

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday April 6, 2004 – 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

- 2003-25/5 PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS
- 2003-25/5a New Deal Presentation – by Mike Reid.
- 2003-25/8 APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND
COMMITTEES REPORTS
- 2003-25/8b Internal Review Board

Please see document LA 03-25.01
- 2003-25/10 LEGISLATION
- 2003-25/10i **SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the
Internal Review Board, Students' Council adopt The Audit
Committee Bylaw (second reading).

Please see document LA 03-25.02
- 2003-25/10j **SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the
Internal Review Board, Students' Council adopt The Legislation
Bylaw (second reading).

Please see document LA 03-25.03
- 2003-25/10k **WEPLER/SMITH MOVED THAT** Student's Council, upon the
recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Bylaw
3300 and that a new bylaw be created with the following
principles (first reading/notice of motion):
a. That there will be a General Manager;
b. That the General Manager will provide continuity;
c. That the General Manager will oversee the management of
businesses and services of the Students' Union;
d. That the General Manager will report to and be responsible to
the President.
- 2003-25/11 NEW BUSINESS
- 2003-25/12 REPORTS

2003-25/12a

Janet Lo – Vice President Academic

Please see document LA 03-25.04

2003-25/12b

Tyler Botten – Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see document LA 03-25.05

2003-25/12c

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Please see document LA 03-25.06

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Internal Review Board Report to Students' Council April 5, 2003

Call to order (5:07pm)

Approval of Agenda
Smith/Bazin (5/0/0)

Consideration of the Audit Committee Bylaw

Consideration of the Legislation Bylaw

GM Bylaw

Exec Committee Bylaw

Impeachment

Adjournment

Steve: Let's go through this clause by clause.

[*and we do*]

Smith: 3rd clause...we should get rid of the honorarium part in this bylaw and move it to 3200. [*Agreement*]

4a-4d: good (changing provision to "presentation in 4c").

Smith: 4e is poorly worded...let's fix that [*and we do*].

Hirji: I'm assuming want both audits to be done by the same auditor?

Smith: That's irrelevant.

Samuel: Still looks kind of funny...how about:

Each month review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of at least two Students' Union organizational units.

Wepler: Could we change it from a number with two? Because, really, "department" isn't defined anywhere. We should change it, because we don't know how much we're going to do each month.

Hirji: The problem is that we haven't defined department anywhere.

Department
Budget area
Unit
Organizational Unit

Jones: The question is whether or not everything not permitted is prohibited or everything not prohibited is permitted. I say that if we choose the former, we travel down a dark path, and veer away from the common law system. That would be wrong and evil. For that reason, blocks of cheese must be allowed to proxy.

4f-h: good (except changing “expenditure to ‘transactions’”).

5a.-6b. [*minor changes*]

Samuel: Do we need a number here?

Hirji: NO! We don't need numbers! We can refer to our bylaws by name!

Jones: Just like every major government in the world does!

Jones: Fine, we'll deal with this later...but I reserve the right to bring it up at the end of the meeting.

Smith/Bazin move to approve

Carried (5/0/0)

The Legislation Bylaw

Wepler/Smith move to approve

Samuel: Clause by clause, then.

Smith: Do we think this section 1 is necessary?

Hirji: Do we think that we want to have colons in our legislation?

Smith: I think we should keep them...they're grammatically correct.

Jones: Do you want me to check online?

[*Jones checks online*]

Jones: “Shall not be used to separate the subject from the verb”. Generally, what's before a colon implies a promise, and what is written after that colon delivers on that promise.

Hirji: Let's take all the colons out!!!

Wepler: We'll make a great compromise! We'll use “semi”-colons.

Carried (4/1/0) **Jones opposed.**

Jones: We need standards...for colons.

Wepler moved that IRB recommend to Students' Council that Bylaw 3300 be rescinded and that a new bylaw be created with the following principles:

1. That there will be a GM;
2. That the GM will provide continuity;
3. That the GM will oversee the management of businesses and services of the Students' Union;
4. That the GM will report to and be responsible to the President.

Hirji: Do we want to move this cleanup, or do we want to try for substantive change.

Smith: I'm happy bringing this to Council.

(3/0/2) Hirji, Jones abstains

Jones/Hirji moved to establish grammatical colon use and the removal of bylaw numbers as drafting principles.

Wepler: Can we leave bylaw numbers alone? We need those to sort and order them.

[Hirji, at this point, explained alphabetical order.]

Hirji: There really isn't that much left.

Carried (5/0/0)

Hirji moved to amend the Judiciary Bylaw and the Faculty Association Bylaw to adhere to the drafting principles.

Friendly

Hirji/Jones moved that M Mustafa Hirji and C David Jaworski "Chris" Jones be impeached and tried by Students' Council for high crimes and misdemeanors at the May 3rd meeting of Students' Council.

Smith: What are the high crimes and misdemeanors of which the two accused are guilty of.

Hirji: One: Being unelected students-at-large on the Internal Review Board. Two: Attempting legislative changes inconsistent with the will of Council.

(3/1/1) In Favor: Jones, Hirji

Opposed: Smith

Smith/Wepler moved to adjourn.

(5/0/0) Carried

PROPOSED

The Audit Committee Bylaw

1. The Audit Committee shall be composed of five voting members of Students' Council who are not members of the Executive Committee, and at least one of whom is a member of the Financial Affairs Board.
2. The mandate of the Audit Committee is to oversee and monitor the implementation of the Students' Union's budget.
3. The Audit Committee shall elect a chair from within its membership.
4. The Audit Committee shall
 - (a) annually select the Students' Union's auditor;
 - (b) oversee the Students' Union's external audit;
 - (c) review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
 - (d) review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purpose of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
 - (e) Each month review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of at least two Students' Union organizational units.
 - (f) review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
 - (g) investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget; and
 - (h) take such other actions as it considers appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its mandate.
5. The Audit Committee shall provide reports to Students' Council during January, April, July, and October of each year, such reports to include
 - (a) a list of what portions of the Students' Union's finances the Audit Committee reviewed since its last report;
 - (b) a list of any and all transactions whose appropriateness and compliance the Audit Committee considers questionable;
 - (c) a list of significant variances against the Students' Union's budget and explanations for these variances; and
 - (d) any other information the Audit Committee considers relevant.
6. The Audit Committee is empowered to
 - (a) examine any Students' Union record whose disclosure to the Audit Committee would not expose the Students' Union to legal liability; and
 - (b) summon any Students' Union employee to appear before it within a reasonable length of time.

PROPOSED

The Legislation Bylaw

1. Students' Union legislation is
 - (a) Students' Union Bylaws;
 - (b) Students' Union Political Policy; and
 - (c) miscellaneous motions of Students' Council.

2. Students' Union Bylaws
 - (a) are directives perpetually requiring and/or prohibiting any action by the Students' Union;
 - (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded by two simple majority votes of Students' Council occurring not less than seven days apart; and
 - (c) do not expire.

3. Students' Union Political Policy
 - (a) states opinions or beliefs of the Students' Union;
 - (b) does not require or prohibit any action by the Students' Union, except that no person may publicly represent any opinion or belief as belonging to the Students' Union unless it is set out in political policy;
 - (c) is adopted, amended, or rescinded by a simple majority vote of Students' Council; and
 - (d) expires on the April 30 occurring not less than three years and not more than four years from the date of its adoption.

4. Miscellaneous motions of Students' Council
 - (a) are any non-procedural motions adopted by Students' Council that do not adopt, amend, or rescind Students' Union Bylaws or political policy; and
 - (b) expire on the April 30 occurring after their dates of adoption unless otherwise specified in the motion.

☞ GFC-Related Meetings

☞ *CLE Subcommittee on FEC's (T 23 Mar)*

- ☞ Working on gathering information from faculties regarding the Faculty Evaluation Committee processes.
- ☞ Committee will be looking to answer several key questions over the next few months.
- ☞ **Goal:** to better understand the Faculty Evaluation Committee process and to gauge whether it accomplishes what it sets out to do.

☞ *APC-GFC Executive (W 24 Mar)*

- ☞ Meeting to discuss the details of the merger with Augustana University College, after the release of the provincial budget.

☞ *General Faculties Council (M 5 Apr)*

- ☞ Special meeting of GFC called to finalize the merger with Augustana University College, and to establish the "Augustana Faculty" here at the University of Alberta.
- ☞ Passed with a resounding 86 in favour and 0 opposed.
- ☞ My last GFC meeting after 2.5 years of GFC service.

☞ University Meetings

☞ *Quantera (Bookstore Business Case Review) (W 24 Mar)*

- ☞ Finalized the Bookstore Business Case Review, which began on November 17, 2003 at the request of the Funding Solutions Task Force, with the aims of maximizing revenue, containing costs, and increasing profits to the University.
- ☞ **Next Step:** Recommendations to go to the Provost's office.

☞ *ONEcard Student Advisory Group (R 25 Mar)*

- ☞ Final meeting of the year.

☞ Student Meetings

☞ *GPA Presentation (W 24 Mar)*

- ☞ Presentation and Q&A session for students interested in understanding the Fall 2003 grade conundrum.
- ☞ Low turnout, about 10 students that I didn't recognize.
- ☞ Thanks to Registrar Carole Byrne and Vice-Provost Gretchen Hess for their support and for their help with the presentation.
- ☞ **Note:** re-graded courses were due to the Registrar on 31 March 2004. Last I heard, on 29 March, there were approximately **14,000** grades changed!!! Keep in mind that there were **125,000** grades assigned in Fall 2003. I hope to get a final number within the next week or so.

☞ *Academic Affairs Board (R 25 Mar)*

- ☞ Final meeting of the year.
- ☞ Failed to achieve quorum.
- ☞ Discussed policy recommendations to next year's AAB. Final comments of the year regarding AAB and its role in the SU.
- ☞ Thanks to all for coming, and thanks to all for a great year and your participation in some exciting academic discussions!

☞ *Finished meeting with FA Presidents*

- ☞ The quest to meet with each Faculty Association President is now complete.
- ☞ Now to roll all their intriguing structures and interesting things I've learned into a manual for the VPA office!
- ☞ A few tidbits you may not have known:

- ☞ **AFHEFSA (Ag-For, Home Ec):** hires a Student Liaison Officer to coordinate communication between the clubs of Ag-For.
- ☞ **ASA (Arts):** has 30 undergraduate seats on their Faculty Council.
- ☞ **BSA (Business):** has a budget of about \$100,000 and invests money in summer GIC's.
- ☞ **ESA (Ed):** Student Local No 1 of the Alberta Teachers' Association and runs a tutoring checkpoint for K-12 students seeking tutors with an Education background.
- ☞ **ESS (Engineering):** the only Faculty Association with a Board of Directors, and has an Engineering Student Activities Fund which accepts donations.
- ☞ **AUFSJ (FSJ):** receives a cut from the Students' Union fees which makes up the association's operating budget.
- ☞ **LSA (Law):** has a plethora of student clubs, including the Law Show, Rugby Team, Women's Law Forum, Vin Ordinaire, and the Oratory Club.
- ☞ **MSA (Med):** affiliated with the Canadian Federation of Medical Students, a national lobbying association for Med students.
- ☞ **NUA (Nursing):** has 1 undergraduate seat on the Faculty Caucus which discusses the faculty budget.
- ☞ **APSA (Pharmacy):** does not have an Executive, instead, is run by a Council of 21. Also part of a national and international Pharmacy Students' Association.
- ☞ **PERCS (Phys Ed & Rec):** runs an annual Rookie Camp to orient and meet first year and transfer students.
- ☞ **RMSA (Rehab Med):** provides educational subsidies (to the tune of an accumulated \$10,000 a year) to fund 50% of the registration fee for students who attend professional conferences or professional courses supplemental to the degree.
- ☞ **UASUS (Science):** donates \$1,500 each year to a scholarship endowment for Science students.

☞ **Cancelled FA Transitions Retreat**

- ☞ After many trials and tribulations, this initiative has been cancelled for this year. It will be passed on as a recommendation, along with the materials that I have planned to date, and I do hope that this is pursued in future years.
- ☞ Encountered some difficulties in getting definite commitment from outgoing and incoming FA Executives for the turnover retreat, given the time of year and how busy things are.
- ☞ **Next Step:** Will endeavor to output a Transition Manual for CoFA and for Faculty Association Executives instead.

☞ **Awards Night (T 30 Mar)**

- ☞ Many thanks to our incredible staff who worked like a team unseen to pull Awards Night together.
- ☞ A very memorable evening for me, a highlight of my year, a night that will not be forgotten, and for which I owe many thanks, all of which begin and end with **Sir Chris Henderson**, the knight of the academic free world who put the spectacular night on, and to many people in between whom I will thank in person.
- ☞ Congratulations to all award winners!
- ☞ **On Tap:** Will be working to tie up the final details of the budget 518 and make some recommendations for next year.

☞ **Random**

- ☞ Introduced **Vandana Shiva** for the **Revolutionary Speaker Series**.
- ☞ Wrote my **Philosophy Final**. Guess that makes 1 down, 1 to go.
- ☞ The **bad news:** My Oilers out of the playoffs. The **good news:** I won't spend April wrapped up in Oiler euphoria until they inevitably choke, sputter, and die (in that order).

☞ I'm Becoming Old News Fast

☞ *Preliminary Budgets*

- ☞ 518 & 519 done and done!

☞ *Academic Advocacy Visioning*

- ☞ So I've been doing this for quite a few months now: envisioning how to make academic advocacy, in my opinion, more effective for the Students' Union.
- ☞ Lots of discussions, job description writing, and I think my vision is nearly "there"... it's all just a matter of passing it on now.

☞ *Transitioning with Lisa*

- ☞ Spent many hours in transition, and will continue to do so. How she puts up with me blabbering on and on about university governance structure, academic advocacy, and everything else that I can rant about, I'll never know.
- ☞ I'll continue to go on and on until she tells me to shut up or 4 May, whichever comes first!

☞ *Nom Com*

- ☞ AAC Shortlisting, AAC Interviews, Academic Board Shortlisting.
- ☞ Up next: Academic Board Interviews. Then it ends.

☞ *There isn't time enough in the world to do what I want to do!*

- ☞ Transition manuals, project reports, thoughts on committees, board visions, and final reports... there just isn't enough time to do everything!
- ☞ Do I **have** to go? Can I buy another month's worth of time in office???

☞ Fun Things Around Campus

- ☞ **Faculty of Education** has an **Acting Dean** in 2 days: **Dr Fern Snart**. My congratulations to a very lovely lady who will make a great Acting Dean!
- ☞ Dean of Education, **Dr Larry Beauchamp**, moving on to **Vice-Provost & Associate Vice President (Human Resources)** position in Central Administration. My congratulations to Larry, whom I will always be honoured to say that I worked with and whom I will always hold up with the highest of respects.
- ☞ Congratulations to **Gerry Kendal**, the newest **Associate Registrar of Enrollment Management**, also from the Faculty of Education!

☞ Upcoming (a lot of "last ones" for me) ☹:

- ☞ GFC Exec (T 6 Apr)
- ☞ GFC Replenishment Committee (T 6 Apr)
- ☞ CLE (W 7 Apr)
- ☞ CoFA (W 7 Apr, 5:00 pm, 5-20 Humanities)
- ☞ AISSC (R 8 Apr)
- ☞ SOS (R 8 Apr)
- ☞ CLE Subcommittee on FYLE (T 13 Apr)
- ☞ CLE Subcommittee on FEC (T 13 Apr)
- ☞ ASC (R 15 Apr)
- ☞ AASUA: TLC (T 20 Apr)
- ☞ **HISTORY Final Exam** (R 22 Apr)
- ☞ **EDPY Final Project Paper** Due (sometime at the end of April)
- ☞ **Why did I decide to be a full-time student in the Winter term? Oh right, because I'm *crazy*.**
- ☞ Transition Manual and Final Report writing
- ☞ Tying up loose ends, and boy, are there enough of them!
- ☞ Goodbyes and Thank You's to come

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

Members of Council,

Just about done, hey? It's been quite the ridiculous (used loosely) year, I must say, and I am glad you loyal readers have been with me through it all. Your dedication in keeping up on my reports is likely to never pay off in any tangible way, but you have my thanks. If I could buy you all something really nice, I would but like I've always said – it's the thought that counts, no? In any case, here's another version of a so-called report. Next meeting's report should be the kicker, but this one will be a slim and trim version of what's been happening 'round about the Ops&Finance portfolio of late.

suite of financial reforms

- **been there, done that** – it occurred to me that I had two opportunities to make promises that I couldn't keep in the year – once in delivering the final budget on a certain timeline and once in delivering the preliminary budget on a certain timeline. thankfully, I have nothing but failure to show for both, which is why there is no motion to approve the preliminary budget for 2004/2005 on this week's agenda. the good news associated with this is that both myself and the Financial Affairs Board have a good chunk of work to do yet on determining how money is likely to be allocated and I don't want to go through with things in a half-assed manner, which is the best I could promise in it coming forward today. so, for the time being, I guess you can just sit back and forget about financial matters for a few more weeks.
- **up and coming** - well, there will be a preliminary budget up for approval at the next meeting, and aside from that, in order to keep from failing to live up to yet another promise, I will refrain from making any herein.

year of the bars

- **been there, done that** – the revitalization plan is in its final stages now (finally) and it's a long sucker. I will be incorporating it into my transition with my successor which means that y'all can ask him questions about it after 1 May.
- **up and coming** – I plan to actually be *bitting the bar* more often as things wind down, so if you want to go for some eats or a drink, just let me know. I'm not buying, but I'll certainly appreciate the company, because nothing says "Operations & Finance" like drinking alone...

bang for your buck

- **been there, done that** – everything in this project is finally wrapped up. we'll call it some kind of 'success', shall we?
- **up and coming** – okay, fine...there is still that *one* issue of the FSJ fund, but who knows if that'll get done in the next three weeks. we'll see.

organizational reform

- **been there, done that** – funny thing about the budget taking up a lot of time...it keeps me from having time to spend on other projects. like an org review. as one finishes, another should be resurrected with a report in three weeks.

- **up and coming** – since I don't have much time left or any credibility, instead of actually trying to make changes to a system that could easily revert back in a month's time (like one of those little stress toys that regains its form once you're done squeezing) I'll be writing a bunch of recommendations down on paper and giving them to someone else to deal with. quack.

students' council reform

- **been there, done that** – turns out a bunch of new folk were elected to Council since we last met. I'll be in touch with them (and you) about the upcoming changeover retreat. I couldn't possibly be more excited about the whole thing. just look at my face – nothing says 'excitement' more than that.
- **up and coming** – hopefully people will actually show up for the retreat so it doesn't prove to be just another colossal failure that I can add to my 'track record'.

side projects and other things that occupy my time

- **been there, done that** – transition work and trying to clean up every loose end that I can imagine. even ones that have been dangling since the summer.
- **up and coming** – see above.

*this week's quiz: we'll do this 'Price is Right' style – I'll take pool bids on what the bottom line Net Profit of the SU will be before Capital Expenditures in the Preliminary Budget. person who is closest without going over gets a lollipop or something.

Лоза б'є не я бю від нині за тиждень буде Великдень!

BOG Rep Report to Council – April 6, 2004

BOG Stuff

Nothing, really.

Transition

I have spent a lot of time transitioning my BOG Rep successor, taking him out for drinks and whatnot. He's picking things up really quickly, so I'm confident that the position will be in good hands when I finish. Unfortunately, he's also a bit of an ass, and keeps hitting on the same girls I do. Bastard.

Wellness Week Ultimate Frisbee Game

In the SU vs. U-Hall showdown, I played for U-Hall as "Phyllis Clark". Scored the winning goal. Haven't been invited back to SUB 2-900 since.

Pandas Hockey Silent Auction

I attended the Pandas Hockey team year-end Silent Auction with Councilor Wallace and Sam Power. Tonnes of fun. I was going to bid on a case of wine, but figured that the bus ride home would have been made awkward. So I put Brechtel's name down, instead. Congratulations to the Pandas on a stellar season! ☺

Zero-Year Reunion

I missed the early formalities, as I was busy putting Brechtel's name down for various items at a Silent Auction. But the concert was great, and I had a chance to chat with Alumni Association President Gordon Barr.

SU Awards Night

I attended SU Awards Night as a coat check worker/award presenter/guest. Congratulations to the SU for putting together another classy event, and thank you for the opportunity to rifle through people's pockets. I had the chance to chat with two SU presidents from the 1960s. Another highlight: calling Mr. Speaker at 3am from Keegan's. Yes!

Lunch With J-Lo

And the year slowly winds to a close...

Rush the Vote

Rush the Vote was horrible (funny, but horrible). It felt like a cross between President's Address and CALM 20, geared for junior high students, filled with teeny-bopper Nelly Furtado fans, and featuring really stupid commentary. Highlights: Graham Neil, Barlow, and leaving.

Христос Воскрес!

Роман Котович