

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Monday May 3, 2004 – 5:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2003-27/10

LEGISLATION

2003-27/10i

PANDYA MOVES THAT Students' Council approve the proposed resolutions:

A RESOLUTION recognizing that the present 24 hour day is problematic and that the Student's Union of the University of Alberta shouldn't have to take this from Mother Nature

WHEREAS the present 24-hour day is far too short to allow the average student to study, work, drink, socialize, legislate, and drink;

WHEREAS it is well-documented that sleep-deprivation poses significant health risks to students.

WHEREAS tuition is a concern for students, and longer days would allow students to find time to work for tuition;

WHEREAS this is a wide-spread issue that would offer the the SU the opportunity to partner with the provincial government and University Administration to combat the problem, paving the way for partnerships on future issues such as multi-year tuition without maximum-tuition hikes;

WHEREAS this would allow certain hacks more time to surf the Webboard and legislate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Student's Union oppose the present twenty-four hour day, and lobby Mother Nature for a change to a 36-hour day, which shall be known as metric time.

2003-27/10j

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, adopt a proposal that:
(a) nobody but the Internal Review Board cares about;

(b) would in no way affect the typical U of A student;
(c) would completely overhaul the way the S.U. works for no
apparently good reason; and
(d) is mostly just an excuse for the motion's mover to hear the sound of
his own voice.

2003-27/10k **SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the attached policy
on the adoption of a Multi-Year Tuition Policy (first reading).

Please see document LA 03-27.01

2003-27/11 **NEW BUSINESS**

2003-27/11a **SAMUEL MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve the granting of
\$1000.00 to the Alberta Collaborative Health Interdisciplinary Learning
Initiative from the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee granting funds
on their recommendation.

2003-27/11b **SMITH MOVES THAT** Students' Council upon the recommendation of
the Internal Review Board impeach Student-at-large Chris Jones, and
Student-at-large Mustafa Hirji.

2003-27/13 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Proposal to Develop a Multi-Year Tuition Policy

At present, the development of tuition policy by the Students' Union is an event that occurs at least annually, and sometimes more frequently. The 2003-2004 year, for example, was a veritable orgy of tuition-policy-changing activity, with the average lifespan for any one policy being less than a month. The shortest-lived policy, calling for "no tuition increase within the next twenty minutes," was adopted and summarily replaced over the course of a single meeting. Indeed, such was Council's enthusiasm for amending tuition policies that it once (upon the considered recommendation of the Tuition Undertakings, Planning, and Action Committee) adopted the General Motors Canada 1998-1999 Audited Financial Statements as the organization's tuition policy (which former President Mike Hudema immediately criticized as "not hard-line enough").

Since taking office, University Vice President (Academic) and Provost Dr. Carl Amrhein has opposed this state of affairs, noting that dealings with the S.U. have been somewhat difficult since its tuition policy would often change in the middle of one of President Mat Brechtel's sentences. At Amrhein's request, Council authorized Brechtel to enter into negotiations aimed at making a reality out of a revolutionary concept: a Students' Union tuition policy designed to last more than one year.

At the heart of the proposal is an agreement by the Students' Union to establish a tuition policy to last for the entire 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 years, with the policy in question calling for "whatever tuition rate is deemed advisable by the University of Alberta administration." In exchange for this policy, Amrhein has offered a number of significant concessions, including:

1. an agreement by the University to not seek any tuition increase beyond the provincially-allowable maximum during the life of the agreement;
2. an agreement by the University that a portion of any "leprechaun-related revenues" brought in by the University be applied directly against tuition increases, with the portion to be determined on a sliding scale ranging from 0% of the first \$100 billion to 0.3% of any amount above one gazillion dollars;
3. a non-voting, non-speaking, and non-attending seat for the Students' Union President on the University's Art Acquisition Committee;
4. the right of the Students' Union to contribute money to any provincially-targeted University campaign; and
5. one (1) Acme Sunshine Blower 2000™ (rectal variety), such that the Students' Union can have sunshine blown up its collective ass even in Amrhein's absence.

It is the considered recommendation of the Magic Committee of Hilariously Adept and Memorable Maniacs Eschewing Recommendations (MCHAMMER) that this proposal be accepted unread.