

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday, January 20, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## AGENDA (SC 2003-20)

- 2003-20/1                    CALL TO ORDER
- 2003-20/2                    University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"
- 2003-20/3                    SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2003-20/3a                  Approval of the January 6, 2004 Students' Council minutes.
- 2003-20/3b                  Non Com Chart
- Please see document SC 03-20.01
- 2003-20/3c                  **SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt the attached ruling on Paul Reikie's appeal of the decision of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board on the matter of Jones v. Reikie, Harlow, and Students' Council.
- Please see document SC 03-20.02
- 2003-20/4                    APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 2003-20/5                    PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
- 2003-20/5a                  Presentation by the Chief Returning Officer – Chad Moore.
- 2003-20/6                    QUESTION PERIOD
- 2003-20/7                    APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)
- Please see document SC 03-20.03
- 2003-20/8                    APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS
- 2003-20/9                    OLD BUSINESS
- 2003-20/9a                  **BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the Audited Financial Statements for the Students' Union Fiscal Year ending April 20, 2003.

**2003-20/10****LEGISLATION****2003-20/10a**

**SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, amend Article V of the Students' Union Constitution (second reading).

Please see document SC 03-20.04

**2003-20/10b**

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Articles I, II, III, IV, IX, and XI of the Students' Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the January 6, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.

**2003-20/10c**

**SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council amend its bylaws consistent with the following principles (first reading/notice of motion):

1. That members of the Executive Committee, the Chief Returning Officer, and Deputy Returning Officers be prohibited from endorsing or volunteering for any candidates or slates;
2. That the C.R.O. be required to announce, at least thirty-five days in advance of any plebiscite or referendum, the date of a meeting for the registration of sides;
3. That the date of the meeting referred to in (2) be not less than seven and not more than twenty-eight days in advance of the plebiscite or referendum in question;
4. That the C.R.O. be required to advertise the meeting and publish the wording of the referendum or plebiscite question in every issue of the Official Student Newspaper between his/her announcement of the meeting and the meeting's occurrence;
5. That candidates designated as joke candidates be given only seventy-two hours to provide a new name to the C.R.O. to avoid being so designated;
6. That regulations regarding the amount and placing campaign materials for referendum sides be made to conform with the regulations regarding campaign materials for candidates; and
7. That slates not be permitted to include more candidates for a given position than can be elected.

**2003-20/10d**

**BRECHTEL/PANDYA MOVED THAT** the Students' Council upon the recommendation of Committee for Council Reform and Progress amend Students' Union legislation such that the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative position be given to the VP Academic and the executive portfolios be reapportioned accordingly (first reading/notice of motion).

**2003-20/10e**

**SHARMA MOVED THAT** Students' Council amend the by-laws to change the term of office for the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative from one year to two years (first reading/notice of motion).

**2003-20/10f**

**SHARMA MOVED THAT** Students' Council amend the bylaws to (first reading/notice of motion);  
a) change the term of office for councilors from one year to two years;

- b) holding elections for half of seats (rounding up) available per faculty each year;
- c) Faculties with one seat would remain elected annually.

2003-20/10g

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, de-legislate the following (first reading/notice of motion):

- (a) the Academic Affairs Coordinator;
- (b) the Community Relations Coordinator;
- (c) the Student Activities Coordinator;
- (d) the Athletics Campus Promotions Coordinators;
- (e) the Campus Crime Stoppers Committee;
- (f) the Gold Key Selection Committee;
- (g) Residents' Associations
- (h) the General Faculties Council Student Caucus;
- (i) the Students' Union Award for Leadership in Undergraduate Teaching (SALUTE);
- (j) the Programming Committee;
- (k) the council of Faculty Association;
- (l) the Director of Information Services;
- (m) the Director of Safewalk;
- (n) the Director of the Student Distress Centre;
- (o) the Director of the Environmental Coordination Office of Students;
- (p) the Director of Student Groups;
- (q) the Ombuds Directors;
- (r) the Director of the Student Financial Aid Information Centre;
- (s) the Director of the Centre for Student Development;
- (t) all Student Involvement Awards funded by entities other than the Students' Union;
- (u) the Strategic Planning and Business Planning Cycle; and
- (v) the Official Student Newspaper.

2003-20/10h

**PANDYA/WUDARCK MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the report of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress and amend SU legislation accordingly (first reading/notice of motion).

Please see document SC 03-20.05

2003-20/10i

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve amendments to Students' Union legislation based on the following principles (first reading/notice of motion):

1. THAT up to 8.5% of the Student Involvement Endowment Fund be used annually to provide awards for undergraduate students who contribute to the campus community; and
2. THAT the Awards Committee be assigned responsibility for allocating these awards.

2003-20/10j

**WUDARCK/PANDYA MOVED THAT** the Residents' Hall Association seat and the University Athletics Board be removed from Students' Council (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-20/10k

**BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve changes to Students' Union legislation that adhere to the following principle (first reading/notice of motion);

1. removal of the requirement that voting members of the Executive Committee be “registered in the equivalent of at least one (1) full-year course for credit during the Winter Session”.

2003-20/10l

**DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT** Students’ Council attendance requirements be eliminated (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-20/10m

**DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT** Students’ Council proxies be eliminated (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-20/10n

**LO MOVED THAT** Students’ Council approve changes to Students’ Union legislation such that Student Councilors representing a Faculty be required to provide a regular written report to their respective Faculty Association regarding Students’ Council decisions, issues and happenings (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-20/10o

**SAMUEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council redefine it's political policy structure based on the following principles (first reading):

- 1.) That there be two separate levels of political policy.
- 2.) That there be a clear separation between the two levels of policy.
- 3.) That one of the levels of policy would be reserved for broad, long-term principles.
- 4.) That the other level of policy would be reserved for situational and more specific principles.
- 5.) That any policy referred to in 4.) cannot contravene a policy in 3.)

2003-20/11

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2003-20/11a

**EATON/SMITH MOVE THAT** Students’ Council adopt the revised standing orders of Students’ Council.

Please see document SC 03-20.06

2003-20/12

### **REPORTS**

2003-20/12a

Janet Lo, Vice President Academic

Please see document SC 03-20.07

2003-20/12b

Tyler Botten, Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see document SC 03-20.08

2003-20/13

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2003-20/13a

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the following principles:

1. That the Students' Union have one body responsible for the interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
2. That this body be called the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board, and that it be composed of between eight and eleven undergraduate students acting as tribunes.

3. That any undergraduate student excepting those serving as tribunes, any Students' Union constituted body excepting the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board, and Students' Council all have the authority to initiate a complaint about a contravention of Students' Union legislation and to request an interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
4. That tribunes be nominated by a Tribune Selection Committee to be composed of two voting members of the Executive Committee, as selected by the Executive Committee, two voting members of Students' Council, and subject to ratification by a simple majority vote by Students' Council, and two tribunes, as selected by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board.
5. That the Tribune Selection Committee have a quorum of five members, and that any candidate for tribune must be selected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee.
6. That the chair of the Tribune Selection Committee be elected by and from the Tribune Selection Committee.
7. That the election of the chair and the selection of tribunes be reported to Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board.
8. That there be a Chief Tribune and an Associate Chief Tribune, and that these be selected by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board, and that the names of the individuals holding these offices be ratified by a simple majority vote of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Tribune Selection Committee.
9. That all undergraduates excepting those serving as employees of the Students' Union or voting members of Students' Council or its subcommittees be eligible to serve as tribunes.
10. That tribunes serve until such time as they cease to be eligible, they resign, or they are removed by two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee, which must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Students' Council.
11. That complaints or requests for interpretation must be submitted in writing to either the Chief Tribune and the Associate Chief Tribune.
12. That, complaints or requests for interpretation must be ruled upon by a panel of three tribunes within seven days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune and the Associate Chief Tribune.
13. That, in the case of complaints, the agreement of both the appellant(s) and respondent(s) be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).
14. That, in the case of requests for interpretation, the agreement of the individual or body requesting interpretation be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).
15. That the panel of three set out in (12) include exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
16. That appeals must be submitted in writing to the Chief Tribune and the Associate Chief Tribune within seven days of the ruling by the panel of three.
17. That appeals must be ruled upon by a panel of five tribunes not part of the panel of three, including exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune, within fourteen days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune and the Associate Chief Tribune.

18. That any Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune who is not able to hear a complaint or request for interpretation due to conflict of interest be replaced on that complaint or request for interpretation by another tribune selected by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board.

19. That the Chief Tribune or, in his/her absence, the Associate Chief Tribune be responsible for scheduling hearings and appointing tribunes to panels.

20. That the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board have the authority to strike down or declare of no force or effect any piece of Students' Union legislation that contradicts any other piece of Students' Union legislation.

21. That the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board have the authority to censure any member of the Students' Union, on the basis of violation of Students' Union legislation.

22. That the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board have the authority to fine any employee of the Students' Union who reports to Students' Council or to the undergraduate student body as a whole an amount not to exceed twenty dollars, on the basis of violation of Students' Union legislation.

23. The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board have appropriate means to ensure its decisions are executed that do not involve referendum, on the basis of violation of Students' Union legislation.

2003-20/14

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2003-20/15  
2003-20/15a  
UPCOMING  
COUNCIL  
MEETINGS

**ROLL CALL**  
**Next Council Meeting**

February 3, 2004  
February 24, 2004

2003-20/16

**ADJOURNMENT**

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**STUDENTS' COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

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Tuesday January 6, 2004 – 6:00 PM  
 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

**ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-19)**

| Faculty/Position   | Name                       | Present/<br>Absent @ 9pm |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| President  | Mat Brechtel               | √                        |
| VP Academic  | Janet Lo                   | √                        |
| VP External  | Chris Samuel               | √                        |
| VP Finance   | Tyler Botten               | √                        |
| VP Student Life  | Jadene Mah                 | X                        |
| BoG Undergrad Rep.                                       | Roman Kotovych             | X                        |
| University of Alberta<br>Athletics Board Exec<br>Officer | Tawana Wardlaw             | X                        |
| Agric/Forest/HomeEc                                      |                            |                          |
| Arts   | Alex Abboud                | √                        |
| Arts   | Chris Bolivar              | √                        |
| Arts   | Vivek Sharma               | √                        |
| Arts   | Erin Kelly                 | √                        |
| Arts   | James Knull (Anand Sharma) | √                        |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Arts                        | Chris Laver                      | X |
| Arts                        | Terra Melnyk                     | √ |
| Arts                        | Vivek Sharma                     | √ |
| Arts                        | Heather Wallace (Samantha Power) | √ |
| Arts                        | Paul Welke                       | √ |
| Business                    | Adam Cook                        | √ |
| Business                    | Steve Smith                      | √ |
| Education                   |                                  |   |
| Education                   | Allison Ekdahl                   | √ |
| Education                   |                                  |   |
| Education                   | Christine Wudarck                | √ |
| Education                   |                                  |   |
| Engineering                 | Josh Bazin                       | √ |
| Engineering                 | Paige Smith (Cole Nychka)        | √ |
| Engineering                 | James Crossman                   | X |
| Engineering                 | David Wepler (Angela Thomas)     | X |
| Law                         | Dean Hutchison                   | X |
| Residence Halls Association | Kyla Rice (Mike Colborne)        | X |
| Medicine/Dentistry          | Jesse Pewarchuk                  | X |
| Medicine/Dentistry          | Tony Kwong                       | X |
| Native Studies (School of   | Matthew Wildcat                  | √ |



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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Nursing                 | Jean Abbott                     | X |
| Nursing                 |                                 |   |
| Open Studies            |                                 |   |
| Open Studies            |                                 |   |
| Pharmacy                | Erica Skopac                    | √ |
| Physical Education      | Holly Higgins                   | √ |
| Rehabilitation Medicine | Sarah Booth                     | √ |
| Faculté Saint-Jean      | Zita Dube                       | √ |
| Science                 | Matthew Eaton                   | √ |
| Science                 | Tereza Elyas                    | √ |
| Science                 | Justin Kehoe                    | √ |
| Science                 | Aisha Khatib                    | X |
| Science                 | LeeAnn Lim                      | X |
| Science                 | Shawna Pandya (Stephen Kirkham) | √ |
| Science                 | Elaine Poon                     | √ |
| Science                 | Steven Schendel                 | X |
| Science                 | Duncan Taylor                   | √ |
| President Athletics     |                                 |   |
| General Manager         | Bill Smith                      | X |
| Speaker                 | Gregory Harlow                  | √ |
| Recording Secretary     | Stephanie Van Orman             | √ |

**Guests of Students' Council** – Kim Flatt, Vanessa Thomas, Lisa McLaughlan, Stephen Kirkham, Jen Smith, Chris Jones, and Mike Reid.

**MINUTES (SC 2003-19)**

2003-19/1

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2003-19/2

**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

President leads Students' Council in singing the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2003-19/3

**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

**Speaker** – Over the Christmas holiday I had the opportunity to review Students' Council attendance. The following councilors have not met attendance requirements: Schendel, Pewarchuk, Khatib, and Lim. These councilors, with the exception of councilor Lim, who is not in attendance tonight, will have the opportunity to apply for reinstatement.

**SMITH/EATON MOVE TO** reinstate councilors Pewarchuk, Schendel, and Khatib to Students' Council.

**Speaker** – The councilors will now have the opportunity to make a statement regarding their absences.

**SCHENDEL** – I would like to apologize for my lack of attendance. This is my fourth year, and it has been really busy. I've learned the cheer song. Look at my hang-dog face.

**DUBE** - what are you going to do to change?

**SCHENDEL** – I intend to do better.

**PEWARCHUK** – Asks for reinstatement. Will try to do better. There were a few meetings in the summer in which I had arranged for a proxy to attend in my place, but I don't think they actually came to the meetings.

**DUBE** – Your Proxy wasn't didn't come to the meetings?

**PEWARCHUK** – Proxy wasn't there? No, I don't think so.

**KHATIB** – I do apologize for missing meetings. Last term was rough. Some of the impromptu meetings through me off. I still love the Students' Union. I promise to show up to meetings from now on.

**TAYLOR** – The impromptu meetings through you off?

**KHATIB** – I was working two jobs, and working on the tuition campaigns. Those meetings were called on short notice, and I wasn't able to arrange for a proxy. My work schedule is different this year, and I'm not doing any other volunteering.

**DUBE** – We are having a hard time making quorum. Attendance requirements are not the problem. They did not meet criteria, they breached the rules, and so lets stop making excuses.

**ABBOUD** – I remember Schendel and going home before the first meeting of this council began.

**TAYLOR** – I have a concern; as to what has happened in the Rekke case. Seats are vacant. Students are not being represented. Two of these councilors are from my faculty. I don't like people unrepresented. Schendel puts in a lot of work, and if he says he's eager to make things better, I believe he will follow through. I don't often agree with Pewarchuk, but I would hate to lose him as a councilor.

**SMITH** – In the future I want to eliminate attendance requirements.

**PANDYA** – People don't take the appeal very seriously. I respect individuals, but I don't think saying I'm sorry will cut it. We've set precedence in the past – do we want to set them tonight?

**EKDAHL** – If there is to be a punishment – vote them out.

**WALLACE** – If we vote them out we might not have quorum. I'm busy too and this is my priority and they don't make this their priority.

**BOTTEN** – We need attendance requirements.

**WALLACE** – We are up against a wall and I would rather see them in council. We are wasting time talking about attendance when we've already decided it is a priority. Maybe we need to show that this is a serious show.

**DUBE** – We need to show students that this is important.

**LO** – No one will know that we are making an example of anyone. We do not have a system accurate enough so that they will know they are not being represented in council.

**WALLACE** – There is no accountability to the students. We need to advertising and letting students know what's happening here. Getting something in the Gateway is a possibility.

**DUBE** – Students' have means of finding out, and that is a measure for accountability and student awareness.

**WALLACE** – That will filter down through the web board.

**DUBE MOVES TO** separate motion so that each councilor is voted on individually.

**DUBE** – these are different cases and need individual attention.

**SMITH** – Friendly.

VOTE ONE (Pewarchuk)

**DEFEATED**

VOTE TWO (Khatib)

**DEFEATED**

VOTE THREE (Schendel)

**DEFEATED**

**Speaker** – As usual, are there any appointments to Students' Council? Seeing none. Please come sign the guest of council sheet up at the front if you are a visitor.

2003-19/3a

**Approval of the November 18, 2003 Students' Council Minutes.**

**SMITH/EKDAHL MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the November 18, 2003 minutes.

**BRECHTEL** – On page 13, please change my comments on the bottom of the page that read, "If what he suggests that we hit the cap already and you are suggesting that we have maximum tuition, then those two statements in the agreement would be" to "If what he is suggesting is that we hit the cap already and you are suggesting that we have maximum tuition, then those two statements would be in agreement."

**HIGGENS** – I was present at the November 18, 2003 meeting.

**CARRIED**

2003-19/3c

**Approval of the November 25, 2003 Students' Council Minutes.**

**WUDARK/BAZIN MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the November 25, 2003 minutes.

**BRECHTEL** – On page 7, please delete the sentence, "Decorum issues may come up", and please change the next sentence to read, "There has been plenty of debate on this, but it's been productive and there is no comparison on other student issues that have been debated upon."

**CARRIED**

2003-19/3b

**Approval of the November 18, 2003 Students' Council In-Camera Minutes.**

**BAZIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT** Students' Council move In-Camera.

**CARRIED**

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE TO** adjourn.

**DEFEATED**

**BRECHTEL/PANDYA MOVE THAT** Students' Council move Ex-Camera.

**CARRIED**

2003-19/4

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the agenda.

**SHARMA/SMITH MOVE TO** amend item 10d of the agenda to read:  
**SHARMA MOVED THAT** Students' Council amend the bylaws to;  
a) change the term of office for councilors from one year to two years;  
b) holding elections for half of seats (rounding up) available per faculty each year;  
c) Faculties with one seat would remain elected annually.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**BOTTON/SMITH MOVE TO** withdraw item 5a from the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**Speaker** – Item 10l marked as a Late Addition item was an administrative error and is part of the agenda package. In addition the order of the first three items under legislation will be changed to 10b, 10c, and then 10a, as that is the correct order of the items according to the Standing Orders.

2003-19/6

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**MELNYK** – This question is for the President. Where did we receive the stats for tuition campaign, and where were they compiled?

**BRECHTEL** – My information was forwarded to the Research Assistant. I will ask him to send you the information.

**EATON** – This question is for the Vice President Operations and Finance. How is an honorarium decided? I think there should be legislature in place.

**BOTTEN** – Are you referring to the Dinwoodie student group honorarium? Okay. I will have a policy in place by the end of the school year.

**DUBE** – This is a question for the President – In a TUPAC meeting in December, the President informed the committee they would be hiring a Tuition Volunteer coordinator. There has been no word on website. It was brought up in an Executive Committee meeting, but not approved. What is happening with this position?

**BRECHTEL** – It was brought to the Executive Committee mid December and the Executive Committee wanted more time to consider it. They wanted a solid job description. They wanted list of responsibilities, and a few changes from in the Vice President External who has been in Singapore competing in the World Debate Championships. The Executive Committee will talk about it in the meeting taking place this Monday.

**DUBE** – Who will coordinate volunteers during the tuition campaign?

**BRECHTEL** – No single person will coordinate the volunteers for the tuition campaign. Each event's volunteers will be coordinated by the individual in charge of that event.

**TAYLOR** – Question for the President: What happened with the move to get tuition information on cups at Cram Dunk?

**BRECHTEL** – The cups came in, in December during exam week on a Wednesday. The cups went to Cram Dunk and have been available there. They will also be at tuition events and AntiFreeze.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the Vice President External. Two motions were sent to EAB. One was regarding Political Advocacy and the other was regarding the U-Pass. What has happened so far?

**SAMUEL** – OK, first with the Political Advocacy motion. We're currently restructuring, although nothing will be finalized until budget time. Upass motion – we'll be talking about it at EAB this Friday @ 4:00pm, in 2-911.

**SMITH** – I have a question for the President. Where are we currently with the Advocacy Director position?

**BRECHTEL** – We did interviews for the Advocacy Director position at the beginning of December. We have hired Erin Crus and she went to the University of Saskatchewan and was active in the Students' Union. She's very keen to be part of our team.

**DUBE** – I have another question for the President. Why are the publications related to the tuition campaign just coming out now?

**BRECHTEL** – Not all the venues for the events were confirmed. There were really two things: it works out better if we promote events that take place after Christmas after Christmas (people are less likely to remember that they are happening), and the Faculty Association coordinated at the same time. There is a value in putting it all together at once.

**WELKE** – I have a question for the President. Before the Tuition Campaign, the Lister Hall Association was given closed access to President with regards to the tuition. Why were these meetings closed?

**BRECHTEL** – I saw lots of other people besides the people from Lister. It was not a priority for many others. The Lister people run the events in their space. Lister hall is not a Students' Union venue. They have to decide to run an event so have to make many other decisions about the event.

**MELNYK** – I have a question for the Vice President External. I know you have been away, but would it be possible to give us an update with CAUS? Specifically regarding the Bylaws and tuition campaign participation.

**SAMUEL** – It is an organization now with a bank account. There are some outstanding issues with membership fees with the University of Lethbridge. We are working to resolve them. We know that when we do ask them for their involvement and support – there has not been opportunity – call will be put out there.

**DUBE** - I have a question for the President. What is being done to involve the Faculte Saint Jean in the tuition campaign? I realize that is the choice the of the faculty what the involvement would be and since we are out of the way it is difficult, but what is being done?

**BRECHTEL** – It is up to the discretion of the faculty. We will have some posters and some on campus pamphlets sent over. We should be going around campus and asking students, including your faculty, what they think about tuition.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the Presidents. Other than posters what else is being done to advertise the tuition campaign. Will there be classroom announcements. Specifically regarding the march, what is being done externally?

**BRECHTEL** – There will be press releases. The media should be out for the different events. I spoke to Journal so they might be out. We will be out talking to students and giving out handbills that are also invitations to events. I'll be doing classroom speaking next week.

**DUBE** – I have a question for the President regarding his comments in the Edmonton Journal yesterday in the article entitled "A Grey and Wrinkled City Council" on page 1.

**BRECHTEL** – I have sent out an email to the journal regarding the use of my remarks. A lot of the comments were taken out of context. The thrust of the article was that students don't vote and he was trying to get at why. I ended up talking about city council focusing on senior issues because seniors are the voters.

**KEHOE** – I have a question for the Vice President External regarding the tuition campaign. For the Bill 43 we did the march to the legislature. Are we really only doing a rally for the tuition campaign? And why is it taking place in the Art/Business Quad instead of out in the main Quad.

**SAMUEL** – Refer this question to the President.

**BRECHTEL** – During the march to the Legislature we lost a lot of people. We don't lose so many people if we keep them in one space. We will do a candle lit walk back to SUB, and it should be a good visual. The reason for the Arts/Business Quad, well, the attainable expectation 1000 people out needed a space. I think it will be a really good compromise purely on size and the number of people who will show up.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the President. After the Board of Governors meetings, there is usually no way to find out what was discussed at the meeting.

**BRECHTEL** – Individuals involved accepted the idea of a joint press conference move in on the media. We talked about having a forum, but BAC rejected this idea as they are usually poorly attended. They wanted to wait a couple weeks before we focused on cooperating. We want to do a live feed in SUB. I will be getting a quote on that tomorrow. It will allow students to know that access.

2003-19/7

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

**TAYLOR** – I have a question for the Vice President External. Why did you vote against 1a of the Executive Committee Report?

**SAMUEL** – I think I voted against it because I wanted to give them more money. Simply looking at the vote is taking it out of context. We were discussing the level of sponsorship. If you're interested I could get you the minutes.

### **APPROVED**

2003-19/10

### **LEGISLATION**

2003-19/10b

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Articles I, II, III, IV, IX, and XI of the Students' Union Constitution (first reading).

**SMITH** – The rescinding of these articles is moving in the direction to eliminate constitution. IRB was asked to determine which ones are entirely useless. According to the Post Secondary learning act, every member of alumni could vote in elections. Article two is out of University Act, Bylaw 100, and Bylaw 200. Article four; powers are not ours. Bylaw 100 covers Article nine, and Article 11 is an old article from the days when student groups were accountable to Students' Council. Now the university is accountable for them. These can be eliminated now and the rest of the constitution can be eliminated later after the bylaws have been amended.

### **CARRIED**

2003-19/10c

**SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Article V of the Students' Union Constitution (first reading).

**SMITH** – This is another step toward removing the constitution.

**COOK** – Please clarify why we want to get rid of the constitution.

**BRECHTEL/DUBE MOVE TO** amend by Article 5, section 1a. to read: An amendment to this constitution is valid only after being passed at two (2) meeting of the Students' Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present. Such meetings will be held at least on (1) week apart.

**SMITH** – Friendly.

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council direct IRB to draft Bylaw(s) to retain the referendum mechanism and restrictions.

**SMITH** – I'd rather see IRB bring a slightly different mechanism forward rather than binding it to bring forward an identical mechanism to that which now exists. Retaining the exact same mechanism is unnecessary.

**Speaker** – give IRB Directions to draft something. Retains the status quo six years must pass before they can amend something to the referendum.

### **AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN**

**Cook** – We would be able to pass Articles of Constitution in two meetings instead of three?



**BRECHTEL** – What this will do is it will allow IRB to create bylaws to bring it to council before changeover to cover the points in the constitution that we want to retain. There may not be time if we continue with three readings. This allows time to change the bylaws.

**CARRIED**

**Speaker** – There will be a for 10 minute recess.

2003-19/10a

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the following principles (Second Reading):

1. That the Students' Union have one body responsible for the interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
2. That this body be called the Students' Union Tribunal, and that it be composed of between eight and eleven undergraduate students acting as tribunes.
3. That any undergraduate student excepting those serving as tribunes, any Students' Union constituted body excepting the Students' Union Tribunal, and Students' Council all have the authority to initiate a complaint about a contravention of Students' Union legislation and to request an interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
4. That tribunes be selected by a Tribune Selection Committee to be composed of two voting members of the Executive Committee, as selected by the Executive Committee, two voting members of Students' Council, as selected by Students' Council, and two tribunes, as selected by the Students' Union Tribunal.
5. That the Tribune Selection Committee have a quorum of five members, and that any candidate for tribune must be selected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee.
6. That the chair of the Tribune Selection Committee be elected by and from the Tribune Selection Committee.
7. That the election of the chair and the selection of tribunes be reported to Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Students' Union Tribunal.
8. That there be a Chief Tribune and an Associate Chief Tribune, and that these be selected by simple majority vote of the Students' Union Tribunal, and that the names of the individuals holding these offices be reported to Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Tribune Selection Committee.
9. That all undergraduates excepting those serving as employees of the Students' Union or voting members of Students' Council or its subcommittees be eligible to serve as tribunes.
10. That tribunes serve until such time as they cease to be eligible, they resign, or they are removed by two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee.
11. That complaints or requests for interpretation must be submitted in writing to either the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
12. That, complaints or requests for interpretation must be ruled upon by a panel of three tribunes within seven days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
13. That, in the case of complaints, the agreement of both the appellant(s) and respondent(s) be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).

14. That, in the case of requests for interpretation, the agreement of the individual or body requesting interpretation be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).
15. That the panel of three set out in (12) include exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
16. That appeals must be submitted in writing to the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune within seven days of the ruling by the panel of three.
17. That appeals must be ruled upon by a panel of five tribunes not part of the panel of three, including exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune, within fourteen days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
18. That any Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune who is not able to hear a complaint or request for interpretation due to conflict of interest be replaced on that complaint or request for interpretation by another tribune selected by the Students' Union Tribunal.
19. That the Chief Tribune or, in his/her absence, the Associate Chief Tribune be responsible for scheduling hearings and appointing tribunes to panels.
20. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to strike down or declare of no force or effect any piece of Students' Union legislation that contradicts any other piece of Students' Union legislation.
21. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to censure any member of the Students' Union.
22. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to fine any employee of the Students' Union who reports to Students' Council or to the undergraduate student body as a whole an amount not to exceed twenty dollars.
23. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to initiate a referendum on the vacation of any Students' Union elected office.
24. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to initiate a referendum on the dissolution of Students' Council or of the Executive Committee.

**BRECHTEL** - What does it mean? Does anyone have any questions? This is the separation of judicial powers. There will be two levels of appeals. One goes to SCAAB and the other goes to DIE. If it goes to DIE, there is a pool of which you draw three people and if it goes to SCAAB, five people will be chosen out of the same pool. The members will have a selection committee like IRB's. People will be prevented from sitting on other committees. People will be on the committee until they choose they won't be on the committee. New power is given to them to strike down any piece of Students' Union legislation. They will have the power to censure employees such as the Executive Committee, the Chief Returning Officer, and the Speaker for council. They will be able to fine them. This power does not extend to staff members, just people who report directly to Students' Council. If you didn't follow the rules, the fine will be no heavier than 20 dollars, but they can't kick out an executive or councilors. They will also have the power to initiate referendum.

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE TO** amend sections: 11, 12, 16, and 17 by changing the word "or" in 'Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune' to "and".

**BRECHTEL** – Friendly.

**ABBOUD/DUBE MOVE TO** amend the principle by changing the word 'selected' in section four to 'nominated', the words 'as selected by Students' Council' also in section four to 'subject to the ratification by Students' Council by a simple majority vote', the word 'simple' in section eight with the word 'two-thirds', the word 'reported' also in section eight with the words 'ratified with a simple majority vote of', and the words added onto the end of section 10', which must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote by Students' Council'.

**ABBOUD** – This would be taking separating one branch from the other parts. I believe that checks and balances should monitor branches of government. The other branch can vote on an issue or selection and this provides accountability. The system used in the United States is a good model – judges are nominated by a committee, and subject to ratification by the legislature – provides check on Students' Union and the Executive Committee. Provide similar accountability. Standard vote is two thirds in the United States and in the Students' Union to remove an executive officer. We need more checks and balances. The way it reads now provides this.

**SMITH** – I'm in opposition against this. It goes in the direction of subordinating them to Students' Council. When IRB was preparing their recommendation they thought this was the appropriate mechanism. The requirement for a super-majority ensures that no single branch of government can dismiss tribunes without the cooperation of another branch. Council could start that. Insulation of the judiciary from the legislature allows for greater independence.

**DUBE** – This provides a system of checks and balances. We are giving power to a small group and then bringing it back to a larger body. We are here for the students. In a judicial board, being able to release a judge with a motion that was passed in council with a two-thirds majority vote - did they act properly? Accountability is never a failing. I support the amendment.

**EATON** – I support a system of checks of balance. What about a situation where there were an equal number of councilors and tribunal officers and someone agreeing where there was a problem? This would make a balance in power between council and this new committee.

**DUBE** – the selection committee passed these choices. This would leave it up to council to remove tribunal officers. I would rather have equal officers working rather have them remove themselves than us removing them.

**ABBOUD** – The judges are accountable, because they have to report their appointments/dismissals to Students' Council, but their decisions and actions are not directly the responsible Students' Council or to anyone else. It is a better system with the amendment and does not touch the actions and touches the office only.

**WELKE** – This doesn't give Students' Council the power to make their decisions. It is a minor check, and council doesn't come up with whether someone is hired or fired, they only ratify the decision already made.

**DUBE** – This also provides the selection committee the opportunity to justify their actions. Some students want an explanation as to why someone is no longer employed in a position that they were affected by and they're happy when we can. This allows for communication and allows for decisions that are sounder.

**SMITH** – Section eight would ultimately be the selection the chair and the associate chair. I would continue to vote against this. Sections four and ten, but because of eight, I would recommend that you vote against it.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVE TO** amend the motion so that the 'Students' Union Tribunal' be called the 'Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement' Board (DIE Board), with the appropriate changes throughout.

**SAMUEL** – It's not a board of the Students' Union. Changing the name to DIE Board implies that no change has been made to the organization. Using the word 'Tribunal' is more accurate than 'Board'.

**NYCHKA** – The change is simple to explain. It wouldn't be hard to explain that the board has a new name and how it is different.

**DUBE** – We will have a really hard time explaining it to students. Students read DIE Board reports in the back of the Gateway. We are the only ones who are going to know about the change. Students are more interested in the outcome of the decisions. That's what people know. Let's not confuse them. Let's be consistent. Let's keep the name the same.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**WELKE** – Rising on a point of order. Wouldn't this principle be dissolving a student body? It's the motion out of order because dissolving student council would be illegal?

**Speaker** – The point of order is not well taken. That's not what it's saying. It's speaking more along the lines of reorganizing. When the principle goes to IRB for drafting, I believe it will reflect that idea rather than actually dissolving a student body. However, if that is not the case, it can be sent back to IRB to be redrafted.

#### **Will of the chair upheld.**

**SAMUEL** – A referendum initiated by DIE would be under the same restrictions; to be held at the same time as the general elections would be useless. What is the reporting mechanism? DIE board is required by publish in Gateway? What resources will this board have? Are we going to be paying the tribunal? Being paid is quite time incentive. Please address these.

**BRECHTEL** –Referendum will be immediate. There will be no need to wait until elections. These were considered in IRB. It was considered to be the reporting mechanism.

**COOK** – Will there be hearing marked in the same way as outlined in Bylaw 1200.

**BRECHTEL** – Is it true that some things are better left to regulation?

**COOK** – Sometimes. I was just wondering if it will that be back from Bylaw 1200.

**BOTTEN/DUBE MOVE TO** amend the principle by striking sections 23 and 24 and replacing them with new section 23, which reads: That DIE Board have appropriate means of ensuring its decisions are executed that do not involve referendum.

**BOTTEN** – I'm bothered by this. This will essentially place the tribunal above everything else that exists. We could have a situation where the Tribunal is directing the Chief Returning Officer to ask students if his/her bosses should retain their seats. A referendum is too expensive. Two elections could happen in the same year and there is no money for that sort of thing.

**SMITH** – I understand your point. However, IRB thought about this a lot and was unable to think of something between these two methods of censure. Are we going to allow them to dismiss their officers? IRB would not have any other route. I think it doesn't work. It put the hammer in the possession of the DIE Board. IRB needed to come up with something. Making DIE bigger than council is not a good idea. Calling a referendum would be used as a last resort. If we get rid of this I want to be aware that sections 20 to 22 would remain the only enforcement mechanisms. Valid concerns would come out on the web board.

**WELKE** – Is there something between a referendum and a fine? What about a suspension or maybe we could suspend voting privileges.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**SAMUEL MOVES TO** amend section 21 through 23, to add "on the basis of violation SU legislation".

#### **AMENDMENT IS FRIENDLY**

**SAMUEL MOVES TO** add section 24, which reads "Members of DIE Board will be financially remunerated."

**SAMUEL** – My reason for this is that we're giving this board increased responsibilities, and a greater role in the organization. We're asking them to spend more time doing their jobs. That should be reflected in their pay.  
**DUBE** – Will they meet very often? This is a different issue. Can be amended?

**SAMUEL** – We can't afford to have weak DIE Board members. Students' Council can afford to have a few lame ducks. This is so small and powerful that we will need them to be really committed. We're raising the level of importance and giving them a greater burden. We need to be confident that the group is up for it. Year after year we will be getting a strong DIE Board.

**DUBE** – Are you saying that the current DIE board is weak

**SAMUEL** – I'm not saying that at all, but not all the ones we've had are strong. Paying them will provide a greater chance that we will get the best people for the board. I want to take that chance.

**SHARMA** – It is a board with six people. Are there any alternative non-monetary methods to motive people? Small perks that would be enough, but no money.

**SAMUEL** – I don't think so. In this instance we should look into wages.

#### **AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED**

#### **MAIN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SMITH/DUBE MOVES TO** that Students' Council give special orders to 10l, 11a and 11b

2003-19/10l

**SMITH/DUBÉ MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed political policy respecting Tuition Levels and Regulation, and THAT Students' Council rescind the existing political policies on Tuition, the Post-Secondary Learning Act, Alberta's Tuition Policy, Tuition Authority, Tuition Deregulation, and Post-Secondary Education Funding Cutbacks.

**SMITH** – There has been a major lack of consistency in our efforts regarding tuition. Why aren't we saying that things have gotten bad and do need to be changed? This is something that says we need a change in tuition rates. Students' want a change.

**SMITH** – Amendment Jan 20

**SAMUEL** - Why is it pressing?

**SMITH** – Waiting means that we will have no Political Policy properly representing ourselves for the tuition campaign. We wasted all that time exploring multi-year tuition. This has to be dealt with right away.

**DUBE** – I understand why we want to postpone it, but as we are right now we're flying blind. When students ask about it people don't know what to say. Students' are talking and it can be dealt with really quickly. I would meet as AAB meeting before January 20.

**LO**– I have eight members of AAB in the room we can have a meeting. If they can commit to meet before the 20<sup>th</sup>, then we can commit to having it ready right now.

**SAMUEL** – We have had emergency joint sessions with EAB and AAB and I believe we could get one together by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**

**The Recording Secretary does Roll Call at 9:00 pm.**

2003-19/11

**NEW BUSINESS**

2003-19/11a

**BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, Students' Council appoint Jon Hechter, Liang Shen, and Erin Hibbert to the three available positions of Deputy Returning Officer for the Winter term 2004.

**BRECHTEL** – These were the names chosen by the selection committee. These are the best. They have a wide variety of skills and experience.

**CARRIED**

**DUBE** – called quorum (23 members present).

2003-19/14

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EKDAHL** - Dean's challenge is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. The day after council if that helps you remember.

**EATON** – Democracy work group is going to be searching for funding from APIRG. They will be putting out a newsletter. If anyone is interested, please submit an article to me or to Sam Power.

**BRECHTEL** – Reminding Councilors about the tuition events taking place next week.

**Mr. Reid** – I have moved on from SU. I now work with the Edmonton River Buoy constituency. A central piece of it is the university of Alberta campus. Previously there has been very little involvement. They have had nothing to do with Post Secondary Education. I have been pushing it onto the agenda. However, now we are sponsoring a tuition week event on Monday. It is a non- partisan event in conjunction with the university. It is not a rally. It is a Post Secondary Education solutions buildings workshop. We want to get together with student leaders and find out what everyone going through and talk about it. We want to talk about figures about what funding pressures are and breakup into working groups and make everyone talk about it. What would you do if you could do anything? What do we need to do to get it there? How do we change? And make it constructive. Bring ideas to annual general meeting. Generate interest and push it onto government. There will be a presentation. By students and for students'. We want to hear from students. Monday, January 12 in Dinwoodie, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be coffee and food. Also there will probably will there be a workbook. If you are interested in more information please email me at [mike.reid@ulberta.net](mailto:mike.reid@ulberta.net).

**BOTTEN** – In the next two weeks if anyone needs to talk about financial statements please contact me. Please everyone remember to review the first readings that didn't pass tonight so we can have a collapse-a-thon next meeting. One last thing, please remember your councilor questionnaire. Fill that out & submit it as soon as you can.

**2003-19/16**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SMITH/WALLACE MOVE THAT** Students' Council adjourn.

**CARRIED**

Adjournment at 9:26 p.m.



**An interview workshop is scheduled for March 12/04 from 4:30-5:30 on the third floor of SUB. All councilors involved in Nom Com are asked to attend.**

| <b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHART (2004)</b> |                    |             |             |                       |              |
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| <b>Student Councilor Information</b>     |                    |             |             |                       |              |
| <b>Position.</b>                         | <b>Date</b>        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Room</b> | <b>Name and Email</b> | <b>Phone</b> |
| <b>Info (s/l)</b>                        | Monday March 15    | 9:00 am     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Info (int)</b>                        | Wednesday March 24 | 5:00        | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Student Dist. (s/l)</b>               | Monday March 15    | 10:00 am    | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Student Dist. (int)</b>               | Wednesday Mar. 24  | 7:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Ombuds (s/l)</b>                      | Monday March 15    | 11:00 am    | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Ombuds (int)</b>                      | Friday March 26    | 5:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Safewalk (s/l)</b>                    | Monday March 15    | 1:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Safewalk (int)</b>                    | Thursday March. 25 | 5:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Student Grps (s/l)</b>                | Monday March 15    | 2:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>Student Grps(int)</b>                 | Thursday March. 25 | 7:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>CRO (s/l)</b>                         | Monday March 22    | 4:00 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>CRO (int)</b>                         | Monday March 29    | 7:30 pm     | Pres. off   |                       |              |
| <b>AAC (s/l)</b>                         | Monday March 15    | 5:00 pm     | 2911        |                       |              |
| <b>AAC (int)</b>                         | Wednesday March 31 | 5:00 pm     | 2911        |                       |              |
| <b>CRC (s/l)</b>                         | Monday March 15    | 5:00 pm     | 430         |                       |              |
| <b>CRC (int)</b>                         | Wednesday Mar. 31  | 5:00 pm     | 430         |                       |              |
| <b>SAC (s/l)</b>                         | Thursday March 18  | 5:00 pm     | 424         |                       |              |
| <b>SAC (int)</b>                         | Wednesday March 31 | 5:00 pm     | 424         |                       |              |
| <b>ACPC (s/l)</b>                        | Thursday March 18  | 6:15 pm     | 424         |                       |              |
| <b>ACPC (int)</b>                        | Wednesday March 31 | 8:00 pm     | 424         |                       |              |

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| <b>ECOS (s/l)</b>        | Monday March 15   | 3:00 pm | Pres. off |  |  |
| <b>ECOS (int)</b>        | Monday March 29   | 5:00 pm | Pres. Off |  |  |
| <b>Speaker (s/l)</b>     | Monday March 15   | 5:00 pm | Pres. off |  |  |
| <b>Speaker (int)</b>     | Monday March 29   | 9:00 pm | Pres. off |  |  |
| <b>Rec Sec(int only)</b> | Only if necessary |         | Pres. off |  |  |

**Boards and Committees  
Student Councilor Information**

| <b>Board</b>                | <b>Date</b>       | <b>Time</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Name and Email</b> | <b>Phone</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Pres. Boards (s/l)</b>   | Thursday, April 1 | 5:00 pm     | Pres. off    |                       |              |
| <b>Pres. Boards (Int)</b>   | Wednesday April 7 | 5:00 pm     | Pres. off    |                       |              |
| <b>VP Acad. Boards(s/l)</b> | Thursday April 1  | 5:00 pm     | 2911         |                       |              |
| <b>VP Acad Boards (int)</b> | Thursday April 8  | 5:00 pm     | 2911         |                       |              |
| <b>VP Acad Boards (int)</b> | Friday April 9    | 5:00 pm     | 2911         |                       |              |
| <b>VP Ext Boards(s/l)</b>   | Thursday April 1  | 5:00 pm     | 430          |                       |              |
| <b>VP Ext Boards (int)</b>  | Thursday April 8  | 5:00 pm     | 430          |                       |              |
| <b>VP Ext Boards (int)</b>  | Friday April 9    | 5:00 pm     | 430          |                       |              |
| <b>VP Fin Boards(s/l)</b>   | Thursday April 1  | 5:00 pm     | 420          |                       |              |
| <b>VP Fin Boards (int)</b>  | Thursday April 8  | 5:00 pm     | 420          |                       |              |
| <b>VP Fin Board (int)</b>   | Friday April 9    | 5:00 pm     | 420          |                       |              |
| <b>VP SL Boards(s/l)</b>    | Thursday April 1  | 5:00 pm     | 424          |                       |              |
| <b>VP SL Boards (int)</b>   | Wednesday April 7 | 5:00 pm     | 424          |                       |              |
| <b>VP SL Boards (int)</b>   | Thursday April 8  | 5:00 pm     | 424          |                       |              |
| <b>VP SL Boards (int)</b>   | Friday April 9    | 5:00 pm     | 424          |                       |              |

**Please return to the recording secretary**

Ruling of Students' Council on Paul Reikie's appeal of the decision of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board on the matter of *Jones v. Reikie, Harlow, and Students' Council*

### **Summary of Appeal**

The appellant, Reikie, was elected as Councilor for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics in the Spring of 2003. During the summer of 2003, he left the Edmonton area for a summer job. He arranged for a proxy to attend meetings in his absence. The proxy failed to do so, and Reikie was removed from Council in July as per the requirements of Bylaw 100.

Reikie subsequently attempted to run for election to the (now vacant) Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics seat. The Chief Returning Officer, Chad Moore, ruled that since Reikie was not eligible to take office again under the provisions of Bylaw 100, he was consequently also not permitted to run for office. No candidates emerged, and the seat remained vacant.

Reikie appealed the decision of the Chief Returning Officer to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board which, after a discussion on the matter via e-mail, ruled that there were no grounds for appeal. Reikie, believing that D.I.E. Board had failed to meet within the prescribed one week of receiving his appeal, brought his appeal to the Student Council Appeals Advisory Board. S.C.A.A.B. agreed that D.I.E. Board had failed to meet, and gave Reikie leave to appeal directly to Students' Council.

Students' Council overturned the Chief Returning Officer's ruling, and subsequently appointed Reikie to Students' Council. The plaintiff, Chris Jones, appealed this action of Students' Council to D.I.E. Board. The material portion of D.I.E. Board's ruling was that S.C.A.A.B. had erred in granting Reikie leave to appeal to Students' Council, and that, by reason of S.C.A.A.B.'s error Reikie was not, in fact, on Council.

Reikie has appealed this decision to S.C.A.A.B., on the grounds that D.I.E. Board lacked the authority to remove him from Council. S.C.A.A.B. determined that a miscarriage of justice had occurred and granted Reikie leave to appeal to Students' Council.

### **Decision**

It is the decision of Students' Council that D.I.E. Board overstepped its authority in removing Reikie from Students' Council. While it is correct that Bylaw 1200 appears to give D.I.E. Board the authority to overrule S.C.A.A.B., S.C.A.A.B.'s decision is immaterial to the matter of whether or not Reikie is on Council. S.C.A.A.B. ruled only that Reikie was allowed to appeal the decision of the C.R.O. – that he was not eligible to *run* for office – to Students' Council. The effect of overturning S.C.A.A.B.'s ruling would be, at most, an upholding of the C.R.O.'s prohibition on Reikie's candidacy. The C.R.O.'s ruling did not address the issue of whether or not Students' Council could re-appoint Reikie to itself.

Reikie's appointment to Students' Council was an act of Students' Council taken independently of its overturning of the C.R.O.'s ruling (and therefore also independently of S.C.A.A.B.'s decision), so the effect of ruling that Reikie is not a member of Students' Council is that D.I.E. Board has overruled Students' Council. Bylaw 1200 does not allow for D.I.E. Board to overturn any action of Students' Council, so it follows that D.I.E. Board was acting outside of the scope of its authority in removing Reikie from Council.

Students' Council hereby overturns the portion of D.I.E. Board's ruling that removed Reikie from Students' Council, and reinstates the appellant to the position of Student Councilor for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics.

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 20, 2004**

**1. The following motion was passed at the January 5, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting**

- a. MAH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expenditure of not to exceed \$1620.00 for the Orientation team Facilitator workshop..

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

**2. The following motion was passed at the January 12, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting**

- a. BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a request for \$2250.00, to be spent on the January 12-16 Tuition Week Events, from the Special Project Reserve.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- b. SAMUEL/MAH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a request for \$750.00, to be spent on Rapid Fire Improv from the Special Project Reserve.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- c. MAH/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense of \$2,806.00 for the General Manager to attend the ACUI Conference in Washington D.C. February 26-March 1, 2004.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

**3. The following motion was passed at the January 13, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting**

- a. MAH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a request for an amount not be exceed \$360.00 to be spent on Touchdown for Tuition, from the Special Project Reserve

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

PROPOSED

# Constitution

## ARTICLE V - POWER TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

1. The Students' Council will have the power to amend this Constitution.
  - a. An amendment to this Constitution is valid only after being passed at two (2) ~~three (3)~~ meetings of the Students' Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present. Such meetings will be held at least one (1) week apart.
- ~~2. A referendum will unconditionally have the power to amend this Constitution, providing that the proposed action does not apply retroactively, and that the proposed amendment is explicitly referred to within the referendum question and that the referendum motion states that such a referendum would be binding.~~
- ~~3. Any amendment must comply with Article XVII.~~
- ~~4. Any amendment to this Constitution, which is the result of a referendum, may only be altered or removed by a subsequent referendum. Any amendment to this Constitution which is the result of a referendum will have this fact noted in the Constitution.~~
5. ~~Section 4 notwithstanding,~~ Students' Council will have the power to amend parts of this constitution that have been amended as per Section 2 of this article on a date no earlier than 6 years after the passage of the original referendum.

Jun 11/02  
Feb 13/01`  
Jan 11/00  
Jan 27/98

## **Council Reform and Progress Recommendations**

### **1. Legislation (less committee structure)**

- **By-law 100**
  - Proxies
    - Approved ideas
      - Move to a separate new by-law called “Duties of Councillors by-law” (3-0)
  - Attendance
    - Approved ideas
      - Move to a separate new by-law called “Duties of Councillors by-law” (3-0)
  - Composition of council (rep by pop, group or both)
    - Approved Ideas
      - Remove the RHA and UAB as voting members (7-0)
  - Clean up (Section 19-21 provisions)
    - Approved Ideas
      - Remove Public Meeting from By-laws (3-1)
      - Move Frequency of meetings to Standing Orders (4-0)
      - Remove limitation on appoint proxy members to vacant positions (4-0)
  - General
    - Approved Ideas
      - De-legislate the Recording Secretary (3-0)
      - Transfer responsibility for determining the allocation of faculty seats from IRB to the CRO (3-0)
      - When allocation faculty seat, use Full Time equivalents for numbers (3-0)
- **Changeover Bylaw 200**
  - General
    - Approved Ideas
      - Adopt the standard order of business for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the addition of the Inaugural addresses and Installation of new members (3-0)
      - Make by-law 200 part of by-law 100 (3-0)
      - That all orders of business be moved to standing orders (3-0)
      - That the changeover meeting no longer be considered to be one meeting with two sessions but two distinct meetings. (3-0)
      - That the inauguration of new Councillors be removed from the last meeting of the old Council (3-0)
      - Require that prior to installation there must be a report from the CRO verifying the legitimacy of the official (3-0)
      - Require that prior to installation the official must take the oath of office (3-0)
      - If the past President cannot preside over the inauguration then the past Speaker will. (3-0)
      - That the Orders of the Day for the final meeting exclude Old Business, Legislation, Presentation, New business (except Joke motions) (3-0)
- **Officers of Council By-law 300**
  - Office of the Speaker (Budget for Council)
    - Approved Ideas
      - There will be a Council budget controlled by the Speaker (6-0)
      - The Speaker will Report to Council not the President (6-0)

- The Speaker will have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical requirements of Students' Council (6-0)
- That the duties of the Speaker be updated to reflect current duties, to removed spent functions and eliminate redundancy (3-0)
- Elected speaker, legitimacy of Speaker
  - Approved Ideas
    - Have Council directly elect the Speaker (4-1)
    - New process for electing Speakers (4-0)
      - Advertisement in Gateway
      - Nomination must be submitted ahead of time, no nominations from the floor
      - Any candidate must be nominated by 1 member of Council
      - A summary of Qualifications will be provided to SC for each candidate.
      - There will be Speeches at Council by candidates
      - There will be a scenario Question and General Questions period
    - The Speaker may be dismissed by a simply majority vote at a meeting of Students' Council, a motion to this effect must be entered on the Order paper. (3-0)
- Elimination or Recording Secretary
  - Approved Ideas
    - The position of Recording Secretary will be deregulated (5-0)
- General
  - Approved Ideas
    - That by-law 300 become part of by-law 100 (3-0)
    - That the only qualification for eng Speaker be that they are an undergraduate student (3-0)



## **Standing Orders of the University of Alberta Students' Council**

### **1. Order of Business**

The Order of Business for the Students' Council shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. University of Alberta Cheer Song - "Ring out a Cheer..."
3. Speaker's Business
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Presentations and Discussions
6. Question Period
7. Approval of Executive Committee Report
8. Approval of Students' Union Boards and Committees Reports
9. Old Business
10. Legislation
  - Constitutional
    - Third reading
    - Second Reading
    - First Reading
  - By-laws
    - Second Reading
    - First Reading
    - Notice of Motion
  - Political Policies
11. New Business
12. Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President Academic
  - c. Vice-President External
  - d. Vice-President Operations & Finance
  - e. Vice-President Student Life
  - f. Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
  - g. Faculty Reports
13. Information Items
14. Announcements
15. Roll Call

### **2. Call to Order**

The Speaker shall call each meeting of Students' Council to order at the approved time.

### **3. Lack of Quorum**

A meeting will be cancelled if quorum is not achieved within 15 minutes of the Call to Order.

#### **4. Singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song**

The Speaker shall select a member of Students' Council to lead in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

#### **5. Speaker's Business**

The Speaker shall at this time address all new appointments, suspensions, expulsions, guests of council, late additions to the orders of the day and any other day-to-day regulatory concerns.

#### **6. Guests of Council**

Any person may become a Guest of Council by writing their name on the Guest of Council List provided by the Speaker at each meeting of Students' Council.

#### **7. Guest of Council Debate Privileges**

Guests will only be recognized by the Speaker if no member entitled to obtain the floor wishes to do so, except where a guest has information particularly pertinent to the debate.

#### **8. Orders of the Day**

Orders of the day shall be submitted to the Speaker by 12:00 PM on the third business day prior to the day of a Students' Council meeting.

#### **9. Speaker to arrange the Orders of the Day**

The Speaker will set the sequence in which the Orders of the Day will be considered by Students' Council within the confines of the Orders of Business.

#### **10. Special Orders**

Standing Order 1 notwithstanding, the Speaker or Council may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

#### **11. Right of submission**

Any voting member of Students' Council may submit Orders of the Day to be considered

by Students' Council.

## **12. Late Additions**

Late additions to the orders of the day may at the Speaker's discretion be added at the meeting if the said items of business cannot be postponed to a further meeting of Students' Council for resolution without risking serious and detrimental consequences to the Students' Union.

## **13. Publishing of the Orders of the Day**

The agenda package shall be published by no later than 4:30 PM on the second business day prior to the day of a Students' Council meeting.

## **14. Minutes of Students' Council**

Whenever possible, verbatim minutes of the meeting shall be recorded.

## **15. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes are considered approved as transcribed.

## **16. Members may Clarify Comments**

Personal comments of members recorded in the minutes may be amended in accordance with the member's wishes prior to a time limit set by the Speaker.

## **17. Documents Distributed in Council Chambers**

Only official Students' Council documents may be distributed to members of Council within the Chamber. The dissemination in Council Chambers of material of any external organization is prohibited.

## **18. Note Paper**

Council will be provided with recycled or reused paper for notes passed between members.

## **19. Question Period**

Question Period shall be 15 minutes in duration.

## **20. Extension of Question Period**

Question Period may be extended by up to fifteen minutes with the consent of five members of the Students' Council for the first extension. Further extensions require a two-thirds majority vote.

## **21. Written Questions**

Written questions may be submitted for inclusion on the Order of Business.

## **22. Priority of Written Questions**

Written questions may be responded to orally, or by tabling a written response.

## **23. Executive Committee Reports**

The President will compile (or cause to be compiled) a brief report on the actions of the Executive Committee listing the issues discussed and the formal motions approved by the committee.

## **24. Adoption of Executive Committee Reports**

Acceptance of the Executive Committee Report by Students' Council shall, in accordance with Article VII of the Students' Union Constitution, be considered the same as Students' Council adopting the report.

## **25. Legislative Process**

- a. Both notice of motion and readings must be a minimum of one week apart with the exception of ~~first~~ notice of motion and ~~second~~ first readings which will be combined if a motion moved to this effect is carried by a 2/3 majority vote.
- b. ~~First Reading~~ Notice of Motion
  - i. The motion is placed on the order paper
  - ii. The motion is read in Council for information
  - iii. The motion is presented in the following format:
    1. The principles and objectives are listed;
    2. Specific wording of legislation is not permitted.
  - iv. Debate is limited to a single introduction by the mover of the motion
  - v. The motion is automatically approved for ~~Second~~ First Reading
- c. ~~Second Reading~~ First Reading
  - i. The motion is presented as it was in ~~first reading~~ the notice of motion.

- ii. Debate is limited to general principles and objectives.
  - iii. If approved the motion is referred to the Internal Review Board.
- d. Committee Stage
  - i. The committee identifies the relevant legislation that requires amendment and/or drafts new legislation on the basis of the principles passed in ~~second reading~~ first reading.
  - ii. The committee will not recommend to council draft legislation that is outside the scope of the principles approved in ~~second~~ first reading.
- e. ~~Third reading~~ Second Reading
  - i. Members debate and vote on the changes to legislation.
  - ii. Debate is confined to technical merits, and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in ~~second~~ first reading and appropriately drafted the legislation.
  - iii. The motion will be presented in the following format:
    - 1. the bylaw(s) that will be changed by passage of the motion as it exists (if any);
    - 2. The bylaw(s) as it/they will read if passed or amended.
- f. In Force
  - i. Unless otherwise specified, the motion will take effect upon adjournment of the meeting at which it was approved.

## **26. Length of Introduction**

Members having obtained the floor to introduce a debatable motion can speak no longer than eight minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

## **27. Length of Speeches**

Members having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending can speak no longer than four minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

## **28. Political Policy**

Debate on each political policy shall not exceed twenty minutes at any one session.

## **29. Speaker may Limit Debate**

The Speaker may limit debate at any time on any Order of the Day.

## **30. Nominations**

Nominations may be approved as part of a committee report or as an item of old or new business.

### **31. Automatic Approval of Nominations**

When a specific individual is nominated to a particular position, the nomination will be considered approved unless otherwise rejected.

### **32. Moving the Previous Question**

A member of Students' Council may not move the previous question at the same time as he/she speaks to the motion.

### **33. Speaker may disallow a Motion for the Previous Question**

The Speaker may disallow the moving of the previous question if, in the opinion of the Speaker, the issue has not been sufficiently debated.

### **34. Electronic Voting**

When considering any main motion, or amendment to the main motion falling under legislation, old business, or new business, Council shall vote electronically.

### **35. Assigned Voting Station**

Whenever electronic voting equipment capable of recording votes is available, the Speaker will assign each member of Council a voting station.

### **36. Roll Call Votes**

A roll call vote will be taken if requested by five voting members of Students' Council.

### **37. Speaker may refuse a Division**

The Speaker may refuse a dilatory request for a division except on substantive items of business disposing of main motions.

### **38. Speaker may Discipline**

The Speaker may discipline a member for breaches of decorum as the Speaker deems reasonable including, but not limited to, revoking privileges and exclusions from a session of Students' Council.

### **39. Style of Executive Officer Reports**

Executive Officer reports shall be presented in written form.

### **40. Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative Report**

The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative Report shall be in the same style as the Executive Officer Reports.

### **41. Announcements**

All members of Students' Council are entitled to make a brief announcement during the appropriate time in the Order of Business.

### **42. Attendance Roll Call**

The Secretary, at the request of the Speaker, shall conduct a roll call prior to adjournment or three (3) hours after the Call to Order, whichever is earlier in order to track the attendance of members. Any departure of a member of council before this roll call will constitute an absence, unless the Chair grants an exemption.

### **43. Recess and Reassembly**

Council will automatically take a fifteen (15) minute recess at 10:00 PM, and will then reassemble at a location designated by the Speaker.

### **44. Recess**

Council will automatically take a ten (10) minute recess immediately after the first Order of the Day or Item of Business disposed of ninety (90) minutes after the Call to Order.

### **45. Rules of Order**

*Robert's Rules of Order* will be observed at all meetings of Council except in so far as they may conflict with the standing orders of Student's Council.

### **46. Public Meetings**

Students' Council meetings will be open to any member of the Students' Union, however Council retains the right to move in-camera in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

### **47. Meeting Schedule**

Council will set its meeting schedule at its first meeting each year.

#### **48. Additional and Moved Meetings**

The President or Executive may call Council together for additional meetings or change the date and time of existing meetings as it deems necessary.

#### **49. Council Orientation**

An Orientation for Student's Council members shall be held prior to June each year.

#### **50. Joke Motions**

At the Changeover meeting, the Speaker may designate a motion as a "joke" motion; if said motion is carried, it will have no effect.

#### **51. Annual Remembrance**

There will be one minute of silence at the first meeting in May every year to recognize the passing of Bob Homme (the Friendly Giant), Ernie Coombs (Mr. Dressup) and Mister Rogers.



**Janet Lo, Vice-President (Academic)**  
**Report to Council; Thursday, January 15, 2004**

**Organization:**

- refiling and reorganizing the office for the New Year. Many thanks to Administrative Assistant to the Executive, Stephanie van Orman, for keeping my office neat, tidy, and all my files in order! (especially after I revamped the entire filing system)
- couldn't believe how much paper and notes I have!

**Meetings Galore:**

- GFC:
  - o CLE (Learning Environment):
    - will focus on Faculty Evaluation Committee evaluation to discuss emphasis on research and teaching.
    - will focus on First and Second Year Learning Experience on campus.
  - o SOS (Standards):
    - discussed evaluation of the transition to the 4-point grading system.
    - concerns with "fail" because failing now = 0, whereas on the 9-point, failing = 1, 2, or 3. This has some negative effects on GPA calculations and may mean that more students end up on academic probation this year.
    - discussed the Fresh Start program and admission requirements, as this may be a program in higher demand soon enough.
    - discussed submission of Fall term grades to Bear Tracks. According to the Registrar, the submission of grades this year is no different in timeline than in previous years. It seems that because Bear Tracks is up and "live update," there has been more frustration with grade submission because of the expectation that grades will be posted right away.
      - Grades are assigned by professor.
      - Professor submits grades to department.
      - Department approves or sends back.
      - Department, upon approval, sends to Registrar.

- Registrar posts grade on Bear Tracks within 24 hours.
  - U of A closed from Dec 24 to Jan 1, so very few grades are processed during that time.
- **GFC Exec:**
  - nothing superbly exciting. Still discussing UA-PPOL (UofA Policies and Procedures on-line.)
- **Quanteria** Bookstore Review:
  - still get away into discussing the mandate of the Bookstore.
  - now have identified the possible alternative (or status quo) models for the Bookstore operations.
  - proceeding to perform risk-analysis on all models.
- **AISSC** (Administrative Info Systems):
  - nothing excitingly new for students.
  - discussed the possibility of a Campus Portal (single-access source). Will come back to AISSC in February in presentation format.
- **BFPC** (Board Finance):
  - worked on the tuition presentation to BFPC with Mat, Chris, and Tony.

#### Tuition Week Events:

- PSE Discussion, hosted by Mike Reid
  - proved to be an interesting discussion with the ability to throw out ideas and discuss the “impossible” and the “ideal.”
  - the Youth PC group are still collecting ideas for PSE, but need them soon to compile a document to present to the Party. E-mail any ideas you are willing to share to [postsecondary@hotmail.com](mailto:postsecondary@hotmail.com): I am told, “any time, don’t worry if it’s coherent, we just want to know what you think.” They are needed before 23 JAN 2004.
- Bar Night:
  - made a brief appearance.
- Engineering Week Battle of the Bands:
  - little did I know what judging meant.
  - Thanks to the Engineering Students’ Society, to Engg Week Judges, to all the Engineers, and to Grasshopper for making this night/afternoon unforgettable (in sections).
- Touchdowns for Tuition:
  - hassled people walking through QUAD.

- Thanks to UAB and to Athletics for their support and time.
- Lister Hall Tuition Floats:
  - “Speaking of ice cream in root beer, what do you think about increasing tuition?”

**Goal List: Faculty Associations:**

- finalizing contract details with interested Faculty Associations on handbook projects.
  - have signed the AUFSJ, ASA, and UASUS on so far.
- chatted with Carissa regarding Faculty Association status as a Student Group. We are looking to help Faculty Associations become more accountable organizations across campus.
- brainstormed ideas for the Faculty Association Transition Retreat.
- Faculty Tuition Summit:
  - All of them: quality fantastic, turnout disappointing.
  - **Education Students’ Association:**
    - Thanks for bringing out Frank Bruseker of the ATA and two Ed-pride professors! Great discussion about quality of education and the “commodification” of education. Props to Allison Ekdahl.
  - **Arts Students’ Association:**
    - Thanks for a fantastic panel discussing the value of a general Arts program. Some phenomenal panelists, even though it was mostly “hack-based.” Props to Alex Abboud.
  - **UASUS:**
    - Thanks for a creativity punch from Science: discussion of research in University and then finger-painting- who couldn’t have fun? Props to Emily Krauss and Kimmy Williams.
  - **Academic Integrity:**
    - Thanks to Deb Eerkes for a good discussion on linking tuition increases to increased cheating.
  - **International Centre:**
    - Thanks to Mike Hudema and Mat Brechtel on a good discussion concerning free tuition around the world. Props to Heather Wallace.
  - Overall, I learned a lot from the sessions, and I hope those of you who came out did as well. There are plenty of things to

consider before hosting Faculty Tuition Summit Part II, but all in all, it was a great trial run.

- Of course, I owe the most thanks to Mr. Chris Henderson, my good sir of an Academic Affairs Coordinator, and who put the most work into making these sessions as successful as humanly possible given the circumstances. So here's to many late nights in the office, many nights of stress, and to what I would consider an overall "success." Thanks, Chris, you rock the academic free world.

### **Upcoming:**

- AAB/EAB to discuss tuition policies
  - SUN 18 JAN; 420 SUB; 1-5 pm
- Working for better Faculty Associations
  - CoFA, hosted by the Education Students' Association
  - WED 21 JAN; EDUCATION 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR LOUNGE; 630 pm
  - Meetings with various stakeholders
  - ED WEEK, 19 JAN - 23 JAN
- Meetings
  - Quantera, AASUA Teaching & Learning Committee, Academic Standards Committee, GFC
  - AAB, THU 22 JAN, 5pm, LLMR
- Speaking at a Plagiarism Panel
  - Janet speaks on student plagiarism hosted by Academic Integrity Week
  - WED 28 JAN, 3:00, HC L1

### **Going to Class:**

- So far, I am 6/7 for classes. Not bad, eh?

**Report to Students' Council**  
**January 20, 2004**  
**Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)**

Members of Council,

Hopefully this report finds you all well and not nearly as sick of "elections season" as I. These first two weeks back on campus sure have been a bust as far as getting anything solid accomplished goes. Perhaps it was the seemingly permanent holiday dinner hangover...or perhaps it had something to do with a combination of Antifreeze, Engineering Week and a Tuition campaign. Guess we'll never know...

In any case, here's what's what in the world of Financial Operations (SU-based of course, since I don't pay much attention to the outside world...nor does my influence extend that far. Yet..) as we turn over into the third trimester before rebirth into the real world hits.

*suite of financial reforms*

- **been there, done that** – updated budget process outline is complete, as are plans for the quicker, easier, slicker monthly variance reports. here's to hoping the budgetary process is easier than ever with a defined prelim/final budget package plan in place. nice and smooth...and consistent!
- **up and coming** - next week I'll finally have that budget department restructuring done as well as an updated plan for our reserves. before the end of the month, the infamous "budget day" with the staff shall occur as I roll out the updated system and get everyone onside for better budget planning and with luck that preliminary budget will still be hitting your desk by March. oh, and if the chair of the ad hoc committee putting forth a recommendation on an audit committee and I find time to sit down in the next two weeks, we should have all delineation between that committee and my portfolio sorted nicely.

*year of the bars*

- **been there, done that** – well, I scrapped the focus groups (mostly) for the time being – they'll be more useful for setting the *feel* with the bars than anything else so stay tuned for that. outside of that, the business plan is partially complete for now, but will be done with January.
- **up and coming** – still need to get that staff survey rolled out, and also a capital equipment wishlist for the bars before the preliminary budget is sussed out.

*bang for your buck*

- **been there, done that** – hey! fee brochures are complete! (finally) and in my attempt to predict the future, you are likely to find one waiting for you at Tuesday's meeting. still working on getting them out to the proper places on campus, but that sure was a great way to get rid of a bunch of business cards. designers are already working on my new "SU brand" signs for the businesses and it looks like they'll be hitting walls mid-february...so long as exec approves the funding. looks like the faculty student funds are all tickety-boo as well, pending a response from a couple of FA execs yet, but I guess I was being unnecessarily paranoid about those. also,

them fantastic folks at Financial Services took me up on an offer to update their web content to reflect the difference between SU membership/referendum fees (as the Calendar breaks them down) and provide a link to more info on my site (don't believe me? check it out... [www.registrar.ualberta.ca](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca))

- **up and coming** – well, the website changes were easy (almost *too* easy...) but now I need to push a little harder for the actual breakdown on the class timetable notice, tie together some SU policy on branding and we can call this one a day.

#### *organizational reform*

- **been there, done that** – well, I was really pumped about fixing up the nom comm., but then I realized we still don't know what our committee structure is going to look like, so that's on the back burner. oh, and the org review is going a *lot* better than it was last time we spoke.
- **up and coming** – finishing the org review is the only thing that *might* be complete herein before our next meeting. outside of that, I also thought up a brand new project (as though I needed one) of laying down some motion templates. ever notice how lots of people in Exec & Council move things that are similar but they always word them all crazy-like? me too, and I'll be doing something about it.

#### *students' council reform*

- **been there, done that** – after spending a number of hours on a bunch of ideas for the standing committee structure of Students' Council, I heard a different idea that I quite like and will be recommending it to CCRAP right quick...or at the next Council meeting if CCRAP doesn't have a chance to meet. draft one of the "council elections nomination package addendum" is done. I was rightly told that it sounded dry and boring. back to the drawing board.
- **up and coming** – relating to what I said above, I'll be working on explaining Students' Council and all its machinations in a way that actually makes it sound fun. if any project could present a challenge, some might say this is it, so wish me luck! also have to get this dedicated fee nonsense sorted out with IRB right quick, since that will help me on developing a proper *watchdog* system that keeps my successor out of meetings while still keeping spending right and proper. not possible, you say? we shall see my friend, we shall see. council retreat plans won't be finalized until after elections, so I won't really talk about that here. in fact, I won't talk about it at all.

#### *online resource reform*

- **been there, done that** – nothing really. sent out a call for feedback on the national webboard (<http://nationalforum.su.ualberta.ca> if you're interested or like those sorts of things) and I had about four responses. that's all I've got to report on webthings. no, wait! I forgot. I got this "meeting listserv" set up. but then I lost where it was. maybe I'll look into that again this week.
- **up and coming** – if something can be done with that national online forum, I might figure it out in the next couple of weeks. I might not. maybe we'll just take it down (kinda like how the local webboard is coming down during elections...oops! did I say that out loud?)

### *side projects and other things that occupy my time*

- **been there, done that** – well, some figures came back on the energy audit. I didn't really have anything to do with that except approve the progress payment from the University for the project developments to date. the numbers look interesting. not that they mean much of anything to me, but they certainly are interesting to look at. (if you like Jules). I guess I also chatted a bunch with our CRO and tech guru about the item they'll be presenting at Tuesday's meeting. prepare to be mesmerized! meetings have begun to figure out who is going to the table with what during the CUPE negotiations in a month or so – now *that's* a fun document to read. not as fun as the building master agreement for SUB, mind you. I also went to a bunch of superfun dedicated fee unit board of directors meetings, hung out at a *killer* Friday night CCRAP meeting, went to a slew of tuition events, talked to the masses via microphone in quad and got drunk in the afternoon courtesy of the engineers as I was able to stand in for ol' blue eyes as a battle of the bands judge (thanks kids!)
- **up and coming** – what...you think I actually *plan* for these things to happen?

### **Upcoming Meetings**

I thought about this, and said to myself: "Self...no one really cares about the meetings you have to go to. They're always the same ones and has *anyone* shown up to a meeting that you included in here who was not already receiving an invitation? I didn't think so...." and that, members of council, is why this section of the report has been discontinued. for any loyal readers who just can't get by without my meeting schedule, drop me an email and I'll start a list of interested parties who can hear all about this junk every week.

### **Interesting Website(s) of the Week**

<http://www.wefunkradio.com>

\*hrm. quiz, huh? how about this – first person to tell me how much tuition has gone up (cumulative percentage total) since I started here as a student gets this week's prize. what is this week's prize? that's a good question and I'm glad you asked it! now if only I had an answer...