

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday August 5, 2003 – 6:00PM  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

- 2003-09/8                      PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
- 2003-09/8a                    Mural
- 2003-09/12                   APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES  
REPORTS
- 2003-09/12a                Academic Affairs Report.  
Please see document LA 03-09.01.
- 2003-09/12b                Eugene Brody Committee.  
Please see document LA 03-09.02.
- 2003-09/12c                External Affairs Board Report.  
Please see document LA 03-09.03.
- 2003-09/14                   LEGISLATION
- SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform And Progress adopt the changes to Article VI - Powers Regarding Bylaws and rescind Article XVII (Master Copy of Constitution and Bylaws) (SECOND Reading).
- Please bring supporting documentation from the July 22, 2003 meeting.
- 2003-09/15                   NEW BUSINESS
- 2003-09/15b                COOK/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, strike an ad hoc committee of five (5) Students' Councilors to act as an audit committee until January 31, 2004, and direct it to issue recommendations on the Students' Union's internal and external audit procedures on or before January 31, 2004.

- 2003-09/15c BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to replace Matthew Wildcat as a member of the Access Fund Board for the remainder of the 2003/2004 year.
- 2003-09/16 **REPORTS**
- 2003-09/16b Tyler Botten, Vice President Operations and Finance.  
Please see document LA 03-09.04.
- 2003-09/16c Janet Lo, Vice President Academic.  
Please see document LA 03-09.05.
- 2003-09/16d Jadene Mah, Vice President Student Life.  
Please see document LA 03-09.06.
- 2003-09/16e Kimberly Williams, Community Relations Coordinator.  
Please see document LA 03-09.07.
- 2003-09/16f Chris Samuel, Vice President External.  
Please see document LA 03-09.08.
- 2003-09/16g Chris Samuel, SUDS Report.  
Please see document LA 03-09.09.

## From the Office of the VP Academic

Vice-President Academic: **Janet Lo** [vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca)  
Academic Affairs Coordinator: **Chris Henderson** [aac@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:aac@su.ualberta.ca)

Report to Students' Council  
5 August 2003

### 1) Academic Affairs Board

#### a. 14 July 2003

##### i. Formal Motions Considered:

None at this date.

##### ii. Intriguing Topics of Discussion:

1. Midterm Formative evaluations
2. Bear Tracks
3. KSI Development

##### iii. In Attendance: 6

A Abboud, J Meeker, S Kirkham, D Bullerwell, S Katz, MM Hirji

##### iv. Regrets: 3

Z Dube, C Jones, L McLaughlin

#### b. 23 July 2003

##### i. Formal Motions Considered:

JONES/BULLERWELL moved that the Board recommend to Students' Council that appointed student members of General Faculties Council be elected at the same time and in the same manner as are members of Students' Council, and direct the chair of AAB to move such a motion.

Vote on motion

7/0/0 CARRIED

##### ii. Intriguing Topics of Discussion:

1. Formative Course Feedback Service
2. User Acceptance Testing For Bear Tracks
3. Legal Review

##### iii. In Attendance: 7

A Abboud, J Meeker, S Kirkham, D Bullerwell, C Jones, L McLaughlin, MM Hirji

##### iv. Regrets: 2

Z Dube, S Katz

## **2) Council of Faculty Associations**

### **a. 24 July 2003**

#### **i. Formal Motions Considered:**

HUTCHISON/COOK moved that CoFA not endorse the motion submitted by the AAB regarding centralization of GFC elections.

Vote on motion 6/3/0 CARRIED

In Favor: AUFSJ, BSA, ESA, LSA, NUA, PERCS

In Opposition: ASA, ESS, UASUS

SCHENDEL/HUTCHISON moved that CoFA not endorse the Bylaw 2200 amendments whereby Faculty Associations no longer have a designated seat on Students' Council.

Vote on motion 7/2/0 CARRIED

In Favor: AUFSJ, BSA, ESA, LSA, NUA, PERCS, UASUS

In Opposition: ASA, ESS

#### **ii. Intriguing Topics of Discussion:**

1. GFC Centralization
2. Risk Management

#### **iii. In Attendance: 9**

A Abboud (ASA), D Arsenault (AUFSJ), A Cook (BSA), OTHER BSA'ers?, A Macgregor (ESA), A Thomas (ESS), D Hutchison (LSA), H Willis (LSA), R Littleton (NUA), H Higgins (PERCS), S Schendel (UASUS),

#### **iv. Regrets: 5**

AFHESA, MSA, NSSA, APSA, RMSA

## **3) General Faculties' Council**

### **a. 30 July 2003**

#### **i. Formal Motions Considered:**

WEPLER/KEHOE moved that GFCSC endorse the motion by the VP Academic to Students' Council to centralize GFC elections.

Vote on motion 7/0/1 CARRIED

#### **ii. Intriguing Topics of Discussion:**

1. GFC Centralization
2. Making GFCSC Better

#### **iii. In Attendance: 10**

Hannah Davis (Ag-For), K Herregodts (Bus), C Wudarck (Ed), L Bezuidenhout (Eng), D Wepler (Eng), T Bruniski (Pharm), A Grimsrud (Phys Ed), J Meeker (Science), Roman Kotovych (BOG Rep), J Kehoe (Sci.)

**iv. Regrets: 22**

A Abboud (Arts), D Berry (Arts), T Hamula (Arts), T Melnyk (Arts), H Wallace (Arts), S Hildebrandt (Arts), S Smith (Bus.), J Ing (Bus.), H Pirani (Dent.), A Ekdahl (Edu.), M Johnson (Eng.), Z Dube (FSJ), D Hutchison (Law), R Whitford (Nat. St), J Smolak (Nurs.), K Munro (Reb Med), T Elyas (Sci.), B Khatib (Sci.), F Cheung (Sci.), D Damaraju (Sci), M Bogda (Sci), K Williams (Sci)



The Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee had a meeting on July 23, 2003. In this meeting we decided on our committee's goal for the year and I now have it hanging up in my office. We also decided on a t-shirt design ( I was lucky enough to get fifty free t-shirts for our committee to wear to different events). We discussed the bylaws governing our committee and came up with some suggestions for changes. The committee made unanimous granting donations to various charities, ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Thanks to one Mr. Samuel for attending our meetings and taking fabulous minutes. Also thanks to the committee for being so involved. Our goal this year is not just to give monetarily, but also to give our time and energy to charities that need it. Look for us out and about in the community in the upcoming months.

Yours truly,

*Kimmy*  
Chair, Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

\* Here is a revised document of our minutes for our last meeting! If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [crc@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:crc@su.ualberta.ca). You can also ask your fellow councilors **Ms. Happy Holly Higgins** and **Ms. Helpful Heather Wallace**.

**Tyler Promised Me that he would Model His Brody t-Shirt at the Students' Council meeting after he receives the shirt. So Exciting!**

## **Excerpt from Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee July 23, 2003 Meeting...**

**“M. Shih/Pepin moved that Eugene Brody Committee grant \$100 to the Edmonton Search and Rescue Association.**

**Higgins:** I like the fact that they have a mission statement and that they give their mini-budget, it's really clean cut.

**Williams:** They gave me an invoice, too, because it was cheaper than sending a letter. I talked to the police officer on the phone. I think...he sounded cute. Don't minute that.

*Motion: M.Shih Second: Pepin*  
**Unanimous (6/0/0)**

**M. Shih:** This is “Helped the Aged Canada”, so they help the aged in Canada and developing countries, like India.

**M. Shih/Wallace moved that EBC donate \$100 to Help the Aged Canada**

*Motion: M.Shih Second: Wallace*  
**(6/0/0)**

**Taher:** This is the World Wildlife Fund...this particular one is to help *Bottle-Necked Whales*. The issue is that the whales here are affected by the air-guns that are being used here. They also say that the funds go to places other than just the whales. This is a Canadian project, so that's kind of neat.

**Taher/M. Shih moved that EBC grant \$105 to the WWF**

*Motion: Taher Second: M.Shih*  
**(6/0/0)**

**Wallace:** This is “Care Canada”, who has their national headquarters in Ottawa. They give money to shelter homeless people in developing countries. They deal with trying to keep families together during times of unrest. It's going to go to where it'll make the most impact and where it is immediately needed. The only thing is that they ask for really high amounts...like \$125, \$250 or \$500. They build communities by having drought resistant crops. They also teach women skills for sustaining living.

**Wallace/Higgins moved that that EBC grant \$100 to Care Canada.**

*Motion: Wallace Second: Higgins*  
**(6/0/0)**

**Pepin:** This is SOS Children's' Villages Canada. They're a larger organization, and they have a listing of all their members who have won their Queens' Jubilee. They have the philosophy, we're not here to help just by throwing money at the problem, and they try to teach people to help themselves.

**Pepin/Wallace moved to grant \$100 to SOS Childrens' Villages Canada.**

*Motion: Pepin Second: Wallace*  
**(6/0/0) Unanimous**

**Higgins:** I have one that's similar to SOSVC. This is a school program called "Building the Bridges of Literacy". They have a newsletter, like SOS Children's' Village Canada. This is more of a classroom, reading/writing literacy focus. I think that a hundred isn't far off, considering that we come from a place where we are all literate and know how important that is.

**Higgins/Pepin moved to grant \$100 to Building the Bridges of Literacy.**

*Motion: Higgins Second: Pepin*  
**(6/0/0) Unanimous**

**M. Shih:** This is Learning Disabilities Association of Canada. They help to make sure that people who have learning disabilities are provided environments to learn.

**M. Shih/Wallace moved to grant \$100 to Learning Disabilites Association of Canada.**

*Motion: M.Shih Second: Wallace*  
**(6/0/0)**

**Wallace:** This is the Canadian Hunger Foundation, and this is another one that gets money matched by CIDA. They're only asking, \$18, \$27 or \$35 dollars. Since it's matched, I would say that

we should give them \$200. They also donate cattle. They don't say anything about administration costs. CIDA only gives away 2.2 billion, so to get the match is pretty tough. I like the idea it's not just the food, it's cooperating with the communities. They help them figure it out, and it's not just, "here's your food, see ya'.

**Wallace/Higgins moved that EBC grant Canadian Hunger Foundation \$200.**

*Motion: Wallace Second: Higgins*  
**(6/0/0) Unanimous**

**Pepin:** This is called "Alternatives". They give money to displaced civilians in Iraq, and there is a lot of need there. They give a breakdown of what we give them will buy. \$100 will support a local nurse for one month.

**Williams:** Do you think they seemed political?

**Pepin:** I don't think so. There's another letter here and they're in the Congo. I think they go where people need it.

**Taher:** I think we should increase it to \$200.

**Pepin/Taher moved that EBC grant Alternatives \$200.**

*Motion: Pepin Second: Taher*  
**(6/0/0)**

**Higgins:** This is called "Change for Children". This one is matched by Wild Rose and by CIDA, so whatever we give is matched 2-1. They building social and economic independence for women in Chile. Popular resource center in El Salvador is another. They have an AIDS and STD education program in Peru. It's mostly based on children. It sounds like they go into developing countries and set up a multitude of projects. It encourages you to put your money to a certain project, but any one would be worth while. There is a category for designate where the need is greatest. If it's going to be 2-1, we should give them \$75-\$100. I think we should also go where need is greatest, but if we want to pick one.

**Higgins/Wallace move to donate \$100 per major cause as outlined above, totaling a grant of \$300 to Change for Children.**

*Motion: Higgins Second: Wallace*  
**(6/0/0)**

*[Total Spent Granting: \$1405]"*

**1. The following motions were passed at the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003 External Affairs Board Meeting**

a. SMITH/JONES MOVED THAT the External Affairs Board approve the following

principles relating to the Council of Alberta University Students, and direct the Vice President (External) to pursue their adoption by the Council of Alberta University Students as a whole, by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004:

1. That the Council of Alberta University Students be incorporated in some fashion;
2. That the Students' Union, University of Alberta's vote on amendments to the Bylaws of the Council of Alberta University Students and on changes to the membership fee of the Council of Alberta University Students be determined by Students' Council and that Students' Council retain the authority to delegate this authority to such individual(s) or body as it may see fit;
3. That the Council of Alberta University Students be financed primarily by a compulsory levy from its membership; and
4. That the level of this levy be sufficient for:
  - (a) the hiring of such staff as may be required by the Council of Alberta University Students;
  - (b) the conduct of such campaigns as may be deemed necessary and/or desirable by the Council of Alberta University Students; and
  - (c) the upkeep of the body corporate of the Council of Alberta University Students.

There was also significant discussion regarding Bill 43 campaign slogans, themes and communication mediums (eg. Pamphlets, posters, etc...).

**2. The following motions were passed at the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 External Affairs Board Meeting**

- a. Smith/Jones moved to recommend to IRB the package containing the recommended changes.
- b. Katz/Jones moved to recommend to Council that it rescind the political policy on the Student Finance Board
- c. Smith/Katz moved to recommend to Council that it rescind the political policy on the Canadian Federation of Students

**Report to Students' Council**  
**August 5, 2003**  
**Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)**

Members of Council,

As we catapult through the summer of '03, it is becoming increasingly clear to me that these reports should contain more *meat* and less *filler*. In order to accomplish that, however, I recognize that I need to pick up the pace and get moving on matters of larger importance than how my hair looks today or rescinding an Operating Policy or two. I present you the following report, detailing what I have been doing as well as what you can expect me to have made progress on by the next meeting. It's like I'm coming up with questions for you to ask in Question Period and all you have to do is keep this report (how's that for a freebie?)...

***The Past***

- 1 . Playing Martha Stewart** – Somehow I ended up being asked about things like the logo and colours for Cram Dunk. Suffice it to say, the logo looks smashing and the colours were not chosen by me (which is a very, very good thing). Also took care of exciting things like “drinking Fair Trade Coffee” and “agreeing on cup type/design” ...and we haven't even *gotten* to the Donuts yet...
- 2 . The Budget**– Turns out I shouldn't have been playing with spreadsheets as a few numbers got messed up in the mix and what *was* a \$9,838 deficit now *is* a \$2,782 surplus. Oops. FAB will be dealing with this mess and providing some recommendations to Council on it once we get quorum for a meeting.
- 3 . DFUs** – Remember how I promised budgets from APIRG, the Gateway and FACRA? Well...you'll have to keep waiting until the next meeting. Sadly we could not get a FAB together to handle them yet.
- 4 . Energy Audit** – Everything is set for our consultant to begin his work on the audit, as he will be starting the tours of SUB in one week. The overall process is bound to take months to complete but I will update Council on any significant developments, along with the final report on the matter.
- 5 . Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement**– Affectionately known as “the Coke Deal”; the agreement with Coca-Cola (signed in '97, expiring in '07) will be available for public perusal, save a few clauses on their pricing strategies. Honestly, the contract is fairly boring but there should be a copy of it in 2-900 soon...the catch is, you can't take it with you or copy it...

6. **The mural fiasco**– Much productivity and sleep lost on this mess. Expecting a return to what might be considered “normal” following Council this evening.

### ***The Future***

1. **All things Bars** – Having reviewed scads of documentation compiled on our bars over 2 years, I will be working alongside the Managers and the Vice President (Student Life) to put the finishing touches on menu selection, prices, advertising strategies, programming schedules and the like so we are ready for September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. **VP Walls** – In the interest of not having to worry about walls (much) in future months, I’ll be sorting out locations for our Donor Wall, whatever happens with the Mural Wall, as well as putting forth a proposal for a Council Wall.
3. **New Info Desk** – There appears to be a good chance we will be able to expand the reach of our Information Desks by adding ETLC to our family – working w/ the ESS to develop a proposal for the Dean’s Office to review. Results should be in by next meeting.
4. **My Website** – Damn, this needs some serious work. I’ll be putting up all Reports to Council, along with as much financial information as I can dig up. You can also expect to find some personal musings therein as I have decided that rather than chew someone’s ear off repeatedly with my political rants, I will include them online for anyone to see.
5. **Operating Policies** – I did promise a chunk of new Operating Policies and have yet to perform adequately in this area. In fact, I’m not even close to adequate, and my self-disgust has led me to get moving on this rewrite project now so that it does not have to come to Council wrapped in a Christmas bow.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Committee for Council Reform & Progress – Tuesday, 5 August @ Council Adjournment**

**University Budget Orientation – Wednesday, 6 August**

**AP!RG Board of Directors – Wednesday, 6 August @ 5pm**

**FACRA Board of Directors – Wednesday, 6 August @ 6pm**

**Access Fund Board – Thursday, 7 August @ 5pm**

**Internal Review Board – Monday, 11 August @ 4:30pm**

**Financial Affairs Board – Thursday, 14 August @ 5pm**

**FACRA Board Development Seminars – Friday/Saturday, 15/16 August**

**Internal Review Board – Monday, 18 August @ 4:30pm**

# REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VP ACADEMIC

REPORT TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL  
FROM: JANET LO, VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC  
SUBMITTED: TUESDAY 05 AUGUST 2003  
[HTTP://WWW.SU.UALBERTA.CA/VPACADEMIC](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/vpacademic)

## EXECUTIVE MATTERS:

- Met (count 'em) seven times over the last two weeks in a formal Exec meeting. Just check out the Exec Committee report for proof.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD:

[http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student\\_government/boards\\_and\\_committees/aab/2003-2004](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student_government/boards_and_committees/aab/2003-2004)

- Met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> on July
- Agendas, minutes, and handouts are updated on the website, thanks to AAC Chris Henderson!

## COUNCIL OF FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS:

[http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student\\_government/boards\\_and\\_committees/cofa/2003-2004](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student_government/boards_and_committees/cofa/2003-2004)

- CoFA Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July:
  - Thanks to UASUS, BSA, LSA, NUA, PERCS, ESS for providing me with their political structure outlines. Still looking for ones from other FA's. (worksheet downloadable on the CoFA website)
- 9 Faculty Associations in attendance.
- Special thanks to the Business Students' Association and their gracious President, Adam Cook, for hosting the CoFA meeting.
- Agendas, minutes, and handouts are updated on the website, also thanks to AAC Chris Henderson!

## GENERAL FACULTIES' COUNCIL STUDENT CAUCUS:

[http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student\\_government/boards\\_and\\_committees/gfcsc/2003-2004](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/su/student_government/boards_and_committees/gfcsc/2003-2004)

- GFCSC Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July:
  - Now scheduling one-on-one Q&A's with AAC Chris Henderson for all GFC Councillors.

## CHATS:

- Met with former AAS:JA President Don Carmichael. Discussed formative feedback systems, professor certification, and student expectations of professors.
- Went for lunch with our ever precious BoG rep, Sir Roman Kotovych. Discussed everything under the sun, and of course, the Board of Governors.

- Visited with the University of Regina Students' Union.
- Met with the Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association President, Christal Lacombe.
- Met with the Panhellenic Council President, Stephanie Kosinski.

### TECHNOLOGY:

- Still recruiting volunteers for User Acceptance Testing for the Bear Tracks upgrade. Testing will occur in September and October. If you are interested in lending your opinion to test Bear Tracks, please let me know ASAP.
- Bear Tracks report detailing inquiries I made about the system-down that occurred a few weeks ago is available on the fantastic AAB website. (see website address above) **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

### PROJECTS:

- Surveying students and professors. Met with Incite Solutions and got a good idea of the possibilities with surveying, and the timeline and process of developing a survey.
- Bear Scat. Worked on a proposal for the University.
- FA Handbooks. Finalized the contract with the ASA, AFHESA, NUA, and UASUS. Collecting feedback from this year's process, which will be compiled towards ensuring that this process is cleaner in the future, should it occur again.
- General Faculties' Council. Reviewing GFC policies! Preparing for GFC and its 6 standing committees that I sit on, which shall start again come September.
- Understanding this place. This is a phenomenally complex University-world that we live in. Still grasping concepts and "reality" flow-charts of direction. Hopefully, we'll have the GFC one done pretty soon for everybody to check out.

### INTERESTING NOTES:

- My office gets extremely messy when I'm busy.
- My phobia of moths was rekindled on a lovely Saturday morning in the office.
- Special thanks to Bear Scat creator Stephen Kirkham for being especially patient with my non-technical savvy self, and for taking the time to explain a tonne of technical terms to me.
- Also kudos to AAC Chris Henderson for putting up with my last two weeks and the stress-case that is moi. Thanks to him for being my supportive rock, and for keeping things under control when it was totally chaotic.

- Check out the new Report from the Office of the VP Academic, compiled by AAC Chris Henderson, regarding all of the meetings that have occurred under the Academic portfolio. This will be something that will continue for Council every meeting!
- Whoa, I'm off to Florida in 11 days! If you want a postcard, leave me an address, otherwise, it's sayanora to E-town and the U of A for a good 8 days.

**UPCOMING ACADEMIC INTRIGUES:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS STEERING COMMITTEE**

Meeting THU AUG 7, 8-10 am

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD**

Meeting FRI AUG 8, Lower Level Mtg Rm, 5-8 pm

**COUNCIL OF FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS**

Meeting WED AUG 13, 530-830 pm

ONLY REGISTERED FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS NEED ATTEND.

**JANET TAKES A HOLIDAY!**

Somewhere far away FRI AUG 15 to FRI AUG 22

*\*If you need anything or would like to discuss anything with me, please do so before I leave, as when I get back, I expect campus to be utter chaos\**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD**

Meeting WED AUG 27, Lower Level Mtg Rm, 5-8 pm

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD**

Meetings every Thursday, 5-8 pm, starting Sept 11th

**GENERAL FACULTIES' COUNCIL STUDENT CAUCUS**

Retreat SAT SEP 13, SUB Alumni Rm, 12-5 pm

# July 2003: Community Relations Coordinator COUNCIL REPORT

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August 5th 2003  
Kimberly Williams

## ACTIVITIES FROM THE MONTH:

### Training:

- Learning about sponsorship strategies from Geoff Grumble.

### Meetings:

- U-pass Meetings
- Bill 43 Action Plan Meetings
- External Affairs Board Meetings
- Policy meetings
- UASUS Meetings (Fridays for a fun-filled lunch, Science I love you guys!)
- Youth Anti-Racism Project Meetings
- Coordinator Meetings
- High School Leadership Meetings (Thanks Ailing for all your help!)
- United Way Campaign Meeting
- Meeting with Subtitles about Brody t-shirts
- Lunch Meeting with Coordinators and Janet about Academics
- Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee Meeting (Thanks Sammy for taking minutes)
- Charity Ball Meetings
- Attended an Executive Committee Meeting to Discuss our Charity Ball Proposal
- Speakers Series Meeting with Christine Dmytryshyn
- Marketing Meetings
- Seniors' Day Planning Meeting with Shannon Phillips

### Projects:

- **High School Leadership Conference**
  - Had dinner with Ailing Shih to brainstorm ideas for the format of the day.
  - Sent out sponsorship letters to every Dean and Faculty
  - Sent out letters to speakers
  - Met with marketing to discuss a theme
  - Did research on past conferences
  - Began filling out granting request forms
  - Made registration package content for marketing

- Booked rooms
- Began budget
- Began Schedule of the day
- Secured a vision
- Changed date to the date for November 28, 2003
- **External Affairs Board**
  - Put last years minutes on the web (those that I have)
  - Took minutes and supplied committee with needed documents
  - Attended meetings
- **Seniors' Day**
  - Talked to Moops at the NDP office for contact information.
  - E-mailed seniors societies such as Friends of Seniors', Society for Retired and Semi-Retired to ask about the best way of advertising for the event
  - Booked space
  - Began looking for sponsorship
  - Met with marketing
  - Planed activities for the day
  - Set out some promotional information to centers for their September News Letters
- **United Way Day**
  - Met with Lorna for the Senate office and anther member of the United Way Campaign Committee.
  - Began planning a fund raising day for early November.
  - Made a goal of raising \$1000 for the food bank.
  - Began planning programming activities
  - Was invited to sit on the United Way Campaign Committee
- **Charity Ball**
  - Meetings with Anna and Chris to discus ideas for the day and how the event fits into the organizations and our job descriptions.
  - Met with Executives to discuss Anna's Amazing Proposal
  - Met with Chris and Anna to discuss a budget for the event.
- **Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee**
  - Planning our participation in Mission in the Mall on October 5, 2003. We are entering two teams and their names are "Eugene" and "Brody".
  - Designing t-shirts.

### Exciting Things Next Month

- Finalizing Plans for Bill 43 Campaign
- Charity Ball Extravaganza
- I am going to a Wedding where my older brother will be wearing a kilt.
- Nora Jones at Folk Fest
- Edmonton Fridge Festival (Christmas time for anyone who is a part of the theater business)

***“Reach for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars!”***  
**-Les Brown**

VP External (that's Chris Samuel, fyi)  
Report to Students' Council  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Hello Students' Council. This is your VP External here, delivering you a report on the weeks from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. As far as meetings go, over the course of the two weeks, I've had a couple External Affairs Board meetings, one Eugene Brody meeting and an Internal Review Board meeting. Reports of those committees are attached.

There was also a meeting with someone from the Federal Health Ministers' Office, regarding the Upass. The information that we've given them will be passed on to the relevant federal departments, namely, transportation and environment. We're also receiving a comprehensive directory of federal subsidies, which may prove to be useful. Get it? **U**-Pass..**U**-seful? Oh boy...

A major step towards the completion of our Bill 43 campaign was completed on Thursday, during a day-long meeting in Calgary. Representatives from both CAUS and ACTISEC voted on and completed a joint submission to Alberta Learning. Also, we decided on a slogan for our campaign (Education Deregulation: Stop Bill 43) and a URL for our website ([www.tuitiontrouble.com](http://www.tuitiontrouble.com)). In the way of finances, ACTISEC and CAUS have committed \$4000 each towards the campaign. That equals \$8000 for the mathematically-challenged.

Also of significance this week: The mural fiasco. If there are any residual questions that the presentation to Council didn't cover, please contact me with any additional information.

Since, we're also a quarter of the way through the year, let's give a brief summary of the year to date while we're here. I got elected. A flurry of meetings ensued. Yup, that about sums it up.

And such is the life of the external...see you in two weeks, Council!

**Special Conference Report to Council!**  
**Student Union Development Symposium**  
**University of British Columbia**  
**SUDS – Not just found in your bubble bath anymore**

*“Mi casa es su casa, Ian.”*

*-James Kusie, National Director of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations,  
to Ian Boyko, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students*

Greetings all. Since it's a demonstrable fact that most of you read the first three lines of any report and stop, allow me to summarize my thoughts on SUDS right off the bat. Informative, intimate conference (~50 delegates), next time send only one of the President or the VP External (preferably the VPX), and whatever one you send, don't send them to CCSA.

Now, allow me to substantiate my statements. First of all, let me divide the conference into what I feel were the two main benefits of my attendance: networking and information.

**Information:**

SUDS was designed to be mainly a “how-to-lobby” conference. Unlike CCSA, there was only one stream of sessions, so there is a built-in redundancy if the President and the Vice-President (External) are both in attendance.

The titles of the sessions we attended were:

- \* Financial Aid
- \* Tuition: Panel Discussion
- \* Importance of PSE in Society
- \* Administrative Lobbying
- \* Provincial Lobbying: Panel Discussion
- \* Federal Lobbying: Panel Discussion

- \*How to get your message out
- \*Crisis Communications
- \*The Future of PSE: Presentation and Roundtable discussion
- \*Millennium Scholarship

The quality of these sessions, on the whole, was high. The conference binder came with an information package as an appendix, with a compilation of many useful articles. As you can see, there were a good number of panel discussions, which proved to be infinitely more useful than their non-interactive counterparts. Without boring you with the gory details, the sessions get a 7 (and forget that whole "9 to 4" thing...I'm sticking with the good old nine-point scale). My only criticism (and it's fairly hefty) is that fairly inexperienced speakers, who didn't have too much more knowledge of the subject area than I started with, gave the a large number of the sessions.

### **Networking:**

The prevailing equation behind conferences is that 70% of the benefit is derived from the contacts you make. For SUDS, I would generally say that this is true. However, having attended CCSA, there were very few "new contacts" to make. Hence, my recommendation to have whoever attends SUDS not attend CCSA...the repetition isn't beneficial. On the whole, though, I found the quality of interaction at SUDS to be much higher, as a result of a more intimate atmosphere. The downside to that, of course, is that you lose out in terms of sheer number of contacts made. However, since virtually all the delegates are the ones that deal in external matters, the focus is much tighter. This makes for a better conference experience.