

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday October 28, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## A G E N D A (SC 2003-15)

- 2003-15/1                    CALL TO ORDER
- 2003-15/2                    University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"
- 2003-15/3                    SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2003-15/4                    APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 2003-15/5                    PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
- 2003-15/6                    QUESTION PERIOD
- 2003-15/6a                    **SMITH** - In March of this year, an item came forward from in the Executive Committee report mandating the removal from the Students' Union Building of the Video Information Display System (VIDS). This represented the viewpoint of four of five members of the Executive Committee (the fifth abstained) that, given the various options available in dealing with VIDS, the best and most cost-effective solution was to remove them entirely. Three members of the current Executive were, at the time, voting members of Council - the President (who was at the time the Vice President (Academic), and who provided the abstention on this vote in the Executive Committee), the Vice President (External) (who was at the time a Science Councilor), and the Vice President (Academic) (who was at the time an Education Councilor). All three of these opposed the removal of VIDS, on the grounds that there was a way to make them useful to students without pouring large sums of money down a metaphorical drain. Approximately one half of the Executive Committee's term has now elapsed, and VIDS continues to be useless. What action, if any, will any member of the Executive Committee make to ensure that they will either be made useful at little or no cost, as was committed to last year in Students' Council, or remove them, as was unsuccessfully proposed by the last Executive Committee?

**2003-15/6b**

**SMITH** - Media coverage of the current multi-year tuition debate has often quoted the President. However, he has not drawn attention in any of this coverage to the Students' Union's current legal incapacity to accept any tuition increase, by virtue of the currently existing political policy calling for a tuition freeze. Is the lack of attention to this point a function of the President not addressing it in any of his comments to the media, or of the media not covering any of his comments on this matter? If the former, will the President commit to drawing attention to this political policy in all future interviews on the subject?

**2003-15/6c**

**SMITH** - Will the Vice President (Operations and Finance) comment on any progress that has been made in resolving the controversy over whether or not Students' Union licensed establishments should offer free refills of soft drinks?

**2003-15/6d**

**SMITH** - Money has been set aside in the 2003-2004 Students' Union budget to allow the Vice President (External) to take trips elsewhere in the country as part of the Students' Union's national lobbying strategy. Will he comment on whether or not there are any plans to use this money and, if so, how it will be used?

**2003-15/6e**

**SMITH** - Will the Vice President (Student Life) comment on the success and cost of the recent weekly SUB Stage programming initiatives?

**2003-15/6f**

**SMITH** - I note that the Environmental Conservation Office of Students (ECOS) is now advertising itself using an internet domain that is not part of [www.su.ualberta.ca](http://www.su.ualberta.ca). What is the reason for this, and will other Students' Union services soon be registering similar domains?

**2003-15/7**

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)**

Please see document SC 03-15.01

**2003-15/8**

### **APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**2003-15/9**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2003-15/9a**

**BRECHTEL MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of TUPAC Students' Council approve the opening of negotiations with the University of Alberta regarding multi-year tuition subject to the Students' Council approved conditions.

**2003-15/10**

### **LEGISLATION**

**2003-15/11**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2003-15/11a**

**BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Academic Affairs Board to prepare a report including both a definition for political advocacy at the University level and the necessary resources to effectively implement its political advocacy efforts, with said report to be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than 18 November 2003.

**2003-15/11b**

**BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to include recommendations, based on a report from the Academic Affairs Board, outlining any staff and administration changes needed for more effective political advocacy, in its report to the Financial Affairs Board pursuant to item 2003-14/11c.

**2003-15/12**

**REPORTS**

**2003-15/13**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2003-15/14**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2003-15/15**

**ROLL CALL**

**2003-15/15a**

**Next Council Meeting**

**UPCOMING**

November 4, 2003

**COUNCIL**

November 18, 2003

**MEETINGS**

**2003-15/16**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council October 21, 2003**

**1. The following motions were passed at the October 20, 2003, Executive Committee Meeting**

- a. BRECHTEL/SAMUEL MOVED THAT subject to a discussion with Dr. Horowitz and editorial changes as discussed, the letter regarding the proposed use of the Horowitz Theatre as a large classroom be sent to the University

VOTE ON MOTION

4/1(MAH)/0 CARRIED

**2. The following motion were passed at the October 22, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting**

- a. BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$425.00 from the Project Reserve for the cost of advertising the upcoming Student Councilor Forums.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/0 CARRIED