

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday May 13, 2003 - 6:00PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2003-02/13 **ELECTION OF COUNCILORS TO SU BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Please see updated boards/committees list in document LA 03-02.01.

2003-02/15 **LEGISLATION**
2003-02/15c SAMUEL/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Students' Council that it approve the proposed Political Policy – Post-Secondary Learning Act.

Please see document LA 03-02.02

2003-02/16 **NEW BUSINESS**
2003-02-16g SMITH MOVED the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Constitution and Bylaws of the Students' Union are in a state of shameful disrepair;
WHEREAS the 2003-2004 Internal Review Board show significant promise;
WHEREAS there are a number of jackasses sitting on Council as voting members;
WHEREAS many of these jackasses plan on moving bylaw amendments and rescincions over the course of the year; and
WHEREAS this sort of large scale legislative tinkering is best and most efficiently done through a subcommittee of Council in the first instance rather than in Council proper;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students' Council direct the Internal Review Board to undertake a review of the Students' Union "Constitution" and Bylaws.

2003-02/17

REPORTS

2003-02/17a

President- Mat Brechtel

2003-02/17b

Please see document LA 03-02.03
Vice President Academic-Janet Lo

2003-02/17c

Please see document LA 03-02.04.
Vice President External – Chris Samuel

2003-02/17d

Please see document LA 03-02.05.
Vice President Operations & Finance – Tyler Botten

2003-02/17e

Please see document LA 03-02.06.
Vice President Student Life-Jadene Mah

Please see document LA 03-02.07.

Students' Union Boards/Committees

- **Academic Affairs Board** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Financial Affairs Board** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Legacy Fund** – 1 councilor needed
 - **Access Fund** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee** – 1 councilor needed
 - **External Affairs Board** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Eugene Brody Committee** – 2 councilors needed
 - **Student Life Board** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Student Groups Committee** – 2 councilors needed
 - **Programming Committee** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Internal Review Board** – 3 councilors needed
 - **Awards Selection Committee** – 1 councilor needed
 - **SCAAB** – 1 councilor needed from each of :
 - i) **Faculty of Arts**
 - ii) **Faculty of Business**
 - iii) **Faculty of Education**
 - iv) **Faculty of Engineering**
 - v) **Faculty of Science**
- PLUS** 3 more councilors from those faculties not yet selected.
- **FACRA Board of Directors** – 1 councilor needed
 - **Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors** – 1 councilor needed
 - **APIRG Board of Directors** – 1 councilor needed
 - **Student Legal Services of Edmonton Student Levy Subcommittee** – 1 councilor needed
 - **Refugee Student Committee** – 1 councilor needed

- **Gold Key Selection Committee** – 2 councilors needed
- **Committee for Council Reform And Progress** – 3 councilors needed

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> May 13, 2003	<i>Page</i> 1 of 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> May 13, 2007	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	External Affairs Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i>	
- <i>Topic:</i>		

WHEREAS the proposed Post-Secondary Learning Act contains significant changes to the mandate, establishment and powers of Alberta Students' Unions;

AND WHEREAS these changes undermine the authority of the University of Alberta Students' Union to provide services, operate businesses and act as the official channel of communication between undergraduate students and both the University Administration and the Provincial Government;

AND WHEREAS Section 93(3) of the Act directs the mandate of the Students' Union to be "consistent with the purposes of the public post-secondary institution" rather than the direct interest of students;

AND WHEREAS Section 95(2) of the Act removes nearly all powers of the Students' Union from legislation, particularly the levying of student fees;

AND WHEREAS Section 95(3) of the Act fails to recognize the Students' Union as the official medium of communication between students and the University;

AND WHEREAS Section 97 of the Act provides the Provincial Government the authority to dissolve Students' Council solely on the basis of a financial audit;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union is opposed to s. 93(2), s. 93(3), s. 94(2), s. 95(2), s. 95(3), and s. 97 of the Post-Secondary Learning Act in their currently proposed form.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	May 12, 2003	Executive Committee	May 12, 2003

Report to Council
Mat Brechtel
President
May 12, 2003

Good Evening Council,

I thought about writing my council report yesterday morning, but I'm glad now that I didn't. At 3pm yesterday the province released a "Post-Secondary" Act, which will likely replace the Universities Act. We thought our major problem with it was the removal of the tuition cap, we were wrong.

But for now, the things that I have been up to are:

CAUS retreat—It seems like a decade ago, but the weekend of the 3-4 Chris Samuel and I went to the CAUS retreat where, along with the U of C SU, U of L SU and AUSU learned about the province and set our action plans for this year.

BOG Meeting and Strategic Planning—the day after coming into office I was parachuted into a strategic planning session with the BOG. The next day we had a BOG meeting. Both were abrupt beginnings, but so goes the life...

Oodles of info sessions—as is customary at the beginning of every year, there are info sessions on every part of the organization for the new executive. I have been to nine so far, and there are several more to come. The most interesting of these so far was the communications info session where the exec did taped mock interviews.

Meetings with people from everywhere—these have started. Again, at the beginning of every year there are lunches and meetings with all sorts of interesting people. So far we have had lunch with the Chancellor, lunch with the Chaplains, dinner with the BOG and breakfast with the Senior Managers of the SU. These have mostly been fruitful. Mostly.

Senate Task force report on Wellness—This was a major topic of conversation with the Chancellor at our lunch. The Senate released a report on wellness at the University, and there are several parts of it that will become interesting to us. The largest change that is suggested is a complete smoking ban on campus. The only other place that this has been done (to my knowledge) in Canada is Dalhousie. This is convenient because we are going to Dalhousie next week, and I have arranged a meeting with the fellow that spearheaded the change on that campus to discuss effects.

Alberta Bound—the University is beginning an initiative called "Alberta Bound" where a group of people from the University all travel to a rural community and showcase the activities that we undertake here. Chris and I have talked with the external affairs office and the SU will be partnering with the University on this initiative to find support throughout Alberta. The first visit will be to Vegreville on the 23rd and I'm glad to announce that our own Terra Melnyk will be going in the delegation on behalf of the students.

Oh, and exec meetings, which have totaled more than eight hours already... looks like it's going to be a long year!

Report to Council – V.001 (May 11th)

Hello Council!

Having fun yet? Trust me, the rest of the meetings won't go as long as the first one...we hope. Well, some of us hope. The rest of us wish Council would never end. This report will probably look a lot like my fellow Exec members, seeing as how I was with them for most of it...but, that's the way the solidarity cookie crumbles!

Anyways, to the report!!!

Day 1 (May 1, 2003) – Yowza. Full day of activity here!

- Sat in on Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Executive Director interviews
- Computer training (boo to Macs)
- Board of Governors (BoG) dinner (@ Timms' Center)
- Uncky Sharms still needs office to finish CAUS stuff, so I was officeless

Day 2 (May 2, 2003) – First run in with the media! Huzzah!

- John Manley visit to campus....[begs the question: Paul who?]
- Asked him some post-secondary education (PSE) related questions
- Got quoted (for the first time!) in Express News
- Anand still occupying office

Days 3 –5 (May 3 – May 5) – CAUS Changeover retreat (kickin' it with Matty B)

- Educated on several PSE-related issues in frosty Nordegg, AB
- Working on getting CAUS a.) office space b.) society status
- Selected an Executive Director – Melanee Thomas from U of Lethbridge
- Elected as Vice-Chair for CAUS! Yay!

Day 6 (kay, you see the pattern) – Meetings regarding meetings

- Attended meeting regarding “Alberta Bound”
- University of Alberta initiative – “reconnect with rural Alberta”
- Test town = Vegreville, AB on May 23, 2003
- Sending a few U of A undergrads to speak to high schools
- Had a “how to chair meetings” meeting (Steve Smith taught it ☺)
- Meetings re: Venues, Student Handbook, computer training II (macs not so bad)
- Got an office! Finally!

Days 7 + 8 – random meetings and phone calls

- Meetings re: Accounting, Marketing, event planning, Alta Bound
- First Exec Meeting!!! (note – never let Tyler take minutes. Ever)
- Discussion of government (likely) tabling Universities Act in the near future ☺
- Planning events with Community Relations Coordinator (CRC) Kimberly

Williams

- Set a date for the High School Leadership Conference – November 28th
- CRC working on Chancellors' Cup Charity Golf Tournament (May 26th – Mayfair Golf Club) : Proceeds go to High School recruitment program
- Putting together EAB transition manual
- Set up meeting with Doug Nelson, chair of Student Finance Board (SFB)

Day 9 – Chauncy!

- Met with (Chancellor) John Ferguson + Sandra Kereliuk for lunch (@ Rutherford Hizzaus)
- Discussed Senate report on Wellness
- Potential meeting with City Councilors via J-Ferg
- Breakfast meeting w/ SU Senior Managers (good kids, the lot of them)
- Media training workshop (we'll get good at this, I swear!)
- Discussion re: CAUS office space in SUB w/ Sr. Managers
- Cancelled meeting w/ Doug Nelson due to potential U Act tabling

Days 9 (evening) – 11 – Weekend

- Played some poker at the Speakers' new Pad (Snoop Boggy Bogg won bog...err...big)
- Wrote report to Council
- Working on a letter re: Colleges having degree-granting status

Up Coming Events!

May 14th – EAB Orientation meeting (all welcome! 5:30 @ 2-911 SUB)

May 18th – 26th – Canadian Congress of Student Associations (CCSA) @ Halifax

May 26th – Chancellors' Cup!

May 27th – Lunch with Hot Rod...err...Dr. Fraser

June 9th – High School Speaking @ Eastglen

November 28th – HSLC!!!

Report to Students' Council
May 13, 2003
Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Members of Council,

The past...twelve? days (sweet bylaws, has it only been **12 days?!?!)** have been the most enlightening, humbling, painful and all-around enjoyable days of my life. While I continue (in vain) to compete with the Vice President (Academic) for spending the longest spans of time possible in the office and continue to search for a social life (also in vain) outside of free SU-provided movie passes, I would be lying if I said I feel that I have been "easing into the position". I can only hope that this report proves to be a comprehensive expose on the exciting life of the Vice President (Operations & Finance), and that subsequent reports will not serve as a substitute for NyQuil. Read on worthy Councilors, as I expose my deepest, darkest secrets (or something like them)...

- 1. Meetings, Bloody Meetings** - Since we last met, I have attended something in the area of 25 meetings/workshops/info sessions, which is more than I have seen in my natural life. I suspect this will be the last time I have the pleasure of sitting in rooms with such a wide variety of people in such a concentrated amount of time, though hopefully this will mean I can spend some productive time in my office in the near future (at least, before 17h00).
- 2. Budget Process** – As you read this report, my office is lined with a lovely pattern of preliminary budgets and working papers, as I have begun the process (in conjunction with the Senior Manager Finance & Administration) of determining how the Nine Million Dollars rolling around in this organization will be allocated. Once I have a fully-functional Financial Affairs Board, we will be hard at work finalizing a budget that should be presented to Council at our first meeting in July.
- 3. Lease Agreements** – Following CAUS' approval of the sample lease agreement thrown together by yours truly on a Friday night (at the behest of the former Vice President External), I have begun work on finalizing a standardized agreement to be put to good use in allocating space for the CAUS Executive Director, Simple Foods Group and Wimmin's Centre.
- 4. Food Court Tenants** – As leases are up this summer for the SUB food court tenants, we are currently in the process of negotiating new terms, and analyzing proposals from other interested parties. Luckily, I was hauled into this process right away, and equally luckily, it should be finalized within weeks.
- 5. Bar Night Manager Interviews** – The process has begun for finding a new Night Manager for the Powerplant, with interviews concluding today.
- 6. Revolutionary Speaker Series** – Avid webboard readers will note that we are already looking for potential speakers to fill this year's lineup, and I have worked with the Vice President (Student Life) and Senior Manager of Programming and Licensed Activities (along with a bunch of other people whose titles would be too long to include herein) to select individuals who have revolutionized their particular field but will not revolutionize our financial situation.

7. **CRAP II (The Revenge)** – In the interest of reform and progress, I have consulted with various interested parties to discuss the structure and function of the subcommittees of Students' Council. This was to gauge sentiments on existing problems and possible solutions. Further consultation will bring forth a motion soon, along with an accompanying document to (hopefully) focus the attention of those involved in the review process. Councilor input in this area will be essential, as my personal involvement with these committees is extremely limited.
8. **Policies Galore** – To balance my fee-levying, budget-slashing tendencies, I have started the review of the organization's Operating Policies, some of which have been around longer than I have. Consider this a warning that you will find several Council packages in the relatively near future containing Policy changes (or you will find one Council package containing *all* the changes, heaven forbid).