

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday May 18, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2004-02/7

## QUESTION PERIOD

2004-02/7a

**KNISELY** - A question to the Vice President (Operations and Finance): The legislature just passed the preliminary motion of Barry McFarland, MLA, to raise the legal drinking age in this province to 19. What potential impacts on SU businesses, particularly our bars, would an increased legal drinking age have, and how would you react to it?

**LAW** - In response to the question posed, it is reasonable to infer that increasing the legal drinking age from 18 to 19 would decrease our alcoholic beverage sales. It is also very possible that attendance would decrease as well. We currently have a younger population that frequents the Powerplant mainly on Thursdays for Ship Night, however we also have an older population that attends the Powerplant on several other nights and throughout the daytime. Unfortunately, we do not have specific data as to the age of customers who attend our businesses and purchase alcoholic beverages at Dewey's, the Powerplant, or RATT. Thus we would be hard pressed to predict beyond the qualitative impact.

In terms of response, there is little we can do about decreased attendance at our bars. One possibility we could undertake in order to continue providing services to the younger population is to take a look at having more all aged events at non-licensed venues, if we deem this would not severely damage our financial situation. With respect to alcohol sales, we have already taken steps to decrease the role that alcohol revenue plays in our bars. The Business Revitalization Plan: Bars, is a guideline for a major restructuring of our bar businesses. The plan takes a proactive approach to the issue of alcohol within the university community. One aim within the plan is to focus more on the service and food aspects of our bars rather than the alcohol aspect. This is intended to prepare our businesses for any major loss in alcohol sales since this is a highly variable area.

2004-02/8

## APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2004-02/8a

**TAYLOR/BLATZ MOVED THAT** the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense of not to exceed \$1335.00 for Vice President Academic to attend Experiencing the Richness of the University Mosaic.

Please see document LA 04-02.01

2004-02/9 **APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORT**

2004-02/9a Internal Review Board Report

Please see document LA 04-02.02

2004-02/11 **LEGISLATION**

2004-02/11d **Bill #1 Financial Affairs Board Reform Motion (sponsor; SMITH)**  
second reading

Please see document LA 04-02.03

2004-02/11e **Bill #2 Board of Governors Committee Parity Motion (sponsor; KOTOVYCH)** second reading

Please see document LA 04-02.04

2004-02/12 **NEW BUSINESS**

2004-02/12e **MOTION BY TAYLOR, RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve budget transfers not to exceed \$620.00, \$450.00, and \$250.00 in accordance with the attached documentation.

Please see document LA 04-02.05

Please see document LA 04-02.06

2004-02/12f **MOTION BY ABBOUD/SAMUEL, RESOLVED** that Students' Council ratify the appointments of Elaine Chow, Osama Montasser, and Sheena Aperocho as Student at Large members of the External Affairs Board for the 2004-05 year.

To: Students' Council  
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Submitted by: **Lisa McLaughlin**, Vice-President (Academic), 2004-05  
Re: Conference Expenditure Approval Request

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**Conference:** Experiencing the Richness of the University Mosaic: From Diversity to Individuality

Hosted by the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

**Dates:** Wednesday, June 16 to Saturday, June 19

**Location:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

**Request:**

<b><u>Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>
Registration Fee:	STLHE Student Non-member Pre-conference Workshop	\$230.00 \$75.00	\$450
Accommodation:	4 nights in U of O Residence @ \$44.80/night	\$179.20	\$340
Transportation:	Flight Projected ground travel	\$633.00 \$60	\$464
Per Diem:	\$30/travel day (\$100 will be used to purchase banquet ticket)	\$150	\$120
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1327.20</b>	<b>\$1374</b>

**Proposed Travel Schedule:**

Tuesday, June 15 – Depart Edmonton late morning/early afternoon direct to Ottawa

Wednesday, June 16 – Pre-conference workshop

Thursday, June 17 – Official start of conference

Saturday, June 19 – Depart Ottawa early afternoon; Arrive in Edmonton in evening

**Rationale for Attendance:**

Following the suggestion of my predecessor, I researched the cost and value of attending this conference and feel it would be highly beneficial for me to attend given my goals and interests this year. Essentially, some of my goals this year, as well as issues I'm likely to encounter on committees, include evaluation of teaching, issues concerning academic integrity (e.g., plagiarism), first-year seminars/courses and the undergraduate learning experience more broadly, expanding wireless capability on campus and suggestions of mandatory purchase of laptops by students, and the measurement of teaching and quality

of education. A number of the sessions at this conference specifically address these topics.

Our university is showing signs of beginning to re-appreciate the importance of a quality undergraduate learning experience as evidenced by newly emerging committees, such as the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment and its subcommittee on the First Year Learning Experience, as well as the Teaching and Research Working Group, and by information dispensed during conversations with faculty and administrators. In order to take full advantage of this opportunity to effect change at the U of A, it is important to learn as much about the pertinent issues as possible and to have the opportunity to engage in discussion with academics and other students across the country to share experiences and spark ideas and strategies for pursuing desired changes.

**A Brief Sample of Sessions I hope to Attend:**

- “The ideal university”
- “Personalizing the megaclass”
- “The Quality Challenge: A Discussion on Strategies for Enhancing the Quality of Post-Secondary Education in Canada”
- “Peer teaching in liberal education: The arts seminars program at UPEI”
- “Interactivity in large lectures using an innovative, appropriate technology”
- “Inquiring: Does it really work for first year science students?”
- “Plagiarism: Is TurnItIn the answer?”
- “Can we agree on what we want our graduates to be like?”
- “Multi-source teaching evaluations: Recommendations for individuals and institutions”
- “Where students say they learn the most”
- “Can innovation in teaching and learning be measured?”
- “The ideal university: Recap and results”
- “You must have some questions! A discussion-based approach to undergraduate teaching”
- “Is teaching a subordinate clause in institutional discourse and practice – exploring, problematizing, and strategizing”
- “Using diverse assessment to improve student learning: Theory, evaluation, and practice”
- “Making laptops work in the classroom: How is it possible?”

**Report of the Internal Review Board to Students' Council**  
**May 18, 2004**

In addition to its recommendations to Students' Council, the Internal Review Board passed the following motion at its meeting of May 17:

BAZIN/SMITH MOVED THAT the Internal Review Board, acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council in the Internal Review Board bylaw, approve the following changes to Students' Union legislation:

(a) that Sections 6 (o), 7 (h), 8 (j), and 10 (l) of Bylaw 1100.

## **Bill #1 (F.A.B. Reform Motion)**

### **Part 1 (principles from 1st reading, May 3, 2004)**

- 1) Change legislation to replace the Financial Affairs Board with a Budget Committee
  - a) To be composed of the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) as chair and six Councilors as voting members;
  - b) having a quorum of four members;
  - c) to elect a chair in the absence of the Vice-President (Operations and Finance); and
  - d) meeting at the call of the chair or of any four members of the committee with at least forty-eight hours notice provided to all members.

CURRENT

**Bylaw 4300**

**A Bylaw Respecting the Financial Affairs Board of the Students' Union**

- Short Title**        1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Financial Affairs Board Bylaw".
- Definitions**       2. a. "FAB" will mean the Financial Affairs Board;
- b. "Bylaws" or "Constitution" in this Bylaw will mean the Students' Union Constitution and Bylaws; and,
- c. "Board" will mean the Financial Affairs Board.
- Start-up**            2. a. The Financial Affairs Board will be appointed by Students' Council by June 30 of each year.
- b. The Incoming Chair of the Board will announce the date of the first meeting, and establish the dates of subsequent meetings.
- Mandate**            3. The Financial Affairs Board will:
- a. Prepare a preliminary budget for the following fiscal year;
- b. Present documented recommendations to Students' Council on all financial matters referred to it by Students' Council, the Executive Committee, or the Vice-President Operations and Finance;
- c. Consider any matter which the Vice-President Operations and Finance or the Executive Committee believes is usefully considered by the Board;
- d. i. consider any financial item classified as a non-budget expense referred to it at the discretion of the Vice-President Operations and Finance prior to referral to Students' Council;
- ii. determine if funds for a non-budget expense are available, and if the funds are warranted, make recommendations to Students' Council;
- Composition**       4. The Financial Affairs Board will be composed of:
- a. The Vice-President Operations and Finance;

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- b. Three (3) Student Councillors. If no member(s) of Students' Council can be obtained after two (2) attempts to fill the required Councillor position(s), the Chair may, after June 30 of each year, appoint student(s)-at-large to fill the vacant position(s) on the Board;
  - c. Four (4) students-at-large; and,
  - d. The General Manager or their designee, as a non-voting member.
- Chair**
- 5. a. The Chair of the Financial Affairs Board will be the Vice-President Operations and Finance.
  - b. The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as Secretary to the Board.
  - c. Should the Chair be absent, their designee will be Chair, and in the absence of a designee, a member of the Board will be elected as chair at that meeting.
- Quorum**
- 6. a. Quorum at any meeting of the Board will be four (4) voting members and the Chair or acting Chair.
- Conduct of Business**
- 7. a. The Chair or any three (3) members of the Board may call a meeting. At least thirty-six (36) hours notice will be given to all members.
  - b. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair will decide the matter.
  - c. All Board agendas, minutes, and recommendations will be made available to Board members and Student Councillors, upon request.
  - d. Board policy decisions will not come into effect until after they have been approved by Students' Council.

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PROPOSED

**Bylaw 4300**

**A Bylaw Respecting the Budget Committee of the Students' Union**

**Mandate**

1. The Budget Committee shall
  - a. prepare a preliminary budget for the following fiscal year;
  - b. complete the final version of the budget for the current fiscal year;
  - c. make such recommendations on the budget to Students' Council as it considers appropriate; and
  - d. undertake such tasks as are assigned to it by Students' Council.

**Composition**

2. The Budget Committee shall be composed of
  - a. the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) as chair; and
  - b. six Student Councilors.

**Absent Chair**

3. Should the chair be absent, the Budget Committee shall elect that meeting's chair from its membership.

**Quorum**

4. Quorum at any meeting of the Budget Committee shall be four members.

**Conduct of Business**

5. The Chair or any four members of the Budget Committee may call a meeting by providing at least forty-eight hours notice to all members.

## **Bill #2 (BoG Rep. Committee Parity Motion)**

### **Part 1 (principles from 1<sup>st</sup> reading, May 3, 2004)**

- a) The Undergraduate board of Governors Representative be afforded the same opportunity as Councilors to serve as a voting member on committees of Students' Council.

## CURRENT

### Bylaw 8100

#### A Bylaw Respecting the Board of Governors Representative

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| <b>Short Title</b>                        | 1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Board of Governors Bylaw".  |
|   | 2. The "Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors" refers exclusively to the individual elected specifically to the Board of Governors. This Bylaw has no bearing on the President of the Students' Union who sits on the Board of Governors by virtue of their position.   |
| <b>Conduct of Business</b>                | 3. The Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall be elected pursuant to Bylaw 2100 (Nominations and Elections Bylaw), and shall be appointed to the Board of Governors for a period of one (1) year, commencing May 1 and ending April 30, by the Minister of Advanced Education, on the recommendation of Students' Council.   |
|   | 4. A candidate for the position of Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors may run for office as a member of a slate, if they so choose.  |
| <b>Responsibilities of Representative</b> | 5. The responsibilities of the Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. submit written and/or oral reports to Students' Council and be present at meetings of Students' Council during Question Period;</li><li>b. maintain a minimum of five (5) office hours per week;</li><li>c. present a student point of view to the Board of Governors;</li></ul> |
| <b>Privileges</b>                         | 6. For the purposes of their office, the Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall have at their disposal, the administrative/secretarial services of the Students' Union.  |
| <b>Office Space</b>                       | 7. The Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall be afforded sufficient office space, subject to Building Policy, in the Students' Union Building to conduct their duties.  |

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**Requirements**

8. The Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall be a member of the Students' Union as defined in Article VIII.

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## PROPOSED

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**Requirements**

8. The Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall be a member of the Students' Union as defined in Article VIII.

**Committees**

9. Notwithstanding any other bylaw, the Undergraduate Student Member of the Board of Governors shall have the same eligibility as a Student Councilor to be appointed by Students' Council to sit on boards and committees.

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## Budget Transfer Form

(All departments must have this form filled out and signed by the VP Operations and Finance and the Senior Manager of Finance and Administration)

**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2004

**Department #:** 712

**From Account:** 8173-100, 8173-200, 8173-300, 8173-400

**To Account:** 523-8173-100, 523-8173-200, and 523-8173-300

**Amount:** \$620.00, \$450.00, and \$250.00, respectively

Please provide a brief explanation of the transfer request.

This is a request for transfer of budgeted expenses for a conference which the Senior Manager of Programming & Licensed Activities will not be attending this year (only), and therefore would like to see the Student Activities Coordinator attend COCA, through existence of this money in the VPSL budget, which was removed by the former VPSL.

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VP Operations & Finance

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Senior Manager of  
Finance & Administration

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Department Head

Friday, May 14, 2004

For the Executive Committee

Re: Canadian Organization of Campus Activities- National Conference 2004

The National COCA conference brings staff and students from all of the schools in Canada together yearly to focus on a variety of areas which affect Student Organizations. The goal of attending such a conference is to bring back a wealth of experience, information, and education to integrate and implement on campus through the actions and mandates of the Students' Union, for the upcoming year. One of the greatest aspects of this type of conference is the myriad possibilities of learning through the experience of our peers in these similar and corresponding positions around the country and applying them on our own campus accordingly.

Traditionally, the Senior Manager of Programming & Licensed Activities, the Vice President Student Life, and the Student Activities Coordinator attend this event. This conference has been budgeted respectively, and I strongly believe that all three people attending COCA will help to make our service to the students greater. As in previous years, I will be attempting to share accommodations with another programmer to save on costs, and will encourage the VPSL and SAC this year to do the same. The breakdown for the expenses, individually and collectively, are presented in the following table:

<u>Duncan Taylor</u>	<u>Tyler Daignault</u>	<u>total cost</u>	<u>expense</u>
\$ 680.00	\$680.00	\$1360.00	flight transportation
\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	5 night, hotel,shared
\$225.00	\$225.00	\$450.00	delegate fees
<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$360.00</u>	<u>per diems @\$30/day</u>
\$1435.00	\$1435.00	\$2870.00	total costs for 2 staff

The National Conference this year takes place in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and takes place from June 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. I hope that the committee will understand and recognize the importance of this conference, and what it means to our school to allow us to attend and represent the University of Alberta Students' Union. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Derpack  
Senior Manager of Programming & Licensed Activities