

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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

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2004/2005.
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Motions Amending the By-Laws/Constitution of Students' Council 2004-2005

(May 3, 2004 to present)

Bill #	Motion #	Title	Sponsor	Notice of Motion	1st Reading	I.R.B.
1	2004-01/10a	F.A.B. Reform Motion	Smith	3-May-04	3-May-04	10-May-04
2	2004-01/10b	BoG Rep. Committee Parity Motion	Kotovych	3-May-04	3-May-04	10-May-04
3	2004-02/11c	I.R.B. Amendment Motion	Blatz	18-May-04	18-May-04	25-May-04
4	2004-02/11d	Attendance Enforcement Amendment Motion	Pandya	18-May-04	1-Jun-04	22-Jun-04
5	2004-04/11a	Awards Administration Amendment Motion	McLaughlin	15-Jun-04	29-Jun-04	6-Jul-04
6	2004-05/11c	Student Groups and Student Groups Committee Update Motion	Taylor	29-Jun-04	27-Jul-04	?
7	2004-05/11d	House/Administrative Committee Motion	Pandya	29-Jun-04	21-Sep-04	drafting stage
8	2004-06/04a	Internal Review Board Provisions Motion	Knisley	withdrawn	-	-
9	2004-07/11c	ECOS Requirement Motion	Knisely	20-Jul-04	7/27/2004*	-
C-1	2004-09/11b	Article VIII (Debenham Sunset Clause Amendment)	Debenham	10-Aug-04	referred to Ad Hoc	by 1/31/2005
C-2	2004-09/11b	Article VII Rescission	Smith	10-Aug-04	21-Sep-04	n/a
C-3	2004-09/11c	Article XII Rescission	Smith	10-Aug-04	21-Sep-04	n/a
10	2004-09/11e	Quorum of Students' Council Motion	Knisely	10-Aug-04	21-Sep-04	5-Oct-04
11	2004-09/11f	Student Group Membership Privileges Amendment Motion	Debenham	10-Aug-04		
12	2004-09/11g	Powers of Executive Committee Motion	Smith	10-Aug-04	21-Sep-04	5-Oct-04
13	2004-09/11h	Term Length and Right to Vote Motion	Smith	10-Aug-04	21-Sep-04	5-Oct-04
14	2004-11/11i	Office Holding Restrictions Motion	Knisely	14-Sep-04	ithdrawn 9/21/20	-
15	2004-11/11j	Provisional Attendance Requirements and Appointments Motion	Knisely	struck from orders	-	-
16	2004-12/11d	Committee System Reform Motion	Smith	28-Sep-04		
17	2004-13/11d	Student Groups Committee Loan Granting Privileges Motion	Debenham	7-Oct-04		
C-4	2004-14/11c	Article XVIII Rescission	Smith	12-Oct-04		
18	2004-14/11j	French Election Material Motion	Smith	12-Oct-04		
19	2004-14/11k	Access to Information Motion	Smith	12-Oct-04		
20	2004-14/11l	Councillor Resignation Reform Motion	Nicol	12-Oct-04		

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2nd reading	In Effect
18-May-04	yes
18-May-04	yes
1-Jun-04	yes
29-Jun-04	yes
13-Jul-04	yes
21-Sep-04	yes
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Motions of Students' Council 2004-2005

(May 3, 2004 - present)

	Number	Motion #	Subject	Details
Presentations ***				
	1	2004-07/5a	Travel Cuts Lawsuit	in Camera
	2	2004-08/5a	NODA Conference	
	3	11/5/04	Council Evolution	
	4	2004-13/5a	Sexual Harassment Complaint	in Camera
	5	2004-14/5a	Provincial Election Campaign	Outline of Advocacy Efforts for Prov. Election
Exec Committee Reports ***				
	1	2004-02/8a	May 5, 10, 12, & ? Reports	
	2	2004-03/8a	17-May	
	3	2004-04/8a	June 2, 7, 9	
	4	2004-04/8a	29-Jun	
	5	2004-05/8a	29-Jun	
	6	2004-07/8a		
	7	2004-08/8a	July 16, 19, 22 Reports	
	8	2004-09/8a	July 26, August 4 Reports	
	9	2004-10/8a	August 11 & 16	
	10	2004-11/7f	August 24, Sept 1 extra motion	Formally adopted by 2/3 majority
	11	2004-11/9b	Policy Dispersal	resinds the existing policy which was really an operating p
	12a	2004-12/8a	Telephone replacement	Telephone replacement adopted by 2/3 majority
	12b	2004-12/8b	September 14 Reports	Space allocation
	13	2004-14/9a	October 12, Report	
IRB Reports ***				
	1	2004-02/9a	Non-substantive changes	FAB reform corrections
	2	2004-05/9a	Non-substantive changes	Non-Com Committee update
	3	2004-11/9a	Multi year fiscal commitments	Would limit Exec authority in multi year contract
CCRAP Reports ***				
	1	2004-03/9a	Agenda for year	4 part agenda
FAB Reports ***				
	1	2004-	13-Sep-04	Budget amendment (meal cards) DFU disbursments
Eugene Brody ***				
	1	2004-05/9b	Grant approval	\$1500 for Shinerama
	2	2004-06/9b	Grant approval	\$1188.00 for Edzimkulu
Political Policies ***				
	1	2004-06/10c	PSL Act Policy	
	2	2004-11/9b	Policy Dispersal	resinds the existing policy which was really an operating p
Standing Orders ***				

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	1	2004-01/11b	Start of year amendments	
	2	2004-02/11e	Bog Rep Reporting	
	3	2004-04/11b	CCRAP Housekeeping Review	
	4	2004-06/10b	Attendance	Taken twice
	5	2004-08/10a	Speaking to Point of Order	Would have allowed motion mover to speak to Point of Or
	6	2004-11/10b	Voting Precedence	A division shall take precedence over any other voting me
Nominations/Appoint	***	***	***	***
	1	2004-01/11c	Internal Review Board	Smith, Bazin, Samuel
	2	"	FACRA	Lewis
	3	"	Audit Committee	Smith, Bazin, Nicole, Kirkham, Lewis
	4	"	Student Legal Services	Thompson
	5	2004-02/10a	Academic Affairs Board	Kirkham, Samuel, Lau
	6	"	External Affairs Board	Smith, Kotovych Kehoe
	7	"	Budget Committee	Bazin, Smith, Lewis, Lettner, Samuel, Pandya
	8	"	Student Life Board	Yusuf, Somayaji, Taylor
	9	"	Student Groups Committee	Kotovych, Baron
	10	"	Access Fund Board	Smith, Berghoff, Yusuf
	11	"	Awards Selection Committee	Berghoff
	12	"	CREFC	Wildcat
	13	"	Eugene Brody Committee	Somayaji, Samuel
	14	"	Legacy Fund Committee	Samuel
	15	"	Refugee Student Board	Berghoff
	16	"	APIRG	Baron
	17	"	Gateway Board	Smith
	18	"	Tribune Nomination Committee	Kotovych, Smith
	19	"	Council Reform & Progress	Pandya, Smith, Kirkham, Lettner, VPSL
	20	2004-02/12f	SAL to EAB	Elaine Chow, Osama Montasser, Sheena Aperocho
	21	2004-03/12b	Access Fund Board	Loo, Cunningham, King
	22	2004-03/12c	APIRG	Lau
	23	2004-03/12d	Vargo Chair selection comm.	Yasuf
	24	2004-03/12e	Internal Review Board	Lettner, Knisely
	25	2004-05/12b	FACRA	Johnson
	26	2004-05/12c	Visiting Lectureship	Johnson
	27	2004-05/12e	Student Groups Committee	Debenham
	28	2004-09/11a	Article VIII Ad hoc Committee	Smith, Samuel, Debenham, Knisley
	29	2004-11/10a	Tuition Committee	Montassar
	30	2004-14/3a	Students' Council	Knisley
Financial Motions	***	***	***	***

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	1	2004-01/11a	CCSA	\$6640.00 (for exec)
	2	2004-02/12e	Budget Transfers for COCA	\$620, \$450, \$250
	3	2004-04/10a	Celebration of Learning	\$14 030 (from Special Project Reserve)
	4	2004-04/12c	Bar Revitalization	\$45 800 (Capital Equip Reserve) \$3 K 832 and 838
	5	2004-05/9a	2004/05 Final Budget	Final budget approved
	6	2004-07/9a	2004/05 Final Budget	Changes to Final Budget approved
	7	2004-09/12a	New Storage Freezer	\$6 000 for a new storage freezer for the PowerPlant
	8	2004-10/12a	Aramark Card Reader in SUB	\$9 000 to install card readers in SU food tenants
	9	2004-10/12b	SU Survery	\$10 000 to conduct SU survery
Miscellaneous	***	***	***	***
	1	1/4/04	SC Meeting Schedule	Years agenda
	2	2004-02/12a	Fall SU Council by-election	Fall by-election by Oct 8th
	3	2004-04/12a	Smoking Ban in RATT and Plant	To take effect July 1, 2004
	4	2004-04/12b	Elections Canada Motion	Retroactive coverage of action taken
	5	2004-05/12a	Fall GFC by-election	Fall by-election to be held in conjunction with SU election
	6	2004-05/12e	1st Council Newsletter	Authorizes newsletter and creates committee
	7	2004-06/3a	Election of Interim Speaker	Councillor Samuel Elected
	8	2004-06/12b	Extra Council Meeting	Additional meeting for July 20, 2004 at 6 PM
	9	2004-06/10a	Committee Instructions	Budget Committee to review budget process
	10	2004-07/3a	Election of Interim Speaker	Councillor Samuel Elected
	11	2004-07/10a	CUPE Agreement	Memorandum of Agreement April 1 04 - April 30 07
	12	2004-08/11a	ECOS elimination	Would require successful referendum for ECOS to continue
	13	2004-08/12b	NODA Conference	U of A SU will host the 2006 NODA conference
	14	2004-11/12a	DUF Committee change	quorum est. at 3, DUFs given seat, can be excluded when
	15	2004-11/12i	Tribune Nomination Committee	Committee to select tirbunes and report forthwith
	16	2004-12/10a	Banning Smoking Products	SU would have stopped selling tobbaoco products
	17	2004-12/12b	Extra Council Meeting	Moved the November 9 meeting to November 16
Referrals				
	1	2004-03/10b	Health Care Plan	Instruction to SLB to investigate potential of health plan
	2	2004-06/10c	PSL Act Policy	Referred to the External Affairs Board (no instructions)
	3	2004-09/11b	rticle VIII (Debenham Amendmer	Referred to Ad Hoc Committee to report by 01/31/05
	4	2004-11/12b	BoG Selection (IRB)	Would have instructed IRB to review BoG rep slection
	5	2004-11/12c	Smoking Ban Reconsideration	Would have instructed SLB to review smoking ban
	6	2004-11/12d	Add/Drop deadline review	AAB to review add/drop deadline for spring/summer and r

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Council Goals

- **Outreach (Ad-hoc committee: Outreach Committee)**
 - o Mobilize students to take advantage of triple election year (Lau)
 - o Improve communications between Council and students (Taylor)
 - o Get more students involved in student life (Taylor)
 - o Improved understanding of Council among students (Yusuf)
 - o Improve council outreach (Yusuf)
 - o Greater outreach to constituents (Nicol)
 - o Institutionalize Outreach [news letters, gripe tables, faculty forums, etc] (Pandya)
 - o Improve council webpage, forums, etc. (Pandya)
 - o Examine current support and resources available to councilor outreach (VPA)
 - o Define outreach (VPA)
 - o Consider expanding resources available for outreach (VPA)
 - o Better flow of information back to constituents about what Students' Council does (Omer Yusuf)
 - Information Desks
 - Announcements during Faculty Weeks
 - o Make November forums an annual event (Pandya)
 - o Increase profile of Students' Council (Pandya)
 - Semesterly SU – awareness week
 - Make Council web-site more attractive
 - Use outreach budget to create a Council newsletter
 - On-line forums for student government independent of the web-board

- **Finance (Budget Committee)**
 - o Reduce SU fees (Debenham)
 - o Continue to enhance and expand the resources dedicated towards advocacy (Kehoe)
 - o Produce a solid budget (Lewis)
 - o Examine current support and resources available to councilor outreach (VPA)
 - o Improve funding for deserving students in financial need (Berghoff)
 - o Consider expanding resources available for outreach (VPA)
 - o Re-evaluate CRO salary: possibly introduce “bonus” or additional compensation for extra by-elections (Kirkham)

- **Operations**
 - o Determine future of VIDS
 - o Power Plant
 - Take steps to revitalize the Powerplant/Ratt (Brock Debenham)
 - Increase attendance (Law)
 - Improve financial situation (Law)
 - Serve a wide range of students (Law)

- **Legislation (Internal Review Board)**
 - o Continue to clean up legislation (Bazin)
 - o Bring forward Health Plan referenda (Taylor)
 - o Institutionalize Outreach [news letters, gripe tables, faculty forums, etc] (Pandya)
 - o Referendum to make campus bars smoking or non-smoking (Kirkham)

- **Council Dynamics**
 - o That each member of Council bring forward at least 1 idea during the year (Harlow)
 - o Focus Council on outputs that directly affect students (Lau)
 - o Improve relations between executive officers and councilors (Law)
 - o Effectively employ Roberts' Rules of Order (Baron)
 - o Keep Council focused (Baron)
 - o Keep councilors active and interested and inspiring for other students (Larter)
 - o Increase the number of ideas brought forward in Council (Yusuf)
 - o Find balance between providing effective oversight and accountability for the executive. Do not micro manage or quell all executive initiative. (Samuel)
 - o Improve Councilors' commitment to Council (Pandya)

- **Tuition (ad-hoc committee/External Affairs Board & Academic Affairs Board)**
 - o Create a positive tuition policy before the end of summer (President)
 - o Place greater emphasis on tuition battle, media contact, etc. (Nicol)
 - o Ensure that all students pay fair and comparable tuition (Brock Debenham)
 - o In-depth review of tuition campaigns of the past to create list of suggest to current exec as to how to handle the tuition campaign (Pandya)

- **Process (CCRAP/IRB)**
 - o Increase effective council participate in the budget process (Bazin)
 - o Adoption of representative committee structure (Smith)
 - o Improve Council efficiency (Pandya)
 - o Make Councilors responsible to students for attendance (Pandya)
 - o Eliminate membership on SU boards and committees as a legitimate form of outreach (VPA)
 - o Explicitly define ongoing academic eligibility requirement for elected councilors (Kirkham)

- **Student Life (Student Life Board)**
 - o Bring forward Health Plan referenda (VPSL)
 - o When lobbying on health issues, include both physical AND mental health concerns (VPSL)
 - o Get more students involved in student life (Taylor)
 - o Increase the amount of Led Zepellin in the SU, also known as “Getting the Led out”. (Kehoe)
 - o Hook up (Kotovych)

- **Science Councilor Effectiveness (Ad-hoc committee: Science Council Caucus)**
 - o Raise the Science Bar (Taylor)
 - o Avoid S.C.S.D.S. (Science Councilor Sudden Death Syndrome) (Nicol)
 - o Not to get kicked off Council as a Science Councilor (Kirkham)

Report for Students' Council
Jordan Blatz
President
November 2, 2004

Good evening Council,

The following is a list of things that I have been working on since last meeting:

1. **Presidential Search Committee** – The Presidential Search Process has almost come to an end. We are conducting interviews and we hope to announce the name of our new President after the BoG meeting on November 5th.
2. **Provincial Election** – As you are well aware, the writ was dropped on Monday, October 25th for a November 22nd election. On October 13th, we held a press conference in SUB to officially launch the Universities Matter campaign. This was extremely well attended by media and we got good coverage on all of the major television stations. We also noticed a large spike in the amount of lawn signs being requested through our website as a result of this coverage. We have distributed approximately 3000 signs so far. If you would like to help distribute the rest of them, let me know. On Friday, October 29th we held our parade for post-secondary education. The parade was a success with A-Channel, Global, CBC, and French CBC coming to cover the event. Approximately 15 students, staff, and councilors were present. This week, we will be taking out a one page ad in the Gateway to inform students about our plans for the provincial election, how they can get involved, and some information on how to vote. We are going to need a lot of volunteer support to hand out brochures and door-knock for the next few weeks. If you are interested, please let us know. As for media attention, the Liberals made a major announcement on an endowment for post-secondary education last week. Congratulations are due to CAUS and it's Chair, Alex Abboud, as this was an idea that CAUS delivered to all the parties and the Liberals picked it up and made it a major focus of the election so far. Also, I was interviewed by CFRN in regards to this announcement and the interview aired as the top story. We are getting good coverage of PSE so far, and we will be working hard to make sure it continues. If you are interested in volunteering for the rest of the election, please email Alex, me, or Hailey Pinto (the Campus Campaigns Coordinator) at hailey.pinto@su.ualberta.ca. Thanks.
3. **Budget Advisory Committee** – Alex and I attended the third meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee. We are looking at a 5.75% increase in tuition and a potentially large increase in the international undergraduate tuition index. This is a huge concern for the me and I am sure it will be with the international students that I represent. The plan included not raising international graduate student fees and I have strongly urged the university to re-consider this decision. We will hear more about this on at our next BAC meeting on November 3rd. Also, a reminder that Dr. Amrhein will be coming to make a presentation to council about tuition at our next council meeting on November

16th. Also, Dr. Kachanoski (VP Research) and Dr. Amrhein will be coming to make a presentation and consult with council about the academic plan on November 23rd. Please be prepared for both of these council meetings. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks.

4. **CAUS retreat** – Alex and I attended a CAUS retreat on October 15,16, and 17th in Lethbridge. This was a productive weekend with a lot of discussion about the provincial election, CAUS policies, and even a little strategic planning happening. I also was able to give lawn signs to the U of L Students' Union.
5. **Rural Tour** – On October 19, 20, and 21st Alex and I went on the second leg of our Rural Tour to Drumheller, Brooks, and Hanna. We met with the Chamber of Commerce in Drumheller, Brooks, and Hanna. We also met with the Chair of the Adult Learning Council in Brooks, St. Joseph's Collegiate High School, and the Guidance counselor at Hanna High School. All in all, this was a worthwhile trip. We had the opportunity to further explore the issues of rural Albertans in regards to PSE as well as discuss the issues facing today's students. Specifically, we have come up with an idea that we would like to see investigated by the Senate Task Force on the Student Experience. We distributed a lot of pamphlets and lawn signs and were well received by everyone we met with. Our next and last Rural Tour will be in early February, location to be announced.
6. **Trip to Augustana** – The VPs, Chris Robb, and I went to Augustana on Monday, October 18th. We had the opportunity to meet with the ASA exec to discuss the transition process, expectation, etc. We also met with Mark Cytraccek, the Director of Residence Life. This was a good first meeting and I am excited about this process as we move forward.
7. **Meal Card** – The meal card became operational on Monday, October 18th in L'Express, Cramdunk, Subway, Marco's Famous, Edo Japan, and Funky Pickle. Ratt and Powerplant came online the next day. So far this project has been tremendously successful. In the first week alone there was \$23,300 of sales and 3928 transactions with the meal card. I have asked for specific information in regards to our businesses and when I have it I will let you know. But nonetheless, this is something the SU should be proud of, I sure am.
8. **Meeting with BoG members** – In late November and early December I will be meeting with each of the members of the Board to discuss the upcoming tuition decision.
9. **Other meetings/events:**
 - APC
 - Die Board Interviews out the wazoo
 - Meal Card marketing
 - Exec/Service Director lunch
 - Book Store task force
 - WUSC
 - Coffe with Fred Horne
 - Meeting with Carl Amrhein
 - U of A Campaign 2008 launch

That is all for now.

Report to Students' Council, November 2, 2004

Lisa McLaughlin, Vice-President (Academic)

For period October 12 - November 2, 2004

❖ PROJECTS:

Academic Survey

I met with Academic Technologies for Learning (ATL) last week to discuss a process for this project and the role ATL is willing to take. We are planning to hold a series of focus groups around certain topics, such as technology, teaching, tools/resources, etc. and will likely hold two groups per topic split according to faculty. This process will allow students to identify the issues and problems. Next, we plan to hold another series of focus groups that will encompass all topics, but in which students will be asked to prioritize the issues that were raised during the first round of groups. This will give some indication of the relative importance of the issues. Finally, a survey will be developed from the issues that were raised during the focus groups to determine the breadth of student concern. We will probably ask some more detailed questions in areas that have been identified as a priority. ATL has been working on developing an ethics proposal for this project and I will have a proposal ready for the next meeting of Students' Council to get financial support for this project. In the meantime, I will be meeting with Dr. Bill Connor (Dean of Students) and other pertinent people to determine the level of support (financially and in principle) for this project on the part of the University. The purpose of this project is to identify the key issues students are concerned about and the relative importance of these issues, in part to assist the SU Executive in determining advocacy priorities and in part to contribute to the academic planning process the University is undergoing over the next couple of years by recommending key areas in need of attention.

Mid-term Course Evaluations

Myself, the UPIO, the AVPA, and Marc Dumouchel will be participating in a live demonstration of the University of Calgary's pilot online course evaluation system tomorrow. I have also had a couple of meetings with the UPIO and AVPA to discuss the purpose of mid-term evaluations and whether or not this should be pursued at the present time. We are currently discussing and exploring whether there are better ways to improve teaching at the U of A.

Students' Union Undergraduate Survey 2004

The Survey is currently being administered to classes across campus and is expected to be completed at the end of this week. I will be meeting with Dan Costigan tomorrow to get an update on the survey's progress. The next step will be data analysis, which will be conducted by ATL.

❖ VP ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs Board

- I. **Oct 14**
Discussed principles for add/drop political policy on the spring/summer add/drop deadline. Also discussed the appeals system and a suggestion from the University that a faculty level of appeal for instances of academic dishonesty be created.
- II. **Oct 21**
Discussed principles for revised political policy on the spring/summer add/drop deadline. Decided that the VPA would draft a policy and bring it back to AAB for discussion and approval. I have since asked the UPIO to work on drafting this policy.

Also discussed trimester systems and a proposal from the RO to replace most paper communications with students with e-mail.

COFA

I. **Nov 1**

Discussed whether FA reps believe students want representation on Faculty Evaluation Committees. Also talked about Faculty Membership Fees and Faculty Association Membership Fees, their use, administration, and the role that Students' Council should have in relation to these funds. Also talked about Faculty Weeks and problems the ESS is having getting Engineering Week back on campus, as well as Academic Integrity Week and the concept of doing an Education Seminar Series, similar to 2003-04's Tuition Summit.

❖ **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:**

- **ASC SOS - Oct 14** - Items of interest: Revisions to policy regarding medical notes for missed term work or exams; Electronic transmission of official communications
- **ASC - Oct 21** - More discussion on items from ASC SOS (see above) and the usual proposals for changes to academic standing/graduation or admission/transfer requirements for programs.
- **GFC Exec ad hoc committee on Joint Degrees - Oct 22**
- **Academic Integrity Meeting - Oct 25**
- **Bookstore Task Force Meeting - Oct 27** (I was absent due to CART II but Bill and Jordan attended)
- **GFC Exec - Nov 1** (I was absent due to CART II)
- **Information Systems Executive Advisory Committee Meeting** (AVPA attended as my delegate)

❖ **EVENTS:**

- **Country Crusade - Oct 15**
- **Trip to Augustana - Oct 19** - Consulted with Director of Residence and Student Services and Augustana Students' Association regarding merger of the ASA and UASU.
- **"Are Undergraduate Students Capable of Doing Research" for Connecting Teaching and Research Week - Oct 19**
- **ASC Fall Reception - Oct 20** - Good food and conversation with current and former members of ASC at the Faculty Club.
- **CART II - Oct 29 - 31**
Report to come in Nov 16 Council agenda (and when I find all my notes!)

❖ **UPCOMING:**

- **Nov 3** - CLE
- **Nov 4** - AISSC, ASC SOS
- **Nov 8** - Meeting with Dr. Bill Connor re: the Academic Survey
- **Nov 9** - Bookstore Task Force Meeting, TEISAC
- **Nov 10** - APC, Meeting with Brad Wuetherick and others re: Teaching and Research Summit in August 2005
- **Nov 12** - AIS Consultation Meeting with Paul Sorenson re: AIS contract with IBM

Report to Students' Council
October 12, 2004
Alvin Law – Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Hope all is well with you folks and that midterms are being aced. I regretfully send my regards and hope that you will all read my report. All business relating to me should be covered by one of the other executives but if you have anything you would like to discuss please contact me before Monday Nov 1st or there is a good chance I won't be able to get back to you until Monday Nov 8th.

Here is an outline of things that I have been up to:

APIRG: APIRG has been abuzz with activity lately as they deal with several policy changes for attendance, board elections, and honoraria. APIRG, much like many organizations, has been having trouble with quorum and board vacancies. As a result, the board has decided to pursue an attendance policy that is near completion. APIRG has also been working and thinking of new cost effective ways to have board elections. Some possibilities that have been toted are buying space for questions on SU ballots, contracting out polling stations to the SU, or simply keeping their own poll stations. Due to recent changes in the FOIP Act, they are now unable to verify voters with their current method and as such need to find alternatives. The CRO for APIRG will be hired soon as interviewing will be starting in mid November.

Augustana Trip: On Monday Oct 18th, the executive drove down to Camrose to meet and discuss the merger of the U of A Students' Union with the Augustana Students' Association. It was an excellent chance for us to see the Augustana campus in its entirety and talk about what roles we see each other playing. I traded budgets with my counterpart there and we answered questions for each other. We met with both the ASA Executive and Mark Chytracek to discuss how and what services were provided by each organization and how we could go about merging them.

Budget Committee: Budget Committee met for two very short meetings these past three weeks to go over time sensitive events. The report from the committee is included in the council agenda under board/committee reports. I had sent out a feedback form for all councilors to fill out as we embark on our budget revision process. I invite all of you to please send in feedback, even if you don't feel you entirely understand the budget process. We are seeking input from all everyone as this process is all-inclusive. So if you have friends, constituents, etc that don't understand how the budget is presented right now, please let us know that. The committee will be reviewing not only the nitty-gritty process for making a budget but will also be making recommendations on how to present it to council and to the general public so all feedback is useful. Here is an excellent chance to critique and change things, if you did not like the way the budget was presented this year, or if you didn't understand a single number in there, please write to let us know. If you still have feedback to provide please send it to me ASAP. If you wish to take part in the

budget revision process and attend our meetings, email me and I will let you know when meetings are.

Dedicated Fee Unit Committee: The committee is currently in its information gathering stage with all submissions due on November 4th. Again if any of you have feedback you would like to provide, we ask that all submissions be sent to dfu@su.ualberta.ca. At which point in depth discussion and details will be hashed through.

FACRA: Regretfully, I inform council as to the passing of a director on the FACRA board. Helen Folkmann passed away on Sept 24th, 2004. She will be missed and we send our best wishes to her family. At the FACRA meeting, we had a short discussion on the current status of the DFU committee, as well as decided that CJSR volunteers will not work bingos with their current provider in the future. They were found to be an inefficient use of time and effort. New funding sources will be pursued instead. CJSR has also decided to make two listservs to stem the influx of non-CJSR related communication that has come at a detriment to getting announcements out. A new director (Michael Berezowsky) was also added to the board by election and the chair of the community relations board also changed hands.

Health Plan Investigation: After receiving all of the health plan proposals on Sept 24, 2004, Duncan, Bill and myself have been adamantly reading and critiquing the content from each broker. This is a through process that will ensure we obtain the best value for U of A students from all angles. Whether it is a plan with high rate stability or a broker who is willing to share surpluses or one has an adequate student interface, all aspects will be looked at within the next few months and judged in relation to each other and the needs of our students. The three of us will be embarking on a week long investigation and meeting with health care brokers the week of November 1st which explains my absence from council.

Gateway Student Journalism Society: The GSJS had a board meeting on Oct 14th where we discussed issues such as directors liability, volunteer recognition, filling vacancies, CUP conference expenses, and a possible summer paper. The need for directors insurance was brought up several months ago and Don recently received a quote that which was presented to the board for consideration. Ideas were brought up on how to go about with volunteer recognition. Ideas that were toted were exclusive shirts for your 100th article, stickers, etc. The motion of making a summer paper working group was also passed to look at the possibility of putting out publications during spring/summer session and the possibility of a new referendum. Issues with distribution at the Augustana Campus were also touched on.

Things Coming Up:

- *Student Legal Services Meeting*
- *Access Fund Selection Committee*
- *Meeting with ESS over Engg Week*
- *APIRG Board Meeting*
- *Access Fund Board Meeting*

Haiku

BOG Rep Report to Council – November 2, 2004

Not much to report
Spend most of my time in RATT
Two bucks for salad?

Mourning the loss of Long Island specials,

Roman Kotovych
Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Hello, Council. Unfortunately I was not able to be here this evening due to my current trip to Ontario and Quebec to visit the offices of several insurance brokers in my never-ending (well, actually ending in march) quest to get the UofA an undergraduate health care plan... Or recommend one to council.. Whatever. Anyway, you have, no doubt, seen a list of amendments to Bill 16, some of which bear my name as the mover. If someone wishes to move these in my stead, you can simply look at this document for a lovely play by play with respect to what I would have said and why I think these amendments are a good thing.

TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 5 be struck.

Yes, on first glance I realize that this looks like a very stupid motion, but there is logic behind it. Or some thought process at least. Under our current staff structure, we have a one admin assistant assigned to council. She is the one who makes up the “records of Votes and Proceedings” as well as breaking down council motions motion by motion. This current method of “Votes and Proceedings” is done at CCRAP’s request and, as you can imagine, takes up a fairly large chunk of time. Now if this principle goes through (and by ‘admin support’, I’ll assume this means someone to take and write up minutes), it means one of two things. 1) Hire a student to be the standing recording secretary/admin assistant for council’s committees. This is unlikely as there are very few people in the world who find this a productive use of time. 2) Is to higher a unionized full time employee. This means paying someone wages, then after-hours pay due to union regulations. Basically, does council wish to invest this much money into creating a new position? Committees currently have some level of admin support (albeit considered by some to be not enough), however the question you must ask is whether this deficit in admin support is worth the cost of hiring an additional staff member. Insert my trite and overused comment that “Nothing in the SU can exist in a vacuum” here. I think I just earned my place in the SU drinking game.

2. TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 2 (2) be struck.

This, in the end, is a value judgment. In my opinion, there are a large number of people who are underpaid in the SU. I don’t think the work committee chairs due is worthy (yes, even a paltry \$300/year.... Yes I include exec committee chairs in this (In their capacity of chairing committees, that is)) of an honorarium. I also think this sets the organization down a slippery slope. The only argument I’ve heard in favour of doing this is so we can fine people who screw up. It is my opinion that 1) Giving someone something just so that you can take it away if need be is silly and 2) We (the SU/Council) can always simply recall chairs that have acted inappropriately since committees are created under council’s auspices. The need to somehow punish delinquent chairs also speaks to the need for council oversight of committees in general, but that’s a different point.

5. TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 6 (1) be amended to read “Where a committee has the authority to make a decision that commits the Students’ Union to an action, the committee shall report any such decisions made to Students’ Council and these decisions are subject to the approval of Students’ Council.”

Council, as we have heard MANY times this year, is the ultimate governing body of the SU. As such, Council should at least have the ability to approve, even if only in the form current exec committee reports are approved, any decision made by a committee that holds some measure of delegated authority. For example, if IRB last year had this power, I wouldn’t be sitting on council (or absent from council, writing a letter to be exact), as the infamous Separation of Powers motion would have been acted upon. Under the proposed structure, decisions only have to be reported to council, not approved by it. This creates the possibility were an unrepresentative minority body goes off on a tangent, making decisions that Council as a whole doesn’t agree with. While council can indeed recall members of committee it can be too late in some cases, as said committee has already bound the SU to a decision.

6. TAYLOR (VPSL)/PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 3 (1) be amended to read “The Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee shall each have seven voting members.”, that a new Principle 17 be added to read “The Student Affairs Committee shall (a) recommend political policy regarding student health, wellness and security within the University Alberta; and (b) perform an ongoing needs assessment with respect to student services.”, and that existing Principle 17 be renumbered as 18.

A motion similar to this was defeated 3(Smith, Kehoe, Knisley) / 2(Taylor(VPSL), Pandya) in CCRAP. Since it was so close, and since it was a divisive issue that went on for quite a while, I thought council should deal with it. Keep in mind, this is NOT “Student Life Board by another name”. When CCRAP defeated this, the reasons were: 1) It was mentioned that the SAC wouldn’t have enough ‘work to do’ I disagree with this – SLB’s mandate does overlap somewhat with SAC’s, and SLB has been quite busy doing a number of things mentioned above since the year started. Keep in mind; this is not the “Fun and Games” committee. That is “Programming Committee” and was de-legislated last year. Besides, committees don’t have to meet every week, and it’s better to have a standing committee standing at the ready to deal with an issue should it come up than to create a poorly thought out ad-hoc one on the fly.

Another argument speaks to what committees are: A group of ‘experts in the field’ designed to examine certain issues. I believe that some people suited for “UPC” would be ill suited to deal with issues on SAC and vice versa. Finally, it also speaks to the priorities of the organization, that its highest governing body is at least doing something to improve the day-to-day lives of the student population.

7. TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 3 (1) be amended to read “The Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Student Affairs Committee [if Amendment 6 is carried] and Access Fund Committee, shall each have seven voting members.”, that Principle 16 be deleted, and that Principle 17 items (i), (j), (k), (l), and (n) be deleted.

I don't hate the GAC. I think the GAC is an overall good thing. However, since we currently have D-FUC (Dedicated Fee Unit Committee) investigating the DFU issue, I believe we should hold off on this one until such time as D-FUC comes back with a report, at which time its findings can be incorporated into GAC. In a worse-case-scenario, when this goes to committee, we could have two conflicting pieces of legislation (Bill 16 and the D-FUC recommendation) or be ordering IRB to go back and do GAC all over again in a few weeks. Efficiency. It's a good thing. Really. There is no big rush to get committee reform done. No student throng is waiting at the doors to U Hall, demanding that council reform the SU's committee system. Better to wait and do it right, than to have to do it all over again, and piss a whole lot of people off.

Proposed Amendments to Bill 16

1. KOTOVYCH/PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 2 (1) be amended to read “A committee shall be chaired by a member elected by and from the committee.” and that Principle 2 (2) be amended to read “The chair of a committee shall be paid a salary of \$300 per year, unless the chair is a member of the Executive Committee.”
2. PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 1 (3) be amended to read “The allowance of proxies shall be determined by individual Committee Standing Orders.”
3. TAYLOR (VPSL)/PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 3 (1) be amended to read “The Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee shall each have seven voting members.”, that a new Principle 17 be added to read “The Student Affairs Committee shall (a) recommend political policy regarding student health, wellness and security within the University Alberta; and (b) perform an ongoing needs assessment with respect to student services.”, and that existing Principle 17 be renumbered as 18.
4. BAZIN MOVED THAT Principles 3 (3) and 4 (3) be struck, and that Principle 3 (1) be amended to read “The Council Administration Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Student Affairs Committee [if amendment 3 passes], Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee shall each have seven voting members.”
5. PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 13 (a) be amended to read “recommend political policy regarding the University of Alberta, and on tuition; and”
6. SMITH MOVED THAT Principle 16 (1) be amended to read “The Grant Allocation Committee shall administer and disburse the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Refugee Student Fund, and grants to student groups.”