (or three hours after commencement), except where a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Council members present decide to extend a meeting beyond this time period. Extensions shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) hour per extension and no more than two (2) extensions per meeting shall be granted.
10. Attendance at a Board meeting is as important as attendance at Students' Council meetings. Therefore, any voting member of a Board who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or five (5) aggregate meetings is liable to suspension. Such suspension would take effect upon a motion to that effect being passed at the Board level. Such motions should be reported by the appropriate Vice-President at the next meeting of Students' Council.

11. Students' Council may debate a motion international in nature only if one-half (1/2) of Council agrees to debate the issue. Any Councillor(s) may request on a motion an "international issues" point of order. The procedure shall be as follows:  
  
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## **PROPOSED**

### **STANDING ORDERS OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

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18. There will be one minute of silence at the first meeting in May every year to recognize the passing of Bob Homme (the Friendly Giant) and Ernie Coombs (Mr. Dressup).



**99-23/10a  
CHIEF  
RETURNING  
OFFICER**

**CHALK / CHURCH MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify Heather C as the Chief Returning Officer for the Elections 2001

24/1 Carried

Clark's abstention is noted.

**99-23/10b  
PERSONNEL  
REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**

**CHALK/CLARK MOVED THAT** Students' Council accept recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee.

25/0 Carried

**99-23/10c  
STUDENT  
SENATORS**

**CHALK/ADHINETTY MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify the Student Senators for the 2000-2001 term.

22/1 Carried

**99-23/10d  
PENSION PLAN**

**CHALK/CHURCH MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the development of a Pension Plan for all members of Students' Council.

There was an amendment (friendly) to make this plan retroactive 91 years, a to ensure that the plan also applies to non-voting members of Council.

19/6 Carried

**99-23/10e  
FRIENDLY GIANT**

**HARRIS/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council observe one minute silence at the first meeting in May every year to recognize the passing of Bob "Friendly Giant" Homme.

25/1 Carried

**99-23/12**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## **Advisory Search for Vice-President (Finance and Administration): Input from the Community**

On June 22, 2001, the Board of Governors approved a request from President Rod Fraser that an Advisory Search Committee for Vice-President (Finance and Administration) be struck. The Board also approved, at that time, a proposal to divide the existing Vice-President (Finance and Administration) portfolio in order to create two vice-presidencies: a Vice-President (Finance and Administration) and a Vice-President (Facilities and Operations). Mr Jim Mitchell was appointed by the Board as Acting Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) for a term of up to 18 months. Mr Al O'Brien, the current Acting Vice-President (Finance and Administration), will complete his contracted term in April, 2002, at which time he plans to return to private life. An Advisory Search Committee for Vice-President (Finance and Administration) has therefore been established in accordance with University regulations.

Members of the University community are now invited to provide their input on both current issues and priorities of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration)'s Office as well as candidate requirements for the Vice-President (Finance and Administration). In order to facilitate the Committee's work, kindly send your comments and/or suggestions **by November 13, 2001** to any member of the Advisory Search Committee or to:

Ellen Schoeck, Secretary to the Advisory Search Committee

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