

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday November 23, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2004-17)

- 2004-17/1      CALL TO ORDER
- 2004-17/2      University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"
- 2004-17/3      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2004-17/4      APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- 2004-17/5      PRESENTATIONS
- 2004-17/6      REPORTS
- 2004-17/7      QUESTION PERIOD
- 2004-17/8      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2004-17/8a      Please see document SC 04-17.01
- 2004-17/9      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2004-17/10     OLD BUSINESS
- 2004-17/10a    **MOTION BY ABBOUD, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, adopt a political policy regarding the Post-Secondary Learning Act.  
WHEREAS the Students' Union of the University of Alberta is a corporation organized and existed under the Post-Secondary Learning Act;  
AND WHEREAS the fulfillment of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta requires financial and political independence from the Government of Alberta;  
AND WHEREAS the ability of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta to fulfill its mandate may be seriously compromised as a result of provisions of the Post-Secondary Learning Act relating to the intervention of the Minister of Learning in cases of financial irregularity;  
AND WHEREAS the assets of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta rightfully belong to its members;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
1. The Students' Union of the University of Alberta opposes the authority of the Minister of Learning to intervene in the management of its business and other affairs, as set out in the Post-Secondary Learning Act;

2. The Students' Union of the University of Alberta believes that the ability of the Minister of Learning to suspend and terminate the office of members of Students' Council breaches the political independence of the Students' Union; and
3. The Students' Union of the University of Alberta most strongly opposes the authority of the Minister of Learning to dissolve the Students' Union under section 102(5) of the Act in the absence of a dissolution agreement between the Students' Union and the Government of Alberta as to the disposition of assets and liabilities of the Students' Union.

2004-17/11

**LEGISLATION**

2004-17/11a

**MOTION BY SMITH, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, repeal Article XVIII of the Students' Union Constitution (first reading).

Please bring backup documentation from the October 12, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.

2004-17/11b

**Bill #16 – The Committee System Reform Bill**  
(first reading)

Please see document SC 04-17.02

2004-17/11c

**Bill #19 – Access to Information (sponsor; SMITH)**  
Principles (first reading)

1. That the records of the Students' Union, excepting documents designated as confidential, must be made available to any member of the Students' Union upon that member's request, at a cost to that member not exceeding the cost of the records' retrieval and/or reproduction.
2. That any document is confidential that:
  - (a) relates to the employment of any Students' Union employee;
  - (b) if divulged, could compromise the legal position or business competitiveness of the Students' Union;
  - (c) includes the minutes of any *in camera* portion of a meeting of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or any committee thereof.
3. That Students' Council may declare any document to be Strictly Confidential.
4. That Students' Council, the Executive Committee, the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or any member or committee thereof may view any confidential document.
5. That the Executive Committee may make employees of the Students' Union privy to such confidential information as it considers appropriate.
6. That any Strictly Confidential document may be viewed only by those individuals explicitly identified by Students' Council.
7. That no member of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, or the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board may disclose the contents of any *in camera* session to any person not otherwise privy to that information.
8. That any member of the Students' Union is entitled to attend any meeting of Students' Council, a Students' Council Board or Committee, the Executive Committee, or the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board except the portions of any such meeting that occur *in camera*.
9. Any person becoming a member of, or a proxy on, Students' Council, the Executive Committee, the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or a committee thereof must enter into a non-disclosure agreement with the Students' Union in advance of assuming such office.

10. A member of Students' Council is entitled to attend any *in camera* session of a committee thereof. Students' Council may make any person privy to confidential information or *in camera* session.

2004-17/11d

**Bill #11 - Student Group Membership Privileges Amendment (sponsor; DEBENHAM)**

Principles (first reading)

1. That the privilege of Students' Union members to belong to any student group registered with the Students' Union be eliminated.

2004-17/11e

**Bill #17 - Student Groups Committee Loan Granting Privileges (sponsor; DEBENHAM):**

Principles (first reading)

1. The Student Groups Committee shall have the power to issue loans to student groups under \$1500 from the Student Groups granting fund.

2004-17/11f

**Bill #18 – French Election Material (sponsor; SMITH)**

Principles (first reading)

1. That all election materials related to voting instructions and all referendum and plebiscite questions be available in both French and English at all polling stations.

2004-17/11g

**Bill #21 – Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee Amendment (sponsor; ABBOUD)**

(notice of motion/first reading)

1. Existing legislation regarding the Eugene L. Brody Fund is repealed, excepting those portions dealing with the management of the Fund.
2. A committee shall exist on an annual basis to disburse the Eugene L. Brody Fund.
3. For the purposes of the Government of Canada, Revenue and Taxation, the committee shall be known as the "Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee".
4. In addition to disbursing the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Committee shall be responsible for representing the Students' Union in the greater community.
5. Restrictions
  - a. The committee may only fund or sponsor projects of a charitable nature.
  - b. Groups that receive funding must comply with Paragraphs 110(1)(a) and (b) of the Income Tax Act.
  - c. No organization may receive a grant from the fund of more than \$2,500 in a single year.
  - d. The Committee shall not grant funds to organizations with political, religious or any other affiliations or associations if such a contribution may detrimentally affect the reputation of the Students' Union by placing it in a position of apparent support of the extra-charitable ideals and activities of the group.
6. The composition of the Committee will be:
  - a. The Vice President External, or designate, as Chair.
  - b. A Secretary, to serve as a non-voting member, appointed by the Chair.
  - c. 7 Undergraduate Students selected by Students' Council as voting members.
7. Quorum shall be the Chair plus 4 other voting members of the Committee.
8. The Chair of the Committee shall submit a final annual report to Students' Council no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, detailing the activities and financial situation of the Fund.

2004-17/12

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2004-17/12a**      **MOTION BY BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council elect one councilor to sit on the Internal Review Board.

**2004-17/12b**      **MOTION BY DEBENHAM, RESOLVED THAT** the CRO hold a by-election for all vacant Students' Council seats by January 31, 2005.

**2004-17/13**      **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**2004-17/13a**      **Next Council Meeting**

**UPCOMING**  
**COUNCIL**  
**MEETINGS**  
December 7, 2004  
January 11, 2004

**2004-17/14**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2004-17/14a**      Bill #16 Amendments  
  
Please see document 04-17.03

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council November 23, 2004**  
**Motions**

**1. The following motions were passed at the November 12, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting.**

- a. BLATZ/McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO send Alvin Law, Vice President (Operations and Finance) to the mid-year Campus Advantage meeting as the Students' Union's shareholder representative.  
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (LAW) CARRIED

**2. The following motions were passed at the November 17, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting:**

- a. ABBOUD/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted amount not to exceed \$1200.00 for the Director and Associate Director of Safewalk to attend the National Safewalk Conference in Calgary November 26-28.  
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- b. BLATZ/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$900.00 for the VP External to attend the CASA Conference November 23-25 in Ottawa.  
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (ABBOUD) CARRIED

## **Bill #16 - The Committee System Reform Bill**

WHEREAS Students' Council carried a motion to charge the Committee for Council Reform and Progress to review and redesign where necessary the existing system of Students' Council committees,

NOW THEREFORE, the aforesaid Committee recommends that Students' Council enact as follows:

### **Part 1 Universal Provisions**

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| Membership                  | 1. | (1) Only voting members of Students' Council may serve as voting members on a committee.<br><br>(2) Only Councillors may serve as voting members of the Audit Committee.<br><br>(3) Proxies are not permitted at committee meetings.   |
| Chairs                      | 2. | (1) A committee shall be chaired by a member elected by and from the committee.  |
| Size and classes of members | 3. | (1) The Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee shall each have seven voting members.<br><br>(2) The Audit Committee and Bylaw Committee shall each have five voting members.<br><br>(3) The membership of the Council Administration Committee shall be five permanent members and all voting members of Students' Council as voting members, and the Speaker as a non-voting member. |
| Quorum                      | 4. | (1) Where a committee has a voting membership of seven, quorum of the committee shall be four voting members.<br><br>(2) Where a committee has a voting membership of five, quorum of the committee shall be three voting members.<br><br>(3) The Council Administration Committee has a quorum of three permanent voting members.<br><br>(4) Committee meetings shall occur in person.  |

- Administration 5. The Speaker, and through him committee chairs, will have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of the committee system.
- Reports 6. (1) 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.
- (2) The chair of a committee shall submit a report to Students' Council outlining the operations of the committee after each meeting of the committee.
- (3) Any reports made by the chair of a committee to Students' Council shall be included in the Votes and Proceedings of Students' Council
- (4) Any standing orders or procedural rules adopted by a committee shall be reported to Students' Council.
- Meetings 7. A committee shall set out a meeting schedule on a trimester basis.
- Effect of the foregoing 8. This Part shall apply only to the committees under Part 2.

## **Part 2 Committees of Council**

- Council Administration Committee 9. (1) The Council Administration Committee shall
- (a) have the power to adopt, rescind and amend the Standing Orders once Standing Orders have been adopted by Students' Council;
- (b) conduct an ongoing review of the procedures, proceedings, and structure, including the legislative agenda, of Students' Council and suggest recommendations as needed; and
- (c) recommend appointments of the Chief Returning Officer, members of the Awards Selection Committee, and Councillors.
- (2) The Chief Returning Officer and the Speaker shall be overseen by the Council Administration Committee.

(3) The Speaker shall be a non-voting member of the Council Administration Committee.

Budget and  
Finance  
Committee

10. The Budget and Finance Committee shall
- (a) recommend budgets to Students' Council as needed;
  - (b) have the power to authorize budget alterations no greater than \$2,500, transfers from the Project Reserve no greater than \$5,000, and loans no greater than \$4,000; and
  - (c) conduct an ongoing review of the finances and financial controls of the Students' Union and suggest recommendations as needed.

Audit  
Committee

11. (1) The Audit Committee shall
- (a) conduct an ongoing review of the implementation of financial controls;
  - (b) oversee the affairs of internal dedicated fees;
  - (c) oversee the affairs of external dedicated fees; and
  - (d) oversee the usage of faculty membership fees and faculty association membership fees.
- (2) The Audit Committee shall continue to have the duties and powers presently set out in Bylaw 1400.

Bylaw  
Committee

12. The Bylaw Committee shall
- (a) draft bylaws;
  - (b) review legislative subjects not subject to review by other committees; and
  - (c) have the power to make editorial changes to Students' Union legislation.

University  
Policy  
Committee

13. The University Policy Committee shall
- (a) recommend political policy regarding the University of Alberta; and
  - (b) oversee the Executive Committee's University-based



advocacy activities.

External  
Policy  
Committee

14. The External Policy Committee shall
- (a) recommend political policy regarding the business of the municipal, provincial, federal and international governments, and on tuition; and
  - (b) oversee the Executive Committee's advocacy activities external to the University of Alberta.

Access Fund  
Committee

15. The Access Fund Committee shall administer and disburse the Access Fund Reserve.

Grant  
Allocation  
Committee

16. (1) 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, and grants to student groups.
- (2) The membership of the Grant Allocation Committee shall include three members of the University Athletics Board when administering or granting the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund and three members of the Recreation Action Committee when administering or granting the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund.
- (3) The members under subprinciple (2) are non-voting members.

### **Part 3 Other Provisions**

Dissolution  
of existing  
committees

17. The following committees are delegislated:
- (a) the Audit Committee,
  - (b) the Academic Affairs Board,
  - (c) the External Affairs Board,
  - (d) the Budget Committee,
  - (e) the Internal Review Board,
  - (f) the Student Life Board,
  - (g) the Nominating Committee,

- (h) the Access Fund Board,
- (i) the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee,
- (j) the Eugene L. Brody Committee,
- (k) the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund Committee,
- (l) the Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee,
- (m) the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Student Levy Subcommittee, and
- (n) the Student Groups Granting Committee.

## Proposed Amendments to Bill 16

1. TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 5 be struck.
2. TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED THAT Principle 2 (2) be struck.
3. 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 [if amendment 2 is defeated] 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.”
4. PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 1 (3) be amended to read “The allowance of proxies shall be determined by individual Committee Standing Orders.”
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 are subject to the approval of Students’ Council.”
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.
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.
8. 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 6 is carried], Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee [if amendment 7 is defeated] shall each have seven voting members.”
9. PANDYA MOVED THAT Principle 13 (a) be amended to read “recommend political policy regarding the University of Alberta, and on tuition; and”
10. BLATZ MOVED THAT Principle 13 (b) be amended to read “receive reports from the Executive Committee on its University-based advocacy activities and evaluate their

effectiveness.” and that Principle 14 (b) be amended to read “receive reports from the Executive Committee on its External advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness.”

*(The Mover recommends that this amendment be accepted as friendly.)*

11. 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.”

*(The Mover recommends that this amendment be accepted as friendly.)*