

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday February 3, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

- 2003-22/8 APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS
- 2003-22/8a Academic Affairs Board Report
Please see document LA 03-22.01
- 2003-22/10 LEGISLATION
- 2003-22/10m **PANDYA/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** the Financial Affairs Board allocate \$2000.00 to the Students' Council Budget for the purpose of Councilor Outreach based on the following principles:
a) At his/her discretion, the Speaker will use this budget to reimburse Councilors for expenses pertaining to maintaining and improving Councilor-Constituent relations
b) Each Councilor may not exceed an expenditure of \$20.00 per six-month period
c) Expenditures for general activities meeting the criteria of a) that are not specific to individual Councilors must be approved by a majority vote of Students' Council
- 2003-22/11 NEW BUSINESS
- 2003-22/12 REPORTS
- 2003-22/12a Mat Brechtel, President
Please see document LA 03-22.02
- 2003-22/12b Janet Lo, Vice President Academic
Please see document LA 03-22.03
- 2003-22/12c Tyler Botten, Vice President Operations and Finance
Please see document LA 03-22.04
- 2003-22/12d Jadene Mah, Vice President Student Life
Please see document LA 03-22.05

2003-22/13

INFORMATION ITEMS

2003-22/13a

Political Advocacy in the Academic Portfolio

Please see document LA 03-22.06

2003-22/13b

Possible Amendment to Proposed Political Policy "Tuition Levels and Regulation".

Please see document LA 03-22.07

2003-22/13c

Motions Amending the Bylaws/Constitution of Students' Council 2003-2004.

Please see document LA 03-22.08

2003-22/13d

National Forum on Post-Secondary Education

Please see document LA 03-22.09

**Academic Affairs Board Report to Students' Council
Tuesday 3 February 2004**

**Academic Affairs Board Meeting
Thursday 29 January 2004**

DUBE/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD approve the "Political Advocacy in the Academic Portfolio" proposal, and recommend that the Executive Committee follow through with the proposal's recommendations.

CARRIED (7/0/0)

(Dube/Hirji/Jones/Kirkham/Wudarck/McLaughlin/Abboud)

Council will recall that on 28 October 2003, Council debated the motions:

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

BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to include recommendations based on the report from the Academic Affairs Board outlining any staff and administrative changes needed for more effective political advocacy in its report to the Financial Affairs Board pursuant to [the previous motion].

The above motion is final approval from the Academic Affairs Board regarding recommendations to the Executive, and as such, is attached **for information**.

MAT BRECHTEL - REPORT TO COUNCIL

Hello, and welcome to the Presidential report.

Today we will be discussing the activities of the President for the past two weeks—those two weeks after the tuition debate.

Quanterra—is still sucking my time and the time of the Vice-President Academic, our General Manager and myself. Although this process was begun with the intent of finding additional revenue for the University, it seems as though certain restrictions, such as external, and potential internal competition will ensure that textbook prices will remain with a margin no larger than they are now. We will have a full report after reading week.

Post-Tuition—we still have a campaign. Two Advocacy meetings later, we have defined our calendar, and there are a few things that we are doing in the remainder of the year, including some Federal strategizing and communicating pre-election, a debt campaign, a rural tour, potentially a federal lobby visit post-speech from the throne and the necessary revisioning of the Advocacy department. Coordination with the University yet to come... watch for it. On this level, there was a CAUS teleconference, and I am have worked on a proposal that is being put together to make the “Generation Debt” campaign a provincial one by pulling APSSA back together.

Administrative fun—this includes staff evaluations, appraisals, salary considerations and generally a number of other fun/not-fun things. In no way what I signed up for a year ago. Yet, things that need to be done.

Cohorts? What the f*\$% are those?—I have been attempting to encourage cohort system development in several faculties, and to coordinate that with the Students’ Union Orientation program to benefit the **quality of the academic environment** for all undergraduates as they enter this large, and mostly anonymous institution.

IRB—met several times. I was there for the better part of two of these, seeing as IRB generally continues into the time when my class is this semester.

The GSA has asked for \$30,000 for the Food Bank to become a group separate from the Students’ Union. This will be a large issue to examine in the budgeting process.

Next month:

Rural Tour: we will be hitting the road to make a statement in Alberta

The Elections: the most exciting and disturbing time of year is just around the corner.

FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Report to Students' Council
From Janet Lo, Vice-President (Academic)
Tuesday, 3 February, 2004

Meetings Attended:

- **GFC Executive/APC Budgetary Update Meeting**
 - As you may have read in *Folio*, the University is looking at a “revenue gap” of \$28.7M. Because of certain expenses ringing in higher than expected, the expense line is considerably higher than the revenue line, which is ringing in at where it was expected. This, then, produces a large gap.
 - Why are the actual expenses so far off the mark of what was budgeted? Primarily, the major gap is a result of unpredicted increases in utility costs, which, as you can imagine, hit the University **hard**... just look at all the buildings that we have to heat and light.
 - How do we solve this? For now, Central Administration is doing its best to request for cuts across campus- all departments and faculties have been asked to keep costs to a minimum. This sends a serious message to the government: more funding is needed.
- **Council of Faculty Associations**
 - Thanks to the **Education Students' Association** for their gracious hosting of CoFA during Ed Week.
 - Hosted a great discussion on how to increase Faculty Association credibility and the continued difficulties of dealing with Risk Management.
- **Academic Standards Committee**
 - Augustana merger is nearly a done-deal, the University is awaiting the official announcement from the government regarding money.
 - If we do indeed merge with Augustana College, Augustana will be equivalent to a faculty, and the merge will occur on July 1st.
- **General Faculties' Council**
 - The President re-iterated the funding situation at the University.
 - The University has produced some literature regarding the funding state of the University for public information. I would encourage you to, if you are interested, ask me for copies so you can pass them on to your friends, family, and anybody who has a stake in post-secondary learning in Alberta.
- **Quantera Bookstore Business Case Review**
 - We have completed the risks and impacts assessment for the Bookstore. Next step is to come back with the completed Bookstore Business Case Review (completed by the consulting firm, Quantera), for final feedback from all stakeholders, and then to be passed on to Central Administration, in response to its Funding Solutions Task Force recommendations.
 - This has been a very time-consuming and somewhat abstract, at times, process, so stay tuned.
- **ONEcard Student Advisory Group**
 - Discussed the results of the ONEcard student survey, and discussed options of furthering the use of the ONEcard.
 - Unfortunately, it is the same story here as it is with the University: there is no money to further expand or upgrade its service on campus at this time.

Random Things:

- Interviewed and hired for the Handbook Sales Rep. Congratulations and welcome to **Ariel del Rosario**.
- Met with **Brad Wuetherick** regarding the University's Working Group on Research and Teaching.
- Attended a Recognition Luncheon for the Recipients of the **Peter Lougheed Scholarships**. Congratulations to all.
- Working with **VPOF Tyler Botten** and the rest of the **Executive Committee** on the Executive portion of the Org Review. Whee!
- Met with University Privacy Officer, **Gordon Unger**, and had a fantastic discussion about student files and what constitutes "personal information" and how it is protected here on campus.
- Participated on the **Academic Integrity Panel: Perspectives on Plagiarism** during Academic Integrity Week. As always, I learn a great deal from this group!

Major Projects:

- **Faculty Associations**. I am still in the process of meeting with each Faculty Association Executive to glean as much information from them as I can. I've been working with Student Groups Director **Carissa Reiniger** to develop a proposal for special Faculty Association status.
- **Bear Scat**. I am working, slowly, with University Administration and trying to work towards more features for Bear Scat registration. Hopefully, Stephen and I will work out where Bear Scat will fit in the Students' Union within the next few weeks.
- **Bear Tracks**. I am meeting with the Registrar to see what we can work out for Bear Tracks Sunday availability.

School Alert!

- 16 January to 30 January: Janet attended **8 of 9** classes. Not bad, huh? And yeah, she has midterms coming up soon. Joy!
- Study hard, and best of luck on all of your midterms and papers!

Upcoming:

- GFC Executive Committee. M 2 Feb.
- GFC Committee on Learning Environment. W 4 Feb.
- Administrative Information Systems Steering Committee. R 5 Feb.
- Subcommittee on Standards. R 5 Feb.
- Working Group on Research and Teaching. R 5 Feb.
- Academic Affairs Board. R 5 Feb.
- Augustana Student Association Meeting. M 9 Feb.
- Academic Standards Committee. R 12 Feb.
- More meetings with FA Presidents!

Report to Students' Council
February 3, 2004
Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Members of Council,

This being the last chance (knock on wood) we have to once again return to the three rings of Council before we find out who is taking over the reigns of the organization next year, I will try to make this report as interesting as possible. As always, however, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so feel free to make your own judgement on the caliber of this report. All I can promise is a quick reprieve from elections talk and not much else. So sit back, let your eyes do the walking as we delve once again into the realm of financial operations according to Botten.

suite of financial reforms

- **been there, done that** – some minor adjustments to the budget departments is complete and the Students' Council budget will be sectioned off at preliminary budget time. "budget day" got delayed though all is ready and waiting for me to meet with department heads. I set a deadline of March 31st for FAB to have a preliminary budget ready for y'all. I spoke with the ad hoc audit committee chair about the committee's progress and though he refused to give me the details of the report now included in your package this evening, I suspect there will be little that I really need to worry about as the audit committee takes shape next year.
- **up and coming** - recommendations on reserves will be included in march's first Students' Council agenda – expect little excitement there. the cost apportionment will likely not be completed this year and will instead be incorporated into the 5-year financial plan for someone else to deal with later. with a little luck I will also have a fancy report for Council in March on the infamous "Coke Monopoly Deal" and some kind of recommendation on what to do if that money disappears in five years.

year of the bars

- **been there, done that** – staff survey is in the final phase and will be rolling out this week. business plan is coming along slowly but surely and while I didn't get it done in January, February is almost as long.
- **up and coming** – not much here – business plan work and some capital numbers that have been tabulated but are on hold until we have a plan for the physical build of the bars (see: business plan).

bang for your buck

- **been there, done that** – poster design for the businesses is complete, and there will be an accompanying (of sorts) SU page coming up that is all about SU business. I also put together a nice little 10-year history of SU fees. it's ugly, but if you want a copy of it, let me know.
- **up and coming** – financial services is waiting on a price quote from IBM (ahh peoplesoft...) on my recommended change to the timetable fee breakdown that could go one way or the other.

organizational reform

- **been there, done that** – the org review is done! the executive committee met this morning to review all final recommendations from department heads and there will be a recommendation coming to Students' Council at the next meeting in relation to this. a few minor things may yet change thanks to your diligent delegislation but those are going to wait for a week or so yet – we're still arguing over them. and those exec committee motion templates you may have read about last time are complete, which should help with a little more consistency in the exec committee reports.
- **up and coming** – again delegislation has led me to draft more operating policy, some of which is very pressing as it deals with selection committees for term employees for next year. this may mean that you signed up for a nominating committee group that you didn't have to, but you should know if that's the case or not by the next meeting of Students' Council.

students' council reform

- **been there, done that** – hooray for completing information to go in the nomination packages for councilors (dammit! I said I wouldn't talk about elections...). also much discussion has come up around a budget for Council outreach which will be properly incorporated into the preliminary budget should Council deem it 'good'.
- **up and coming** – just one simple thing before planning that year-end retreat: working on the administrative system for committee-Council relations that will work better and allow for the handling of such things as ad hoc committees more easily in the future.

online resource reform

- **been there, done that** – submitted a written report to the executive committee regarding the national webboard but there's a chance nothing will happen with that this year. submitted several verbal "reports" to anyone willing to listen about my thoughts on the local webboard.
- **up and coming** – I finally have a design quote for the website redevelopment, which can hopefully commence soon, and along with it perhaps some kind of agreement with our tech consultants on the admin side of the site which I'm a little more concerned about anyhow.

side projects and other things that occupy my time

- **been there, done that** – hrm...been thinking about next year and finally played poker at the Speaker's house last week. nothing else of real importance on the side.
- **up and coming** – I'll be out of the office Thursday and Friday this week. not that you care, I just thought I'd mention that.

Interesting Website(s) of the Week

<http://www.bagerbadgerbadger.com>

*quiz this week (and I haven't the foggiest what kind of prize I could give you for getting this right) be the first to tell me which individual's elections nomination package I signed and you win!

The Fabulous Vice President Student Life – Report to Council 3 February, 2004

WELLNESS - TOBACCO INITIATIVE

- ☉ Prepared for and conducted interviews for Program Coordinator
- ☉ Hired a Program Coordinator to facilitate the program!
- ☉ Working with AADAC and new Coordinator and partners to develop an official 'program' to be used
- ☉ Arranging office space

WELLNESS WEEK

- ☉ Confirming funding from University sources and corporate sponsors
- ☉ Looking for sponsorship
- ☉ Working on programming the week...

REVOLUTIONARY SPEAKER SERIES REMINDER

- ☉ Irshad Manji – good! Lots of discussion and debate amongst the audience
- ☉ Vandana Shiva – up next! March 14, 2003

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

- ☉ Exploring further direction for the Year of the Bike, Bike Hospital, Community Bikes
- ☉ Campus Food Bank Board of Directors – Funding Breakdown (GSA/SU)
- ☉ Zero Year Reunion – logistics and promotions
- ☉ Regular Coffee Times with Campus Security
- ☉ Was very busy arranging thank-yous, council paraphernalia, thank-you paraphernalia, staff paraphernalia
- ☉ Worked on Powerplant ads for the rest of the semester, in addition to the new Powerplant wall calendar!

MEET & GREETINGS

- ☉ Attended my 3rd BSA Fashion Show with the hottest date ever!
- ☉ Went to the Western Canadian Campus Recreation Conference hosted by the U of A's fabulous Campus Recreation staff – lots of talk about DFUs
- ☉ Watched the GB & P Basketball – Senior Night presentations, and the Golden Bears v.s Huskies Hockey Game
- ☉ Helped host the Campus 5-0 Superbowl Party with the Powerplant Operations – Night Manager

PROPOSED

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 2
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<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<u>Tuition Levels and Regulation</u>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

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WHEREAS the benefits of an educated population and of an accessible system of education are reaped largely by society as a whole;

WHEREAS the state of Alberta's economy and public finances is among the best in Canada;

WHEREAS the present level of investment by the provincial government in post-secondary education is among the lowest in Canada;

WHEREAS tuition in Alberta has been climbing at rates well in excess of inflation for more than a decade and is now among the highest in Canada;

WHEREAS governmental controls on tuition levels have been steadily eroded during this time;

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WHEREAS the fact that all Canadian jurisdictions require from University undergraduate students an upfront payment of a portion of the cost of their education puts Canada in a minority of industrialized countries;

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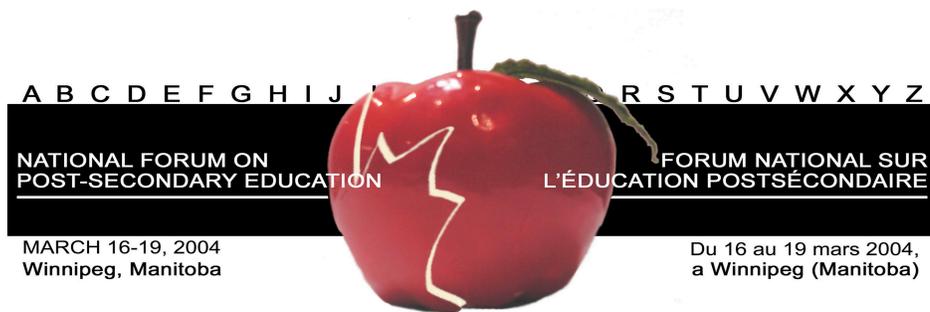
(April 30, 2003 to present)

Number#	Motion #	Title	Mover	Notice of Motion	1st Reading	Committee	2nd reading
1	2003-01/12a	Repeal Bylaw 2300	Smith	n/a	30-Apr-03	Exec date?	10-Jun-03
2	2003-01/12b	Repeal Bylaw 6450	Smith	n/a	30-Apr-03	n/a	27-May-03
3	2003-03/14b	Amend Bylaw 3400 (Exec committee)	Mah	n/a	27-May-03	IRB date?	3-Jun-03
4	2003-06/14a	Amend Bylaw 2100 (Elections)	Kotovych	n/a	24-Jun-03	IRB date?	22-Jul-03
5	2003-06/14d	Amend Bylaw 2200 (Elections)	Kotovych	n/a	24-Jun-03	IRB date?	22-Jul-03
5a	2003-07/14a	Adopt Bylaw 1400 (Audit committee)	Cook	n/a	8-Jul-03	draft	
5b	2003-07/14b	Amend Bylaw 1100 (Exec committee)	"	"	"	"	
6	2003-07/14c	Amend Bylaw 3100 (Conduct of Business)	Cook	n/a	8-Jul-03	IRB date?	23-Sep-03
7	2003-07/14d	Amend Bylaw 3200 (Salaries)	Botten	n/a	8-Jul-03	IRB date?	5-Aug-03
8	2003-08/14a	Amend Article VI & Recind Article XVII	Smith	n/a	22-Jul-03	n/a	5-Aug-03
9	2003-09/14b	Amend Bylaw 2200 (Councillor Elections)	Lo	n/a	5-Aug-03	IRB date?	19-Aug-03
10	2003-09/14c	Amend Bylaw 2200 (Councillor Elections)	Abboud	n/a	5-Aug-03	IRB date?	
11a	2003-11/13a	Seperation of Powers (Judicial)	Smith	9-Sep-03	23-Sep-03	IRB date?	
11b	2003-11/13a	Seperation of Powers (Exec & Leg)	Smith	"	Oct 7, 2003*	-	-
12	2003-11/13b	Legislative Review Framework for IRB	Brechtel	9-Sep-03	9-Sep-03	draft	
13	2003-11-13c	Abolition of General Meetings (Recind Bylaw 6	Brechtel	9-Sep-03	Oct 7, 2003	IRB date?	Nov 4, 2003
14	2003-14/10a	Repeal Article X	Botten	n/a	Oct 7, 2003	n/a	Oct 28, 2003
15	2003-15/10c	Amend Article XVIII s(4)	Brechtel	n/a	Oct 28, 2003	n/a	Nov 4, 2003
16	2003-17/10b	New Judicial System	Brechtel	Nov 25, 2003	Jan 6, 2004	draft	
17	2003-17/10c	Changing None of the Above Option	Smith	Nov 25, 2003	Nov 25, 2003*	-	-
18	2003-19/10a	Recind Articles I, II, III, IV, IX and XI	Brechtel	n/a	Jan 6, 2004	n/a	Jan 27, 2004
19	2003-19/10b	Amend Article V	Smith	n/a	Jan 6, 2004	n/a	Jan 27, 2004
20	2003-20/10c	Election Regulations Corrections	Smith	Jan 20, 2004	Jan 20, 2004	draft	
21	2003-21/10c	Eliminate BoG rep position	Brechtel	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004*	-	-
22	2003-21/10d	Two year BoG rep term	Sharma	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004*	-	-
23	2003-21/10e	Two year Councillor positions	Sharma	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004*	-	-
24	2003-21/10f	IRB Omnibus delegislation motion	Brechtel	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004	draft	
25	2003-21/10g	Awards Board Amendments	Brechtel	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004	draft	
26	2003-21/10h	Removal of Res Hall & UAB seats	Wudarck	Jan 27, 2004			
27	2003-21/10i	Removal of Exec course requirements	Botten	Jan 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2004*	-	-
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(April 30, 2003 to present)

3rd reading	In Effect
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19-Aug-03	yes
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Nov 4, 2003	yes
Nov 25, 2003	yes
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The Conference

This is a national conference where student leaders will come with the express purpose of placing post-secondary on the national agenda, and of creating a series of recommendations from the most experienced student advocates in the country. This conference serves as a non-partisan method of contributing to the national landscape without participating in any nationally developed group. It also allows the University of Alberta Students' Union to develop some national identity, recognition and support as we move into the upcoming federal (and soon after provincial) elections.

The Deficiencies

The U of A Students' Union has had no national presence this year on an institutional level. As such, we are unaware of the plans of any other institution on the national level coming up to the federal election. In addition to this, the U of A Students' Union is lacking in federal political policy, and as a corollary we are lacking any support or influence at the federal level. We have also been, in a large part, preoccupied with the status of the provincial government, which limited the time available to federal projects.

A Potential Solution

Although attending the national forum will not reestablish our national presence, it will allow representatives from the U of A Students' Union to contribute to a national initiative. In my case, it will allow me to lay the groundwork for discovering, and engaging in national campaigns for the upcoming elections, particularly those that share similar interests with the U of A.

A Paper as an End?

This conference aims to create what could be compared to a "white paper". This is functionally a government document that suggests remedies to problems that have been identified. The benefit of this approach is to allow all institutions to take the commonalities that exist, and to use them to lobby at their own level. Often there is a tendency for student associations to focus on differences rather than commonalities. This shift will allow all groups to and exploit those commonalities. This document can also be used as the basis for lobby documents—at least many of the suggestions contained within the document may be used.

Using Knowledge

Although it may seem unwise to bring together a number of student leaders late in the term of elected office, this conference has the specific focus of harnessing all of the knowledge that student leaders have garnered during their year in office, and using it to a productive end. Some may argue it is not the responsibility of the U of A Students' Union to affect national policy and strategy, I would say that we need to take this opportunity to have students voices heard during a federal election. This is a much more cost-effective way to do so than a national lobby group, and yet one that can positively affect change on a national scale.