

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday December 3, 2002 - 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2002-17/9

## REPORTS

2002-17/9b  
VP Student-Life  
Report

Kail Ross - Vice President Student Life.

*Please see document LA 02-17.01.*

2002-17/9c  
Academic Affairs  
Coordinator  
Report

Academic Affairs Coordinator Report

*Please see document LA 02-17.02.*

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Community  
Relations  
Coordinator  
Report

Community Relations Coordinator Report

*Please see document LA 02-17.03.*

2002-17/9e  
Standing Orders

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform And Progress, approve the proposed changes to the Standing Orders of Students' Council.

*Please bring back up documentation from November 19, 2002.*

2002-17/14

## NEW BUSINESS

2002-17/14e SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) based upon the reallocation of resources as outlined in the Reformed CAUS segment of the "Towards Effective Political Representation" Document. The External Affairs Board further recommends that the document entitled "Toward Effective Political Representation" be adopted in principle and referred back to the External Affairs Board for additional review as well as that a subsequent review of our federal and provincial lobbying strategies occur two years from the date of the adoption of this motion.

2002-17/15 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2002-17/15a D.I.E. Board Ruling

*Please see document LA 02-17.04.*

2002-17/15b "SuperFantastic" Agenda

*Please see document LA 02-17.05.*

2002-17/15c Political Policy "CFS".

*Please see document LA 02-17.06.*

2002-17/15d CASA letter

*Please see document LA 02-17.07.*

2002-17/15e Response to CASA letter.

*Please see document LA 02-17.08.*

2002-17/15f CASA Response to CASA/CFS Document

*Please see document LA 02-17.09.*

# Report

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

**Kail Ross**

**VP Student Life**

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To facilitate what will inevitably be a hellish meeting, I have decided to try and introduce my motions in this report. Please read.

Item 12g (WUSC)

This is the bylaw governing our oldest dedicated fee unit. If you at all are interested in how WUSC students are selected, read on. If not, skip to the next paragraph... Students who are unable to finish their studies, due to some national strife (ex. war), can apply to World University Service of Canada (WUSC) to seek asylum as a refugee student so they can complete their schooling. WUSC Ottawa receives these applications, determines which Canadian university (that supports a WUSC program) is the best fit for them and notifies the local WUSC Committee. The WUSC Committee then ratifies these students. This concatenation gives us WUSC students as we know, or don't know, them.

There are essentially two major revisions to this bylaw: 1) Powers regarding Finance, and 2) The definition of a University of Alberta student. Concerning the former -- it came to my attention that when this bylaw was adopted in 1988, the money amount (\$13400) was reflective of undergraduate enrollment. However, as we all know, this is no longer the case. However, the bylaw has failed to reflect this influx of students. I have therefore adopted a percentage scheme that will reflect enrollment changes. The numbers correlate exactly vis-à-vis the old disbursement scheme. However, since the Students' Union has failed to respond to increasing student numbers, quite a surplus fund has amassed. For instance, this year the fund will receive slightly less than \$20000; yet, will only disburse \$13400. As you can imagine, this has generated quite a war chest. In the past this money has been given out on a purely ad hoc basis by the WUSC Committee/Refugee Board. This is what chaps my ass. The revised bylaw will prohibit this; instead, recommendations will be made by the Refugee Board to the SLB, who will then make the decision. Secondly, a Contingency and Administrative Fund have been established. The latter is reflective of amounts they have spent in the past and is fairly reasonable. The former is an attempt to prolong the Students' Union's ability to host these students. For example, after arriving we pay for a number of their expenses (the biggest of which being their air fare) that doesn't come from this percentage scheme I hope to adopt. If we set a small portion of this fund aside for items such as this every year, it will go a long way to prolonging this program. Concerning the latter -- in the past this fund has been given to students who weren't going to the University of Alberta, in fact, they were attending the Faculty of

Extension. This technically doesn't categorize them as a University student. This is not what the fund was for. Moreover, they are not able to receive the tuition waivers offered by the University; the money to pay for these courses instead comes from this Contingency pool.

The above is representative of the major changes made to this bylaw. I should note that this has been approved by the current WUSC students and the WUSC Committee Chair. If you have read this, congrats, you are one of the few I imagine. If you have any questions, don't hesitate.

Item 12i (SDC)

This is the bylaw governing our newest service, the Student Development Centre. It is purposely vague to intentionally reflect the dynamic nature of the SDC.

Item 12j (Orientation)

This bylaw was quite gross. The proposed revisions attempt to reflect how the Orientation program is run now, not circa 1997.

In addition --

Antifreeze: approximately 250 people signed up, with no money going towards it's publicity = more money in prizing.



## Monthly Report

*May 6, 2002 – May 31, 2002*

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Kelly Herregodts  
Academic Affairs Coordinator  
June 3, 2002

### **Transition**

I started my position on May 6 due to my vacation in Mexico. I did not have the opportunity to meet with Thea Varvis, the AAC from 01/02. During my first few days I simply familiarized myself with the computers system and files and read through old manuals. This proved to be very beneficial to me seeing that I did not have a formal transition like the other Coordinators.

### **WEEKLY VPA/AAC MEETINGS**

Mat and myself decided in the middle of May to keep weekly meetings in which we would discuss what we were working on, ask questions, bring up problems and bounce ideas off of each other. I've found them to be very valuable. While if I have a question needing immediate attention I will simply ask Mat when he has a free moment, these meetings are good opportunities to bring up big picture items. In these meetings we've brainstormed ideas for VPA campaigns, GFC, etc.

### **GFC STUDENT CAUCUS**

Well, like every AAC before me, much time (and frustration!) was given to tracking down the names and contact information for GFC student councillors. I had quite a head-start, however, because Thea, before leaving, had emailed all of her contacts asking for the names of incoming executives, GFC reps and CoFA reps. Quite a few associations were good at getting back to me in a timely fashion, but quite a few others needed more than one reminder.

We had 34 student reps appointed in time for the first GFC meeting. Not all were able to attend (due to out-of-town work terms, laziness, et cetera) and attendance at our GFC Student Caucus meeting on May 22 reached 15. Prior to the GFC/SC meeting, Elen Schoeck gave a one hour seminar on Governance 101. The GFC/SC meeting provided Councillors with an introduction to GFC before getting into the nitties and gritties of the

GFC Agenda. Dr. Ann-Marie Decore gave a presentation on the new Alpha Four Point grading Scale. I had prepared the GFC/SC Reference Manual for the councillors and distributed them at the meeting. I also handed out information contact sheets to all reps. As well, all student councillors were subscribed to our GFC/SC majordomo emailing list, in order to facilitate between-meetings discussion. This took a little time to get set up, but it has run pretty smoothly so far.

### **Academic Affairs Board (AAB)**

I have sent out an email to all members that the first meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, I have started to prepare the reference manual.

### **Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA)**

I have most of the contact information for the faculty associations and will start to plan the retreat at the beginning of June. Mat and I have not decided when the annual CoFA Retreat will be in August.

I looked at the agendas of previous years as well as the feedback forms to decipher what was relevant and helpful and what wasn't. I sent out a survey to all CoFA reps asking them what they wanted out of the retreat, what their first on-the-job questions were, what presentations (from a list I supplied) they thought would be valuable, and asked for overall input and suggestions. From this, I'm hoping to put together the best retreat ever. I'm going to try and add a socialising/networking aspect to the day by incorporating informal activities such as an outside barbecue lunch, volleyball and other activities and some time at the plant after the sessions are done. I'm looking into supplying delegate packages, or CoFA retreat t-shirts and am in the market for a theme. Next, I'll be gathering suggestions from the faculty association surveys and sending out invitations to the Executive and to others to host an information session.

## **CAMPAIGNS**

I'm looking to take a very active role in the communication aspect of the Academic portfolio. One of the Major campaigns that Mat and I will be undertaking is one aimed at educating the students about the grade point system change. I have taken the idea to Dan Costigan and Juliana Du Pree to come up with an image. This should be completed by the first week of June. After I have an image, I will work on coordinating our campaign with the GSA and the university in addition to seeking funding from the U..

### **Seminars**

I've gone to several Students' Union sponsored information and training seminars. They've included computer training, how to chair a meeting, how to coordinate volunteers, communication, and dealing with the exec.

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## **Monthly Report**

*June 1 – June 30, 2002*

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Kelly Herregodts  
Academic Affairs Coordinator  
June 29, 2002

### **COFA**

The planning for the 2002 COFA Retreat is nearly complete. The retreat will include the following presentations: Orientation to COFA and other Faculty Associations, Learning about the SU, Faculty Governance and Student Groups Policies, Volunteer Motivation, Fundraising, Event Planning Tips, Faculty Association Weeks, Communication and Outreach, Election Procedures, Policies & Tips and Campus Resources. The COFA manual is also nearly complete. I'm just waiting on some info from the Office of the Dean of Students due to changes. Our delegate packages will include a twin pocket portfolio, a canary note pad, a very nice pen, a SUBtitles shirt, a University Facts brochure and hopefully some U of A Pride and SU swag. The room is booked and I will confirm that we can make use of a computer projector, an overhead projector and a flip chart.

### **AAB**

Our first meeting of the Academic Affairs Board took place on June 18th. Mat communicated to the board that he wishes it to take a more active role as compared to last year. Besides an orientation to AAB, Mat's goals, and the Students' Union's endeavours for the coming year, other business items include add/drop deadlines and Advisory selection committee. This meeting went exceptionally well due to the fact that all the members were active in discussion and some great ideas were presented as a result. The next meeting is on July 2.

### **GFC Student Caucus**

Mat and I decided that we need to set strict attendance guidelines in order for GFC to be more effective. I sent out an email stating the attendance policy so that attendance will increase.

### **Awards Night**

When I went to contact my Awards Selection Committee I discovered that it had not been selected even though it was supposed to have been! Anyways, I have sent out requests for Students-at-large over various majordomos and have not had much response yet. This has proven to be a major stumbling block because I wish to attempt to have Michael J. fox as the keynote speaker. I know this is a little outrageous but I figure that it is at least worth a try. I couldn't completely read through all the Awards Night files because Catherine van de Braak borrowed them due to the lawsuit against the SU. As soon as I get them back I will dig in and get going.

## **Research**

I compiled the research that Thea conducted on the Add/Drop deadlines of other universities across Canada and constructed a graph of all the add/drop deadlines including the U of A's.



## **Monthly Report**

*July 1 – July 31, 2002*

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Kelly Herregodts  
Academic Affairs Coordinator  
July 31, 2002

## **COFA**

The planning for the 2002 COFA Retreat is nearly complete. The retreat will include the following presentations: Orientation to COFA and other Faculty Associations, Learning about the SU, Faculty Governance and Student Groups Policies, Volunteer Motivation, Fundraising, Event Planning Tips, Faculty Association Weeks, Dollars and Sense, Communication and Outreach, Election Procedures, Policies & Tips and Campus Resources. The COFA manual is also nearly complete. I'm still waiting on some info from the Office of the Dean of Students due to changes. Our delegate packages will hopefully include a pen and clip board from the Bookstore but I'm waiting for Todd Anderson to get back to me. We won't have as good of a delegate bag this year because apparently Kail Ross won't be ordering in as much SU stuff. Oh well, what can ya do! The Alumni room is booked and I have confirm that we can make use of a computer projector, an overhead projector and a flip chart but I have to order flip chart paper.

## **AAB**

My main focus in regards to AAB right now is the Advisory Selection Committee. I have finished my first draft to a Proposal to GFC to include voting students on the committees. I emailed many chairs of many departments and received quite a bit of feedback but some were not willing to express an opinion in any way. But the feedback that I did receive was very helpful in writing the proposal. I also read through a few old proposals in order to help me write it. I had a meeting with the Chair of comparative Literature, Religion, and Film/Media Studies, Jerry Varsava, which was especially beneficial. I requested meetings with others but no others were willing. Mat is planning on taking the proposal to GFC in September.

### **GFC Student Caucus**

I am in the middle of developing an outreach plan for GFC/SC to students in talking one-on-one with academic members.

### **Awards Night**

I have finally got my committee together and had our first meeting to go over the bylaws and talk about what we would like to accomplish this year. I was very pleased with our first meeting and everyone seemed to be excited for this coming year. My Michael J. Fox plans were blown out the window by exec because "it's not feasible." I am going to contact some other possible speakers such as Peter Lougheed, Joe Clark, Gizmo Williams, Lois Hole, Randy Gregg, Kevin Lowe, Craig MacTavish, and Tommy Banks. I spent a lot of time going through all the awards stuff and just getting a general feel for the whole thing.



## **Monthly Report**

*August 13 – 31, 2002*

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Kelly Herregodts  
Academic Affairs Coordinator  
August 29, 2002

### **COFA**

I spent a lot of time putting the last minute touches on the COFA Retreat which included retrieving up-to-date info for the Manual, booking equipment and testing it out,

contacting the Bookstore and SUBtitles for the delegate bags. The COFA Retreat was held last weekend, on Saturday August 24. We had 12 executive members from eight Faculty Associations come out to join us. Four other Faculty Associations would have liked to have participated, but were unable to get representatives out during what is apparently a very busy vacation month. COFA manuals and information from the retreat will be sent out to them, at their request. Two major issues emerged: first, the need to have peers to brainstorm with and bounce ideas off of; and second, the need for a support system in which everyone backs the activities and events of other members. They readily shared their problems, asked for possible solutions from the group, and were genuinely interested in learning from other's strengths. Because of this, I believe that if we were to emphasize a more round-table approach to our future meetings, it would not only benefit this particular group the best, but also be the most effective way of retaining their attention and participation. Overall, the retreat went smoothly and judging from the feedback forms, all participants found it a worthwhile and meaningful experience. I was able to get FREE clipboards, notepads, and pens from the bookstore and FREE lanyards and U of A stickers for SUBtitles. Breakfast and lunch was catered by L'Express which turned out well.

## **AAB**

We had our third installment of the Academic Affairs Board on August 6. Topics discussed included a potential computer Policy to make more computers available on campus; Advisory Selection Committees and how to include undergrad students more effectively and consistently; and online registration and its problems. We did not reach quorum because people who said that they would be in attendance were, in fact, not. This will improve once school starts and people are around and not on holidays.

## **Press Conferences**

On July 31, there was a press conference for the Play, Puppetry of the Penis! Yes, you read it right! Anyways, I did not realize that they would be baring all. In fact I did not really know what it was all about. Boy was I shocked. I thank God that my shocked expression did not make it on the 6 o'clock news. I am definitely going to the play in September. (I included this in this august report because I had already written July's by the time this event took place)

Joe Clarke came to the SU to talk about tuition and they made a bunch of us young looking students sit around him. I did not really want to because I am not a conservative but I did it anyway. It was really boring because they kept on repeating the same points over and over again.

## **Golf Tournament**

Fred Jack and I played in the Kidney Foundation's Annual Golf tournament held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Lewis Estates. We were paired up with two other very nice gentlemen: one from Seredian Payroll and the other from HSBC. To say the least they were very patient with me but I did make some really good drives and puts so I was happy. After the tournament, we headed over to the Snow Valley for the Dinner reception. The food was okay. This was a great experience for us and I highly recommend I for next year.



## **Monthly Report**

*September 1 – 30, 2002*

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Kelly Herregodts  
Academic Affairs Coordinator  
September 28, 2002

## **WOW**

All of my office hours during Week of Welcome were taken up by, well, Week of Welcome. On Tuesday of WOW, Fred and I sat in the Butterdome for many hours and tried to sell WOW dance tickets and sold 9. On Wednesday I walked around quad and, once again, tried to sell WOW dance. On Thursday, I helped out at the pancake breakfast, which was a smashing success because we ran out of food. It was a definite good time, despite of the cold, rainy weather.

## **GFC Student Caucus**

GFC Student Caucus had its second meeting of the year on Wednesday September 19. We had some new faces out and the meeting ran very smoothly. All Students' Union officers and faculty representatives present gave interesting and informative reports. The GFC/SC "Matrix" was introduced and distributed to a pretty warm reception. Finally, the GFC Agenda for the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was discussed where items of note included the elimination of the Canadian Studies program and the changes to the selection process for choosing student representatives on Dean and Department Chair Selection Committees.

## **RTT**

Mat, Dan, Juliana, and I had a meeting, VPA prioritizing, and set guidelines and deadlines for our campaigns throughout the year.

## **Awards Night**

Things in the area of Awards Night have been moving very slow due to the Eco-Conference. Now that it is over Catherine van de Braak and I will be able to get the ball rolling. I have been trying to secure a speaker but have not had much success. Gizmo did not even bother to reply which I find extremely rude! Randy Greg has a prior engagement with the Canadian speed skating team but eitherwise he would have. I have sent a letter to Walter Kaasa and Tommy Banks and am eagerly waiting for a reply.

## **AAB**

On September 12, we had an AAB meeting that went very well. Three policies were approved. They were on calculator restrictions, the add/drop deadline, and the number of computer facilities. Everyone brought forth a different point of view which made for interesting debate. We also catered with Subway which was a big hit all around.



## **Monthly Report**

*October 1 – 31, 2002*

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## **RTT**

My RTT planning is going very slowly due to a lack of communication between Mat and myself and the between Jimmy and Juliana. Jimmy did not get all the information until very late in the month that he was supposed to create more than just posters. Also, Jimmy sent Mat a pdf of the poster but Mat forgot to tell me so I had no idea that

anything was done at all. Anyways, I managed to sort everything out and the posters have gone to the printers. Hopefully they will be back soon.

## **COFA**

Our monthly COFA meeting took place on Thursday, October 17. We discussed the feasibility of having all handbooks produced together. Some associations are very eager to do this while some have reservations. Mat is trying to come up with a solution that will please everyone. We also discussed differential tuition and how Bus, Med, and Law are proposing that they should be able to charge higher tuition. Lastly we discussed Bylaw 2200 (FARCE).

## **AAB**

We called an AAB meeting for October 8. Like all of our AAB meetings, this one went exceptionally well. We passed policies on calculators, computers, and academic materials, how Waterloo sold curriculum to Microsoft. We also discussed issues such as differential tuition. After the meeting I made all the corrections to the policies and sent them to council.

## **Awards Night Pre-Invites**

I sent out the pre-invite letters out to the MPs, MLAs, City Council, University, and Alumni council. I also sent out the presenter letters. Preparing the letters took me a great amount of time considering that there were a few hundred of them and that my data merge in Word was not functioning properly. After I printed all the letters Jennifer Bloomfield informed me that I could have had the design department scan my signature in so needless to say my right hand was a little sore after signing every letter. Matt Sadler, Mariel, and Tashie helped me stuff the envelopes.

## **Surveying**

I surveyed a class, a business law class, in the second week of October to help with the transportation survey.

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## Monthly Report

*November 1 – 30, 2002*

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### **COFA**

We had a COFA meeting on Thursday November 14. Attendance was high with a new member in attendance from Dentistry. The meeting ran smoothly and discussion was rampant. Matt Sadler came to talk to COFA about Bear Essentials and selling tickets. Other topics covered included: Handbooks where I handed out a chart of a cost breakdown by faculty and options. We also discussed, in great length, differential tuition. I also distributed a handout for this.

### **RTT**

I spent a great amount of my time organizing this campaign. Once I finally got the posters, I gave 100 of them to Safewalk to poster campus. I also did a little postering myself because you have to get them approved from the BSA and ESA for the Business Building and the Education Building. I also hung a banner on the main floor for most of November. I ordered a plaque from Columbia Awards for the recipient. I sent out a message to the COFA majordomo to announce the campaign in addition to having it placed on the websites front page along with a link to a nomination form. I also distributed nomination forms to Tashie and the info booths in SUB, HUB, and CAB. I have arranged for the Gateway and Folio ads, for Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan 10<sup>th</sup> respectively, to announce the winners. Today (Nov 29<sup>th</sup>) at 2:00pm the awards board will be selecting a winner.

### **AAB**

On November 15<sup>th</sup> AAB and EAB had a joint meeting to pass a political policy in regards to differential tuition due to the fact that both committees each had a differential tuition policy in the works. I recorded minutes which was a daunting task with so many people talking at once. First all members took turns to say what their thoughts were on the issue and these opinions widely ranged. Most people were completely opposed, while some were not opposed to the theory of it but were opposed to the U of A's proposal. On Nov 26 we had another AAB meeting where we brainstormed ways to inform students about the tuition issues and we also discussed IVR and the Provost and VPA search.

### **GFC STUDENT CAUCUS**

GFC Student Caucus was called for November 21 in order to prepare for the November 25 GFC meeting. The agenda for the November 26 GFC was discussed at some length. The motion to cancel classes was defeated.

## **AWARDS NIGHT PLANNING**

So much has already been done in terms of awards planning. This is a really positive thing, because the more time that is left closer to the actual night, the more time is available for dealing with the little catastrophes, uh I mean details, that may arise in that crunch period.

The dates for the “Involvement Recognition Awards Selection Weekend Extravaganza” have been set for February 7-9. An additional weeknight may have to be added depending on the number of applications (which we expect to increase significantly) and on how quickly the committee goes through them.

In terms of the actual Awards Ceremony, we’ve decided the theme to be “Test your Limits,” extracted from the quotation by Bernard Edmonds:

To dream anything that you want to dream. That’s the beauty of the human mind.  
To do anything that you want to do. That is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to **test your limits**. That is the courage to succeed.

The theme will play a significant role in shaping the sound and tone of the script. Also, I borrowed Juliana’s color fan thingy and we chose a few shades of blue for the design department to choose from.

Mat, Catherine van de Braak, Juliana du Pree, and I had a meeting to discuss awards. We decided that the invitations will be completed by Jan 17<sup>th</sup> and the programs will be completed later in Feb. Juliana will also do up a banner which will be hung Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Feb 3 is the application deadline. There will be three ads placed in the Gateway in Jan. There is a new award this year being the Subway award which is two \$500 awards. Still need criteria.

I am working on getting three quotes from different caterers. They will be from Gourmet Goodies, A Cappella, and Avantgard. I still need to know how much money I have to work with.

## **DAY-TO-DAY STUFF**

I am going to start including this section in my reports because it takes up a considerable amount of my time. With that said, I have been trying to organize the files that have been collected from previous AACs and which were passed on to me. Unfortunately, they have not been well kept. Therefore, I have taken it upon myself to better organize them and document everything that I can in a neat and orderly fashion. This is due in large part to the recent lawsuit regarding Awards. Past AAC’s often did not keep invoices, purchase orders, notes, letters, etc for me to go by when planning events and campaigns such as the COFA retreat, RTT, SALUTE, and Awards. They also did not leave me any indication as to how to go about planning these events and campaigns; accordingly, I have begun to write up a detailed month-by-month or week-by-week check list that next

year's AAC should carefully follow. On a different note, just plain old answering email is very time consuming.

## **Fred Jack Work Summary May 1 – November 29, 2002**

### MAY 2002

- Introductory SU Meetings
- Familiarizing process of SU's procedures
- Planning meetings both short and long term with V.P. External
- Computer training
- Coordinator Retreat
- Introductory meetings with Smart Choice Planning Committee (heavily involved with this group, especially during summer months)
- Extensive work on the planning of the Chancellor's Cup golf tourney
- Participation in the golf tourney, numerous media interviews including live 1 on 1 interview on 630 CHED morning show
- South LRT expansion meetings
- Governance 101 Workshop
- Attend luncheon for President's picnic
- Research done on previous Eugene Brody and External Affairs Boards
- Preliminary work on member packages for both EBC and EAB
- Post Chancellors Cup debriefing
- Various meetings and luncheons with charity groups in the city and surrounding areas

### JUNE 2002

- Economic Planning Development Meetings at City of Edmonton, extensive work done in both June and July
- EAB Meetings 1 and 2
- EBC Meeting 1
- Lots of pre work done with both boards outlining work ahead for the upcoming year
- Assisting VP External with day to day activities
- Workshop on how to better market the SU

- 2 days of CAUS meetings at the U of A, filled the role of the CAUS coordinator who had not yet been hired
- Toured Edmonton Green Space Development initiatives
- Numerous advertising meetings regarding the upcoming tuition campaign

### JULY 2002

- 2 EAB meetings
- 1 EBC meeting
- Lots of pre and post work done on both with guest speakers, presentations and follow up requirements of both boards
- Economic Development Meeting at Sheraton (all day)
- Research work done in length on Federal Lobby Groups
- Edmonton Transit Luncheon
- Meeting with representatives from U of C
- Assist VP External with day to day activities
- Meeting with Jill Bradford Green regarding city councils work on how to make Whyte Avenue a better place
- Heavily involved with this above project in both July and August
- Edmonton Transit luncheon
- Ordering of pins and other tuition items, lots of work done, researching prices and buying from a group which is line with the U of A SU

### AUGUST 2002

- Meetings with VP External
- Coordinator retreat
- Meetings with representatives from U of S
- Pre Week of Welcome work, assisting the Student Activities Coordinator
- Represented SU in day long Kidney Classic Event
- EAB Meetings (2)
- EBC Meeting
- Extensive work done with both groups

- Assist VP External with day to day activities
- Preliminary work on Mug Ordering
- Joe Clark visit, planning and actual event requirements
- Edmonton Economic Planning Board, prepared report for Council
- Transit update
- Assisted with research on CASA & CFS

#### SEPTEMBER 2002

- Assist VP External with day to day activities
- Preliminary planning work for High School Leadership conference to take place in the Spring
- Coordinator retreat
- Ordered mugs and other SU paraphenelia
- Extensive work done on behalf of SU during WOW
- Assisted Mariel Dagot
- Assisted Dan Costigan with marketing
- Worked heavily with Anand on Winds of Change Document
- EAB Meetings (2)
- EBC meetings
- Meeting with President of GSA
- Numerous planning strategy meetings with VP External
- GATS/FTAA Workshop

#### OCTOBER 2002

- GATS/FTAA Workshop
- Assist VP External daily
- Heavy involvement on CASA research
- Assist CAUS coordinator with information
- Coordinator retreat
- Numerous EAB meetings
- EBC Meeting

- Planned and executed along with SAC the FTAA/GATS presentation on Halloween
- Numerous meetings with VP External
- Edmonton Economic Planning Development
- LRT meetings
- Garneau meeting in attendance for

#### NOVEMBER 2002

- Daily assist VP External, loads of extra work this month with potential removal of membership from CASA
- Discussed in length numerous times potential growth in affiliation with CAUS
- Toured Grant McEwan and NAIT and met with their school's student body
- Tuition meetings
- Involved in the grand opening of SUB
- Extensive EAB meetings
- No EBC meeting but attended numerous presentations learning information on potential donations
- Tuition Awareness Booth
- Organized volunteers
- Met with SAC regarding XMAS Kids event
- Meeting with CAUS coordinator
- Coordinator retreat
- Most of month spent on assisting VP External and EAB on CASA

Christopher G. Samuel  
Chair, Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board  
Students' Union, University of Alberta

November 27, 2002

Dear Mr. Samuel:

By the power vested in me, as a member of the Students' Union, by the *Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board Bylaw* of the Students' Union, I am hereby formally requesting the interpretation of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board on the following questions:

1. Does the Students' Union's political policy on National Organization of Students bind the Students' Union to remain a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)?
2. Does the Students' Union's political policy on National Organization of Students meet the definition of "political policy" set out in the *Legislation Bylaw* of the Students' Union?

I submit to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board that if the answer to the first question is in the affirmative, then the answer to the second question must be in the negative.

Section 2 (a) of the *Legislation Bylaw* defines "political policy" as "an expression of the sentiment of principles of the Students' Council with respect to a specific non-operational issue." According to *Funk and Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary*, "operational" means "pertaining to an operation." "Operation," in turn, means "a course or series of acts to effect a certain purpose; process."

I submit to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board that if a policy requires action on the part of the Students' Union - regardless of the political ramifications of that action - then it deals with an operational issue, because it requires of the Students' Union the undertaking of a course or series of acts to effect a certain purpose.

If this "political policy" does bind the Students' Union to remain members of the CASA, then it is also binding the Students' Union to make an annual expenditure of \$26 500 (soon to increase). A decision regarding whether or not to make such an expenditure is obviously, at least in part, operational, and not "non-operational" as required by the *Legislation Bylaw*.

I eagerly await the decision of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board on this matter.

Sincerely,

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DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION,  
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**REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION**

**DATE:**

Sunday December 1, 2002

**D.I.E. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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William McBeath

Deborah Philips

Jason Tobias

**INTERPRETATION SOUGHT BY:**

Steve Smith, VP Operations and Finance

**ISSUE:**

Does the Students' Union's political policy on *National Organization of Students* bind the Students' Union to remain a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)?

**DECISION:**

Yes- the Students' Union's political policy on *National Organization of Students* binds the Students' Union to remain a member of the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations.

This decision is based on the last sentence of the political policy *National Organization of Students*: Be it further resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union continue to support CASA. The phrase "continue to support" implies that the Students' Union will provide, for future sake, the same level of commitment, be it financial or otherwise, to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations that they have in the past. Since the Students' Union is a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, this phrase then implies that the Students' Union must remain a member in order to "continue to support CASA".

Furthermore, the D.I.E. Board determined that an adequate definition of support, in this instance, must also include active membership in the organization.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In order to avoid this confusion in the future, the D.I.E. Board recommends the following revision to the last sentence of the political policy *National Organization of Students*:

Be it further resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union continue to support, through membership, CASA- an organization that represents the interests of Canadian university students in an affordable and effective manner, and is

compatible with the goals and policies of the University of Alberta Students' Union.

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Does the Students' Union's political policy on National Organization of Students meet the definition of "political policy" set out in the *Legislation Bylaw* of the Students' Union?

**DECISION:**

Yes- the Students' Union's political policy on *National Organization of Students* meets the definition of "Political Policy" set out in Bylaw 400- *A Bylaw Respecting the Legislation of the Students' Union*.

Paraphrasing Mr. Smith's concerns, he believes that a Political Policy, as defined in Bylaw 400 Section 2b, cannot force the Students' Union to act. If a Political Policy requires any action on the part of the Students' Union, the policy is then an Operating Policy, conforming to the definition of an Operating Policy as defined in Bylaw 400 Section 2a, and not a Political Policy.

The D.I.E. Board believes, however, that the distinguishing feature between an Operating Policy and a Political Policy is not whether one requires action. In fact, upon reviewing other political policies of the Students' Union, it was determined that many of them require action on the part of the Students' Union, such as "lobbying the municipal, provincial and federal governments for increased public funding of student housing" or "opposing the inclusion of education in GATS". Consequently, both operating policies and political policies can force the Students' Union to act and still be within the purview of their respective definitions.

Furthermore, the D.I.E. Board believes that the intent of Bylaw 400 Sections 2a and 2b is to define Operating Policy and Political Policy in contrast to each other. That is, an Operating Policy deals with non-political issues while a Political Policy deals with non-operating issues.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In order to avoid this confusion in the future, the D.I.E. Board recommends the following revision to Bylaw 400 Section 4b:

“Political Policy” means an expression of the sentiments or principles of the Students’ Council, and any action to be taken by Students’ Council to fulfill these sentiments or principles; ~~with respect to a specific non-operational issue;~~

- 2002-17/1 CALL TO ORDER**
- 2002-17/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "*O Canada*"**
- 2002-17/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"**
- 2002-17/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2002-17/5 ROLL CALL**
- 2002-17/6 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 2002-17/7 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 2002-17/8 CASA/NATIONAL LOBBYING ORGANIZATIONS**
- 2002-17/8a MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt the proposed Political Policy "Canadian Federation of Students."
- 2002-17/8b SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the External Affairs Board, rescind the Political Policy "National Organization of Students."
- 2002-17/8c SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, adopt the proposed Political Policy "The Political Representation of Students."
- 2002-17/8d SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, terminate the Students' Union's membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.
- 2002-17/8e SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, direct the External Affairs Board to prepare and recommend a plan for the strengthening of the Council of Alberta University Students based on the document "Towards Effective Political Representation," and that Students' Council direct the External Affairs Board to oversee a review of the Students' Union's affiliation with national lobbying organizations to be completed by December 31, 2004.
- 2002-17/9 REPORTS**
- 2002-17/10 QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2002-17/11 APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2002-17/12 BUSINESS**
- 2002-17/12a BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 9100 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12b WEPPLER/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 8451.
- 2002-17/12c BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to sit on the Academic Affairs Board for the remainder of the 2002/2003 school year.
- 2002-17/12d SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform And Progress, approve the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders of Students' Council.

- 2002-17/12e SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Article XII of the Constitution, to take effect May 1, 2003, which the Executive Committee considers to be representative of the changes recommended by the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12f SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 2100 to take effect May 1, 2003, which the Executive Committee considers to be representative of the changes recommended by the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12g SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 2200 to take effect May 1, 2003, which the Executive Committee considers to be representative of the changes recommended by the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12h SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 2400 to take effect May 1, 2003, which the Executive Committee considers to be representative of the changes recommended by the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12i SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 100 to take effect May 1, 2003, which the Executive Committee considers to be representative of the changes recommended by the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12j SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 2500 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12k ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 6400 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12l KAWANAMI/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 1200 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12m ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 7550 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12n ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 7200 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12o SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 6550 (FIRST Reading).
- 2002-17/12p HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8 000 (eight thousand dollars) plus GST to conduct an energy audit of the Students' Union Building.

**2002-17/13 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2002-17/14 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 2002-17/15 Next Council Meeting**  
 - January 7, 2003 - 6 pm  
 - January 21, 2003 - 6 pm

- 2002-17/16 UPCOMING FACULTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS**  
 - Engineering

- Faculté Saint-Jean

**2002-17/17**

**ADJOURNMENT**

PROPOSED

*THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA*

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> December 3, 2002	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 2
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2006	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Executive Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i> - <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<u>Canadian Federation of Students</u>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

MOVED THAT Students' adopt the following as Students' Union policy on the Canadian Federation of Students:

WHEREAS the active lobby approach of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is incongruent with the lobby style supported by the Students' Union;

WHEREAS University of Alberta students would have to pay an extremely high membership fee to join the CFS, yet would possess a disproportionately small amount of control over the allocation of these funds; and

WHEREAS many CFS policies are not compatible with those of the University of Alberta Students' Union,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union endorse the position not to pursue prospective membership within the Canadian Federation of Students.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
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