

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday April 8, 2003 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

A G E N D A (SC 2002-24)

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| 2002-24/1 | <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> |
| 2002-24/2 | <u>NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"</u> |
| 2002-24/3 | <u>University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"</u> |
| 2002-24/4 | <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u> |
| 2002-24/5 | <u>ROLL CALL</u> |
| 2002-24/6 | <u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u> |
| 2002-24/7 | <u>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</u> |
| 2002-24/8 | <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> |
| 2002-24/9 | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u> |
| 2002-24/10 | <u>APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)</u> |
| | Please see document SC 02-24.01. |
| 2002-24/11 | <u>OLD BUSINESS</u> |
| 2002-24/12 | <u>LEGISLATION</u> |

2002-24/12a

SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 4200 (SECOND Reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003 meeting.

2002-24/12b

ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3400 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-24.02.

2002-24/12c

SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council repeal the existing Bylaw 6100 and replace it with the proposed Bylaw 6100 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-24.03.

2002-24/13

NEW BUSINESS

2002-24/13a

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the removal of Video Information Display Systems (VIDS) from the Students' Union Building.

Please see document SC 02-24.04.

2002-24/15

INFORMATION ITEMS

2002-24/15a

Operating Policy 14.11 - Students' Union Weboard

Please see document SC 02-24.05.

2002-24/15b

Operating Policy 50.05 - Student Groups List-Serve.

Please see document SC 02-24.06.

2002-24/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2002-24/16a

Next Council Meeting

- April 30, 2003 - 6:00pm

UPCOMING
COUNCIL
MEETINGS

2002-24/16b

- Education
- Engineering

**UPCOMING
FACULTY
ASSOCIATION
REPORTS**

2002-24/17

ADJOURNMENT

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 1, 2003 – 6:00 PM
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MINUTES (SC 2002-23)

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00	9:00
President	Mike Hudema	✓	✓
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓	✓
VP External	Anand Sharma	x	x
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓	✓
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep.	Mike Reid	✓	✓
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✓	✓
U of A Athletics Board			
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Teodora Alampi	✓	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Paul Reikie	✓	✓
Arts	Chris Bolivar (Alex Abboud)	✓	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner	x	x
Arts	Alexis Pepin (Ed Aronyk)	✓	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓ (6:40)	✓
Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	x	x

Business	Jamie Kidston	✓ (6:40)	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓	✓
Business	Holly Tomte (Sam Jenkins)	✓	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓	✓
Education	Daljeet Chhina	x	x
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✓	✓
Education	Mandeep Gill	x	x
Education	Janet Lo	✓	✓
Engineering	Chris Jones	✓	✓
Engineering	Margaret Laffin (Josh Bazin)	✓	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith (Angela Thomas)	✓	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✓ (6:40)	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✓	x
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson (Tara Chykalsky)	✓	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✓	✓
Native Studies	Valerie Knaga	✓	✓
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy	Kurt Greene	x	x
Physical Education	Holly Higgins	✓	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth	✓	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	x	x
Science	Kimberly Dary (Duncan Taylor)	✓	✓

Science	Katie Grant	✓	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓	✓
Science	Tereza Elyas	✓	✓
Science	Chris Samuel	✓	✓
Science	Steven Schendel	✗	✗
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓	✓
General Manager	Bill Smith	✗	✗
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓	✓

2002-23/1 CALL TO ORDER 6:10

2002-23/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Faculties and other constituent groups are reminded that the speaker requires a list of their councilors for the changeover meeting on April 29.

The formal request to assess faculty association membership fee was tabled.

Guests of Council: Adam Cook, Joanne Ng, Mark Jess, James Meeker, Sara Katz, Josh Wolsey,

2002-23/6 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Administrative errors: Items 12d-g should appear as one item; Bylaw 5700 should have been included in the original package.

REID/KAWANAMI MOVED TO ADD item 12o: Political Policy regarding SARS

Reid: This policy is pressing because SARS causes death and death compromises accessibility to post-secondary education. Unless we make our opposition to SARS known, we will have no hope of fighting it.

This policy was decided to be not pressing enough to be added to the agenda.

2002-23/8 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ROSS/BRECHTEL MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the March 11 meeting.

Carried

BRECHTEL/JONES MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the March 18 meeting.

Carried

2002-23/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Kawanami: Will the CRO ever be called to give a report to council?

Hudema: If council so wishes, she shall.

Ross: Besides **Harlow's** sharp haircut, I've noticed one other thing today: some of our elected representatives have taken it upon themselves to rate certain male members of this assembly purely upon their looks. This is offensive. When can council and I expect a formal apology for this high school bullshit?

Lo: I do wish to extend a formal apology to you and to council if you have been offended in any way. It was a joke; that post has since been erased. If anyone else has been offended by that post, I would appreciate it if they would just come talk to me in person about it, as that would be a much more professional way of dealing with the problem.

Hudema: I have less of a problem with women ranking men than with the other way around as females tend to be objectified while males do not; nonetheless, I would like to hear **Samuel's** response.

Samuel: First, I owe an apology to Kail: I'm sorry I beat you on the list. We're looking at this in a much more serious light than it was intended. The thread was obviously meant to be in good fun, not malicious. I don't think it is necessary to apologize for something that I don't feel was wrong. If it was misconstrued as such, I'd like to apologize for the misunderstanding.

Bazin: A constituent requested that I ask what is the status of the executive's long-term strategic plan developed in the spring of 2001?

Smith: Bets as to which constituent that was. In response to Mr. Hirji's question, if any student would like to see the report they are welcome to see my copy but I won't table it in council unless specifically directed to do so because it's frickin' huge. This would be an absurdly massive amount

of paper exceeding any document tabled in council thus far.

Ross: Why hasn't IRB met, considering all of the crucial items that need to be addressed?

Smith: Most of the problems have concerned the attainment of quorum. While the failure of the committee to make quorum has often been the fault of the president, it's not fair to say it is single-handedly his fault. It looks good for a meeting later this week.

Kawanami: Will the AAC and EAC positions be coordinated? Were the ECOS office positions considered at the same time?

Brechtel: There will be separate AAC and CRC positions; the ECOS positions will be considered later this evening.

Samuel: During the general elections, two "Bylaw Captains" were hired; what exactly did these individuals do and why was there no formal hiring process?

Smith: Those individuals were effectively Poll Captains and did the duties of that position. One of those individuals had particular expertise in bylaws and the CRO was eager for her expertise.

2002-23/10

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)

2002-23-10a

Executive Committee Report
Please see document SC 02-23.01

SAMUEL/JONES MOVED TO STRIKE motion a from the report (VIDS)

Smith: The right decision is to scrap VIDS; here's why. VIDS can be automated, but only at great cost (~\$15,000 one-time plus \$15,000 regular marketing cost. Many people go through SUB but they don't pay attention to VIDS, even when the TVs are on. Departments were required to buy time on VIDS (the "VIDS tax") so it wasn't useful to internal departments. The only external clients who bought advertising were SUB tenants who were required to do so as part of their lease. VIDS doesn't work well with sound, making it pretty useless for entertainment or information. SUB stage is a better place to play TV shows as it is confined

to one part of the building.

Wepler: How much will it cost to get rid of VIDS? This system has potential and shouldn't be scrapped flippantly.

Hudema: The cost of making VIDS productive isn't worth the small chance that it might be useful. The equipment would be more useful donated to faculty associations or charities. There are better media available, including the SUB wall and the website.

Brechtel: VIDS could be useful to entertain students (for example, showing shows with closed captioning). What benefit will we gain from taking down the TVs? Whether we want to spend money to revamp the system is a separate question from whether to take the TVs down.

Ross: VIDS has been a pox on the SU for the past 10 years, serving as a monument of incompetence. We can't afford to make the required \$30,000 investment.

Reid: Maybe we just need to change the mandate of VIDS, perhaps to entertaining students. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Smith: We have 3 options. First, and favored by exec: rid ourselves of this pox. Second, spending \$30,000 to bring the system up to the level that the marketing dept. and technical people think would be useful. Third, leave it as it is now, which would be useless because the TVs are too small and in wrong locations.

Beamish: How have we determined how students feel about VIDS?

Reikie: TV has no place in school; people come here to work. If people want to watch TV, they can go home.

Knaga: What opportunity does VIDS provide for creative programming by students?

Ross: VIDS has never had the technical capability to entertain students. In the last survey **no** student said that VIDS was an effective medium.

Wepler: Students were more upset about how money was being spent than having angst against VIDS per se. I'm concerned about the lack of a plan, the lack of information. We've seen the dollar figures for using VIDS as an advertising media. Nobody likes advertising. We've already spent money on this system; why don't we see if there's another way that we can use this medium? It would be a shame if a future council said "Hey, you know what would be a good idea: TVs in SUB!"

Hudema: This is not a hasty decision; the undergrad survey in 2001 showed student perceptions of VIDS, the marketing

dept was consulted, the computer dept. was consulted, as were our communications coordinator, and the GM. We can either scrap VIDS or do the upgrades to make it a viable service. There is a cost to keeping the TVs up as the picture tubes need to be replaced. The TVs are in bad positions and at the minimum, need to be moved.

SLOMP/VARGA MOVED the previous question.

Defeated

Jones: This isn't an all or nothing proposition; using the TVs for entertainment in the short term just makes sense. Whether we want to make an investment in the long run is a separate question. We have time on our side; there is no need for a hasty decision. Perhaps the exec should provide us with numbers for entertainment and long-term phase-in options.

Samuel: I'm confused as to whether the TVs are operational, period. Last year they worked fine. I understand that they are disconnected, but if we plug them in will they work? How can 10 TVs just suddenly break? I've had my TV at home for years, and it's just fine.

Clyburn: As a marketing student, I've learned that surveys are a load of bunk. Clearly, quite a few people in this room think VIDS is useful; this alone indicates that the survey results don't fully represent student views.

Knull: Ripping the TVs out of the wall isn't the solution; just leave them up and wait for someone with good ideas to come up with something useful to do with them.

Abboud: The exec just wants us to take their word that pulling out VIDS is the best option; I'd like to see some hard numbers. SUB isn't a library; what's wrong with students taking a study break and watching TV?

Brechtel: The picture tubes still shoot photons. There is something wrong with the network from which they get their content. This was caused during SUB expansion and no one's sure what happened; it will cost some unknown amount of money to remedy this.

Smith(POI): Why didn't Brechtel bring up these other options at any of the prior debates the exec had on the issue?

Brechtel: I didn't bring it up because I didn't have the necessary information.

Knull: The survey asked: "Do you think VIDS is a useful marketing tool?" not "Do you think VIDS could be a useful entertainment form?" VIDS wasn't once brought up at

student life board, despite being one of Ross's platform points.

Kawanami: We've heard enough about the third way to make both Tony Blair and Gerhardt Schroeder giddy; let's vote on this.

Carried

Kawanami: What was Ross's \$90 application fee?

Ross: I'm applying to the U of C's finance program and needed to abuse my privileges with the SU credit card to pay the application fee. I assured the exec that I would have the money in their hands before any interest fees have been accrued. I do not have a credit card of my own.

Smith: Basically, Ross was laundering money through the SU.

Samuel: Has the money been spent? What happens if we reject this?

Ross: The money hasn't yet been spent; if you reject this, I stay here for another year and I don't think anyone wants that.

2002-23/12

LEGISLATION

2002-23/12a

**Bylaw 5200:
Communications
Advisory
Committee**

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, repeal Bylaw 5200 (SECOND Reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the February 4, 2003, meeting.

Smith: This will euthanize the communications advisory committee.

Carried

2002-23/12b

**Bylaw 6100: Access
Fund**

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Access Fund Board, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 6100 (FIRST Reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Smith: Currently, a maximum of 85% of the Access Fund can be used for granting and up to 10% for administration. Any remainder is put into an endowment fund. This change will allow up to 5% to be spent on admin (consistent with current practice and in line with what non-profit organizations are allowed to spend) and 95% for granting. We are currently

giving out more money than allowed and are minimum 3 decades away from having a self-sustaining endowment.

Williams: The endowment fund is important, and shouldn't be axed.

Weppler: Two years ago, there was a motion to reduce the amount that the access fund received. At the time, I thought we should keep the endowment fund so eventually students won't have to pay into it. However, students right now aren't best being served. It is necessary to strike a balance between these two needs; what serves students best?

Taylor: Even if the endowment fund is a long way from realization, the principle is still important.

Sharma (Councilor): This is a policy to redistribute wealth; make sure you're comfortable with that.

Hudema: There are now more students applying to the access fund than it can support. The need is so great now; hopefully 30 years down the road the situation will be better.

Rajulu: You can't just throw money at things without planning for the future. An endowment fund will allow that, even if it takes 30 years to come about.

Khatib: Keep in mind that this fee has an opt-out clause; it's an optional tax. Sustainability and long-term vision are important; the endowment fund shouldn't be scrapped.

Williams: What would we do with the current endowment fund if it was scrapped? There will always be a need for funding; let's try to make this self-sustaining.

Jones: This endowment fund is an inter-generational transfer of wealth. We don't know what conditions will be like in 30 years, whether the endowment fund will be sufficient or what tuition will be like then.

Slomp: This endowment fund allows us to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

Smith: As a fanatically right-wing corporate whore, I promote pragmatism at all costs. Right now, we do not have the luxury of throwing money at future generations. Pragmatically, we have 3 options: 1) Increase the amount collected, addressing student need by taxing students more. 2) Give out less money and fund even fewer of the students who require funding. 3) Pass this. Accumulating an endowment fund doesn't help us to plead poverty. If council rejects option 3, it needs to accept one of the other two. The accumulated surpluses were loaned to SUB expansion at 4% interest. The annual interest of the endowment fund could be applied to the fund. The board prefers to liquidate the endowment over 10 years, applying it to the granting budget.

That decision, however, won't be made with this motion.

Hudema: We know that tuition will be increasing at the maximum over the next few years.

Wepler (POI): You say that increased tuition decreases accessibility. Wouldn't this mean that we have more students from higher-income families that presumably can afford to fund this?

Hudema: The need will continue to exist, particularly in faculties where differential tuition exists. We are not currently meeting the needs of students and we would be able to do so with this proposal.

Smith: We shouldn't attempt to forecast what tuition and the economy will be like in the future. We have no idea what student finance will look like in 10 years (re: taxation, student loans, bursaries). We don't even know that the Access Fund will be viable in 10 years; it would be terrible to have 10 million dollars sitting there that can't be distributed to students in need.

Defeated (15/18/1)

2002-23-12c

**Bylaw 6200:
Campus Recreation
Enhancement Fund**

SLOMP/WEPPLER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 6200 (FIRST Reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Slomp: This will remove the prohibition on funding ongoing requests and volunteer appreciation.

Wepler: This is all about flexibility and flexibility is good.

Carried (29/4/0) (Referred to FAB)

2002-23-12d

**Associate Director
Positions**

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 7000, approve the proposed changes to Bylaws 3200 and 5400 and repeal Bylaws 7000, 7100, 7150, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7450, and 7500 (FIRST Reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Smith: There are 4 parts to this motion. 1) Eliminating large swaths of pointless SU legislation. 2) Eliminating the Associate Director of student groups. The position has been useful in past (including this year) but a large part of their job is processing group registrations (which is going on line) and logistics during clubs fair (which can be handled with

temporary labor). 3) Eliminating the AD of SDC. In the past, good, qualified people have been appointed but resigned because the job wasn't what they expected (admin, rather than actual alleviation of student distress). Instead, will have two part timers. 4) Eliminating the ECOS AD. ECOS was supposed to have 20 hr/wk director, 10hr/wk AD. In fact, these people work 40 and 20 hr/wk respectively. The money would be better spent paying the director for the work done.
Hudema: I plan to move amendments to the ECOS position at 2nd reading but support this now.

Roberts: If you're a full-time student, 30-hr/wk workload is unreasonable but part-time positions allow full-time students to be involved.

Kawanami: Let's not be overly rash; make sure that lessened utility is due to long-term trends, not just a few anomalous years.

Carried (30/3/0) (Referred to IRB)

2002-23-12e
 Bylaw 4200: CASA

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 4200 (FIRST Reading).
Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Hudema: This removes mention of CASA as we are no longer members of that organization.

Carried (29/4/0) (Referred to IRB)

2002-23-12f
 Bylaw 5700: Ethical
 Business Partners

HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 5700

Hudema: This establishes the criteria we want to use when choosing the companies we do business with.

Brechtel (POI): How will FAB judge the criteria?

Hudema: I would like this fleshed out before 2nd reading. An external organization could consider it, our researcher could take this on, or it could be a self-screening process. We could consult third party sources such as Amnesty International, Corporate Watch, etc.

Jones: Why is this a bylaw rather than operating policy?

Clyburn: If companies were bad years ago, does that still count?

Samuel: There's no real standard by which to judge any of the conditions set out here. How will this affect relations with companies we currently have agreements with?

Particularly wrt to the single-source beverage agreement. What is in the best interests of students? It is important to consider the financial implications of this; we're here to save students first and the world second.

Reikie: Many of these concerns could be dealt with in committee and in 2nd reading.

Reid: It's hard to be opposed to being ethical. The Coke agreement is coming up for renewal soon; would this policy preclude us from renewing it?

Kawanami: This places an unreasonable burden on FAB to determine whether there are real or apparent violations of ethical business practice; entire NGOs deal with this question. The provision for equal opportunities is particularly troubling as this organization last year removed that from our awards criteria.

Hudema: IRB can hopefully hammer out more sound evaluation criteria. Whether this policy precludes renewing the Coke agreement would depend on the criteria we chose. This is a bylaw because councilors have been concerned in the past about things of a political nature being in operating policy. It also refers to legislative bodies like FAB, making it better suited as a bylaw than as operational policy. These standards are quite reasonable to ask our business partners to adhere to.

Weppler: This should be defeated and brought back as Political Policy or Operating Policy.

Defeated (19/17/0)

2002-23-12g
**Political Policy:
University and
College Governance**

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy regarding University and College Governance.

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

JONES MOVED TO STRIKE "upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board"

Friendly

Hudema: This opposes private institutions gaining degree-granting status and supports the current accreditation board. The Universities Act is being opened and we want to keep private institutions out of it.

JONES MOVED TO STRIKE "private" in the second resolution

Jones: EAB accepted this as a friendly amendment. Public institutions don't have a special ability to discern the financial interests of Albertans.

Friendly

JONES/BAZIN MOVED TO STRIKE the third resolution

Jones: This policy is overly restrictive and requires us to speak against all private, for-profit institutions even if this were in our best interests. This will give the executive more flexibility.

Hudema: Private colleges getting degree-granting status is not in our best interests; it compromises the public education system.

Brechtel: There are many situations where private institutions can serve a good purpose but degree-granting status should be the sole purview of the provincial and federal governments.

Jones (POI): What if a private institution offered a program that wasn't offered by public institutions?

Brechtel: Then it is better that those programs be offered by public institutions.

Defeated (14/19/1)

Carried (29/6/0)

2002-23-12h

**Political Policy:
Student Loans**

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy regarding the Alberta Students Loan Program.

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Hudema: Parental contribution is why most students appeal student loans. The current threshold is \$40,000 (combined income for two parents); too many students are turned away because their parents can't or won't contribute.

Carried (36/1/0)

2002-23-12i

**Political Policy:
Education Funding**

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy regarding Education Funding.

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.

Hudema: We've been doing a lot of work with the ATA this

year, extending the message of lifelong learning.

JONES MOVED TO AMEND TO STRIKE “severely” from third
whereas

Friendly

Carried (30/2/0)

2002-23-12j
**Political Policy:
University Funding**

HUDEMA/JONES MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy regarding University Funding. *Please bring supporting documentation from the March 18, 2003, meeting.*

Hudema: This encourages the university to develop a framework to consider private partnerships under more rigorous, third-party oversight. There is a trend towards greater requirements for private matching funds; this is bad and discourages non profit-driven research and ends research in the public interest.

Carried (28/0/2) Abstaining: Reid

2002-23-12k
**Political Policy:
Student Finance
Board**

HUDEMA/KHATIB MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy regarding the Student Finance Board.

Please see document SC 02-23.02

Hudema: Brings policy up to date with new title (Minister of Learning)

Carried (27/0/0)

2002-23/14

REPORTS

2002-23/14a

President - Mike Hudema

Written report provided. PCs passed resolutions addressing rising tuition fees and demanding action to ensure accessibility of PSE.

2002-23/14b

Vice-President (Academic) - Mat Brechtel

Written report provided

- 2002-23/14c **Vice-President (Operations and Finance) – Steve Smith**
Written report provided
- 2002-23/14d **Vice-President (Student Life) – Kail Ross**
Written report provided on Mat’s backside
- 2002-23/14e **Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep – Mike Reid**
Nothing to report and therefore no wasted paper or oxygen
- 2002-23/14f **External Affairs Board**
Please see document LA 02-23.01.
- 2002-23/14g **Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics – Teodora Alampi**
Faculty week 2nd week of march; good times. International night with both male and female belly dancers. Club BBQs.
- 2002-23/14h **Arts - James Knull**
Faculty elections were successful and free of corruption. Concert on 11th at Power Plant.
- 2002-23/14i **Business – Jamie Kidston**
Beer Gardens: lots of snow, Risk Management doesn’t want us to have it.
- 2002-23/14j **Faculté Saint-Jean – Lisa Clyburn**
Thanks to everyone who came to Cabane à Sucre. Elections on right now; our council rep was the only contested position (stay tuned). Party on the 10th; come out for fun French times.
- 2002-23/14k **Engineering – Chris Jones**
Congratulations to election victors: Angela Thomas (ESS President), David Wepler (4th consecutive year on council),

Paige Smith/Cole Nytkha (2nd year on council), Josh Bazin, Matt Wildcat (new councilors). 7 candidates for 4 spots; eagerly contested. Congrats to Michelle Vigeant for getting her iron ring.

2002-23/17

ADJOURNMENT (9:15)
SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO ADJOURN
Carried

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council April 8, 2003

- 1. There were no motions were passed at the March 28, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting**

- 2. The following motions were passed at the April 2, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting**
 - A. SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a donation of \$100.00 from budget 520-8331 to be sent to the Hole's Greenhouses and Gardens Care and Nurture Scholarship
VOTE ON MOTION 3/1/(HUDEMA)/0
CARRIED

 - B. ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$765 to allow Carissa Reiniger to purchase security identifiers
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0/ CARRIED

 - C. ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee accept the proposed Operational Policy regarding Student Groups List-Serve.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0/ CARRIED

 - D. ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee adopt the proposed changes regarding Bylaw 3400
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0/ CARRIED

 - E. ROSS/BRECHTEL MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed Operating Policy 14.11 -- Students' Union Weboard
VOTE ON MOTION 3/1(SMITH)/0 CARRIED

 - F. SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the removal of Video Information Display Systems (VIDS) from the Students' Union Building
VOTE ON MOTION 3/1(BRECHTEL)/0 CARRIED

Bylaw 3400**A Bylaw Respecting the Executive Coordinators of the Students' Union**

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Bylaw 6100

A Bylaw Respecting the Student Access Fund of the Students' Union

- Short Title** 1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Access Fund" Bylaw.
- Mandate** 2. The Access Fund will provide support for students in financial need. It targets those students with the greatest need and seeks to provide sufficient assistance.
- Definition** 3. For the purposes of this Bylaw:
- a. A "student" is a member of the Students' Union who is a full or associate member as defined in Article VIII of the Constitution and who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program.
 - b. The "opt-out amount" is the monetary amount of disbursements paid to those students who choose to have this fee rebated to them.
 - c. The "Gross contribution" is the sum of money collected under this bylaw prior to any opt-outs.
 - d. The "retention rate" is the percentage of net funds held aside to be put in an endowment fund.
 - e. The "Net contribution" is the sum of money left after all those Students' Union members who have chosen to "opt-out" have done so.
 - f. The "administration cost" is the percentage of the net funds to be used to cover all administrative costs associated with the costs for the process of the collection and rebate of this fee, the disbursements of the needs-based bursaries and any other costs associated deemed appropriate by the Board responsible for the fund.
 - g. The "endowment fund" is the accumulated total of the annually retained amount, plus any interest earned.

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**Terms of
Operation**

h. The "investment rate" is the annual return on the endowment fund.

4. The sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per each Fall and Winter semester, and Five (\$5.00) Dollars per Intercession semester, from each full-time and part-time Students' Union fees will be allocated to an Access Fund.

**Indexing
Provisions**

5. Indexing provisions shall be as follows:

a. The amount of the fee levied will be indexed proportionately to the value of the fee increases, both tuition and non-tuition fees, charged by the University of Alberta.

b. The amount of the fee levied will therefore be exempt from the current indexing provision in Article VIII - Powers Regarding Finance, of the Students' Union Constitution.

6. a. Any student who is either philosophically opposed to this fee, or cannot afford it, will be able to have their fee rebated to them within the time frame as defined by the Access Fund Board.
- b. The fund will collect its fees from the Students' Union each year. This amount represents the gross contribution.
- c. When the annual interest earned on the endowed funds is equal or greater to the amount collected in the given year, the Access Fund Board will review the terms of operation.
- d. After the time frame, as defined in 6.a., for students to elect to opt-out, the net contribution amount will be calculated.
- e. Fifteen (15%) percent of the annual net contribution will be allocated to administration costs and to the endowment fund. A maximum of ten (10%) percent of this fifteen (15%) percent is to be allocated to cover administrative costs of the fund, with the remainder to be allocated to the endowment fund.
- f. The remainder of the funds will be disbursed in the form of needs-based bursaries. Amounts not spent will either be transferred to the endowment fund or reserved for use in the next disbursement period, as determined by the Access Fund Board.

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**Composition of
Access Fund Board**

7. The Access Fund Board will be comprised of the following voting student members:
 - a. the President of the Students' Union, as an ex-officio member;
 - b. the Vice-President Operations and Finance of the Students' Union, as Chair;
 - c. the Director of the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre;
 - d. three (3) Students' Union Councillors;
 - e. three (3) student-at-large members;
8. As well as the following voting non-student members:
 - a. the Dean of Students, or their designee;
 - b. a member of the University of Alberta Senate;
 - c. a representative as designated by the Alumni Association;
 - d. a representative from the community-at-large;
 - e. the President of the University of Alberta, or their designee;
 - f. a representative from the University of Alberta Board of Governors;
9. As well as the following non-voting non-student members:
 - a. the Access Fund Coordinator, as a non-voting member; and,
 - b. the Board can appoint non-voting members to act in a resource capacity.

Chair

10. a. The Chair of the Access Fund Board will be the Vice-President Operations and Finance of the Students' Union.
- b. A Vice-Chair will be selected by the members. This person will chair meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- c. In the event that both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent, the Committee will select a member to assume the role of Chair.

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Selection of Access Fund Board Members

- 11. a. The community-at-large representative will be selected by the Access Fund Board.
- b. The student-at-large members will be selected by the Nominating Committee of the Students' Union. In selecting members, the Nominating Committee will seek to select as diverse a representation as possible. If possible, a mature student will be selected as at least one of these members.
- c. The Councillors will be selected by Students' Council.

Board Members' Term of Office

- 12. Term of office for non ex-officio members will be:
 - a. Student members will be appointed for a term of 1 (one) year, commencing May 1 and ending April 30.
 - b. Non-student members will be appointed for a term of 2 (two) years, commencing May 1 and ending April 30.

Conduct of Business

- 13. a. Quorum of the Access Fund Board. will be six (6) voting members and the Chair or acting-Chair.
- b. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair will decide the matter.
- c. Meetings of the Access Fund Board will be called by the Chair or by three (3) members of the Board. In all cases no less than seventy-two (72) hours notice will be given to all members.

Responsibilities and Duties of the Access Fund Board

- 14. The Board will develop and maintain policies regarding the following areas:
 - a. The administration and regulation of the opt-out provision of this bylaw;
 - b. The application procedure for bursaries;
 - c. The eligibility and assessment procedures for granting bursaries;

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- d. The appeal procedures for applicants;
- e. The value and number of bursaries to be awarded;
- f. The criteria for the investment of the endowment fund;
- g. The procedures for handling conflict of interest and ensuring where possible the reduction or elimination of the causes of both real and perceived conflict of interest;
- h. The process for ensuring students are made aware on a regular basis of:
 - i. the activities of the Access Fund;
 - ii. the mandate of the Access Fund;
 - iii. the opt-out provision and the process to follow to exercise that right; and,
 - iv. the ability to apply for bursaries;
- i. Confidentiality and security of information; and,
- j. Furthermore, the Board will:
 - i. monitor issues affecting and related to student finances;
 - ii. ensure proper execution of the policies approved by Students' Council; and,
 - iii. recommend changes in the bylaw and policies as needed to Students' Council.

Reporting

- 15. To ensure accountability and proper handling of the Access Fund, the Access Fund Board will be requested to:
 - a. have the Fund audited on a yearly basis;
 - b. provide a monthly financial statement indicating the most up to date status of the Access Fund, to be made available publicly; and,
 - c. to report to Students' Council at the end of each semester on the recent actions of the Access Fund Board.

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**Values and Goals
of the Access Fund
Board**

16. The Access Fund Board will adhere to the following values when formulating its policies:
 - a. Accountability to students;
 - b. Education of those individuals who represent the University, and/or Provincial and Federal governments through including them where relevant in the procedures of the Access Fund;
 - c. Fair and equitable treatment of students;
 - d. Respect for applicants to the Access Fund and acknowledgment of the applicants' rights to confidentiality;
 - e. Procedural fairness;
 - f. Impartiality and rigor in the policies developed; and,
 - g. A clear focus on targeting those students who are most in need of financial assistance.

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Bylaw 6100

A Bylaw Respecting the Access Fund of the University of Alberta

1. This bylaw may be referred to as the “Access Fund Bylaw.”
2. For the purposes of this bylaw:
 - (a) the “Fund” shall be the Access Fund, as set out in Article VIII of the Students’ Union Constitution;
 - (b) an “administrative purpose” shall be any purpose not directly contributing to easing the financial burden faced by students through bursaries;
 - (c) the “Board” shall be the Access Fund Board;
 - (d) the “Senate” shall be the University of Alberta Senate;
 - (e) the “University” shall be the University of Alberta; and
 - (f) a “member” shall be a member of the Students’ Union, as set out in Article I of the Constitution of the Students’ Union.
3. This bylaw shall govern the collection, administration, refund, and granting of the Fund, as set out in Article VIII of the Students’ Union Constitution and by a referendum carried March 8 and 9 1995, the wording of which was “Do you support the University of Alberta Students’ Union’s (SU) establishment of an ACCESS FUND to provide financial need-based bursaries subject to the following four (4) conditions: 1. An increase in the SU Fee of \$10.00/term for Fall/Winter semesters, and \$5.00/term for Spring/Summer (Intersession) semesters. 2. Students shall be able to opt out of this fee after the fact, for philosophical or financial reasons. 3. The fee shall be indexed to the percentage increase in tuition and non-tuition fees charged by the

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University of Alberta. 4. The attached bylaw shall be adopted by the SU to regulate the administration of the Access Fund.”

4. The Fund shall be administered by the Board.
5. The Board shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Vice President (Operations and Finance) as chair of the committee, voting only in the event of a tie;
 - (b) the President;
 - (c) three (3) Student Councilors, as selected by Students’ Council;
 - (d) three (3) students-at-large, as selected by Students’ Council;
 - (e) one (1) member of the Senate, as selected by the Senate;
 - (f) two (2) members of the University administration, as selected by the University;
 - (g) one (1) member of the University Alumni Association, as selected by the University Alumni Association;
 - (h) one (1) member of the University Board of Governors, as selected by the University Board of Governors;
 - (i) the Director of the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre, as a non-voting member;
 - (j) the Associate Director (Access Fund) of the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre, as a non-voting member and serving as secretary; and
 - (k) the General Manager or designate, as a non-voting member.
6. Where the Vice President (Operations and Finance) is absent, the Board shall select one of its voting members to serve as chair, and that member shall vote

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only in the event of a tie.

7. Quorum for the Board shall be seven (7) voting members.
8. Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Vice President (Operations and Finance) or three (3) voting members by giving all members of the Board not less than seventy-two (72) hours notice and shall occur not less than three (3) times annually.
9. Meetings of the Board shall be in person, and not by proxy or otherwise.
10. Any member shall have the opportunity to have the portion of his/her Students' Union fee dedicated to the Fund refunded to him/her.
11. In any given year, not more than five percent (5%) of the monies allocated to the Fund during that year shall be used for administrative purposes.
12. Ten percent (10%) of the monies allocated to the Fund during each year shall be retained in an endowment fund.
13. Interest revenues from the endowment shall be added to the endowment.
14. During the first year during which interest revenues from the endowment exceed the total Students' Union fees allocated to the Fund, the Board shall review the existence of the Fund and issue a recommendation to Students' Council.
15. The portion of the Fund not used for administrative purposes or added to the endowment shall be disbursed to qualified students.
16. The Board shall develop and implement policy relating to:
 - (a) the implementation of this bylaw;
 - (b) the application procedure for bursaries;
 - (c) the eligibility and assessment procedures for

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granting bursaries;

(d) the appeal procedures for applicants;

(e) the value and number of bursaries to be awarded;

(f) the procedures for handling conflicts of interest on the part of Board members;

(g) the advertisement of procedures for the refunding of student fees, as set out in Section 9, and the application procedure for bursaries, as set out in Section 16 (b); and

(h) confidentiality and security of information.

17. The Board shall recommend a budget for the Fund to Students' Council before April 30 of each year.

18. The Board shall recommend changes to this bylaw to Students' Council as needed.

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OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	14.11	<i>Effective Date:</i>	April 2, 2003	<i>Page</i>	1	<i>of</i>	1
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<i>Subject Matter</i>	-	<i>Category:</i>	OPERATING POLICY (GENERAL)				
	-	<i>Specific:</i>	GENERAL				
	-	<i>Topic:</i>	Students' Union Weboard				

Introduction:

The Students' Union Weboard has become a popular device for the university community to expound on issues of importance. Indeed, hacks, as they affectionately refer to themselves, laud this is as some sort of pagan-like god. However, the possibility of corrupting the system with malevolent information rears itself and therefore must be abrogated.

Policy:

- 14.01.11 The Weboard shall not allow any postings to persist that contain racist, homophobic, or sexist in nature
- 14.01.12 The webmaster will remove anything that violates 14.01.11
- 14.01.13 Where a claimant believes a posting falls within 14.01.11 and has not been removed pursuant to 14.01.12, this shall be taken to the Executive Committee for ruling.
- 14.01.14 The Vice President (Operations and Finance) shall instruct the Computer Tech Support about necessary changes.

Policy History:

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OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT

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Expiration Date:

Responsibility for Policy:

Academic Affairs Board

Subject Matter

- *Category:* **OPERATING POLICY (GENERAL)**

- *Specific:* **STUDENT GROUPS**

- *Topic:* **List-Serve**

Introduction:

Student Groups Services has a membership of 300 strong. Therefore, it became imperative that the Student Groups Director communicate with these groups on a timely basis. The aforementioned necessitated the advent of the Student Groups Listserve. It quickly became apparent that this was an invaluable tool for the Director to communicate with these groups. However, external groups have seen the value in this and have requested use of this medium.

Policy:

- 50.05.01 The Student Groups Listserve will be used by the Director of Student Groups to announce events being hosted by, or in relation to, the office of Student Group Services or Students' Union.
- 50.05.02 Only groups who have satisfied the criteria for membership established in the University of Alberta Student Groups Bylaw may have access to the Student Groups Listserve.
- 50.05.03 No Student Group may post information on the Listserve that is racist, sexist or homophobic in nature. The Director of Student Groups Services shall exercise their discretion in these matters.
- 50.05.04 If satisfying 50.05.02 and 50.05.03, the Student Group must submit their announcement to the office of Student Groups Services before the end of the month.
- 50.05.05 The Director of Student Groups Services shall submit a monthly Listserve highlighting these submissions within the first week of the following month.
- 50.05.06 Appeals shall be taken to the Vice President (Operations and Finance) of the Students' Union in the event whereupon the Student Groups Director denied Listserve access to a Student Group upon the caveats proposed in 50.05.03.

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