

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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**MOTION BY ABBOUD, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Committee, approve a grant of \$10,000 to Free the Children (International Network of Youth Helping Youth) for the purpose of building a primary school in Africa.

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Report for Students' Council  
Jordan Blatz  
President  
February 8, 2005

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Good evening Council,

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

1. **BBQ** – We held a free BBQ on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. The BBQ was very well attended and we served free hotdogs to approximately 175 students. We also had over 150 students sign their name to a petition to the provincial government for tuition relief. We also had 150 students sign letters to the Prime Minister, asking him to make good on an election promise and establish a dedicated transfer to the provinces for post-secondary education.
2. **Augustana**–I am pleased to announce that Scott Scambler will be our new Augustana Transitions Coordinator. Scott brings a lot of experience and excitement to the position and I look forward to working with him. I have been spending time with Scott, getting him acquainted with the SU and getting him caught up on the transition process. I have also been looking into whether or not the SU will be able to feasibly assess Augustana students fees next year and we are still waiting to hear back from the Assistant Dean of Administration at Augustana Faculty.
3. **CAUS meeting** – On Thursday, Alex, Erin, and I traveled to Calgary to meet with the CAUS membership. We had a productive meeting and finalized our plans for the Premier's address as well as the lobby tour in March.
4. **Premier's address** – Tonight at 6:30pm, we will be showing the Premier's televised address on SUB stage. We have invited the media to come out to interview Alex and I afterwards. This should be a great opportunity for us to make our position clear at a time when the province's focus should be on PSE. I have also done pre-address interviews with A-Channel and CFRN.
5. **Exec retreat** – On Friday, the Executive and I took most of the day off and went to West Edmonton Mall for some much needed stress relief. Unfortunately, I came down with the flu when we were at the mall and was sick all weekend. However, it was still good to get out of the office for a few hours.
6. **Elections** – As elections grow near I have spent some time meeting with candidates for various positions. It is always great to see the excitement in people's eyes when they are thinking about running for an executive position. I want to wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming elections and I look forward to welcoming our 2005/2006 Executive!

## Report to Students' Council, February 8, 2005

Lisa McLaughlin, Vice-President (Academic)

For period January 28 - February 8, 2005

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### ❖ PROJECTS:

**Academic Survey** - Focus groups are set up for next week - except we need students to fill them! See the attached document for details and sign yourself and your friends up!

**24/7 Study Space in SUB Pilot Project** - Banners are up in CAB and HUB. Next: planning for mid-term evaluation.

**SU Survey** - Waiting for cross-tabs to be requested from University partners and the VP (External). Alex, I need your \*bleep\* cross-tabs!

**Awards Night** - We have a keynote speaker! It's a surprise. If you already know, shh...

**Spring/Summer Add/Drop Deadline** - I will be presenting this item and proposed changes at Thursday's meeting of the GFC ASC Subcommittee on Standards.

### ❖ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

- **Jan 28** - GFC ASC ad-hoc committee on exam deferrals - I gave an update verbally at the last Council meeting, but essentially the committee is not willing to propose that the University consider allowing students with heavy final exam schedules to apply for exam deferrals.
- **Jan 31** - Special meeting of GFC Exec - The U of A (Faculty of Ag/For/HE) signed an affiliation agreement with Olds College.
- **Feb 2** - GFC CLE - Discussed issue of corporate gift-giving as it relates to awards/scholarships and agreed that the University needs to discuss widely the issue of corporatization. Also discussed the results of the Library Service Quality Survey 2004. See [http://www.library.ualberta.ca/survey\\_result/index.cfm](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/survey_result/index.cfm) for details.
- **Feb 3** - AISSC - Reviewed results of AIS Contract Review process, updates on the usual projects, etc.
- **Feb 3** - First meeting of the E-Learning Plan Development Committee - This Committee will develop a strategic document outlining the University's plans for e-learning in the coming years. Work is to be completed by March 31.
- **Feb 3** - Faculty-Based Information and Communications Technology Steering Committee - A CNS-driven committee, this group is supposed to discuss the technology needs of the University. There is broad representation of all faculties and major units, as well as a few students, on the committee.
- **Feb 7** - Convocation Committee - In the Fall term, a student raised a concern about The Admission that is used during Convocation, which makes reference to God, because he is an atheist. The Committee discussed whether The Admission should be changed to delete reference to God and ultimately voted against doing so.
- **Feb 7** - GFC Exec - Discussed U of A draft mandate statement (for the purposes of the AB Government) as well as issues surrounding starting classes before the Labour Day weekend and with instructors scheduling exams outside of the normally scheduled class period(s).

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## VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS!

The Students' Union wants to hear all about your academic experiences through a series of focus groups to better understand what issues are on the minds of the students we represent. Information gathered during the focus groups will be used to develop a survey that will be administered to approximately 5000 randomly selected undergraduate students via e-mail in order to assess the prevalence of these experiences and variability across a number of different factors.

The University of Alberta is undergoing major strategic planning activities over the next couple of years that will determine its future goals and priorities. The Students' Union wants to ensure that these plans meet the needs and expectations of its undergraduate students and that they reflect a commitment and clear strategies to improve the quality of undergraduate education, as defined by you.

You are being asked to participate in **one focus group of approximately 1 hour** in length on one of the dates and times outlined below. **Food will be provided.**

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Sign up: 2-900 SUB between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
or

E-mail: Lisa McLaughlin, VP (Academic), at [vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca)

Please provide the following information:

- Name
- Phone number
- E-mail address
- Faculty
- Year of study
- Date(s) and time(s) you are able to participate

**Deadline: 5:00 pm on Friday, February 11, 2005**

Focus groups will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Location	
Tuesday, Feb 15	2:00 pm	5:00 pm	TBA
Wednesday, Feb 16	11:00 am	4:00 pm	TBA
Thursday, Feb 17	5:00 pm		TBA
Friday, Feb 18	3:00 pm		TBA

\* Note: If you are interested in discussing your experiences but are not able to attend any of the above focus groups, please indicate this in an e-mail to the VP (Academic) while also providing the required information as outlined above.

**You will be contacted via e-mail no later than Monday, February 14** to let you know which focus group you have been signed up for. If you know of any other undergraduate students who may be interested in this opportunity, please pass this information along to them.

Although we would like to hear about the experiences of all interested students, we cannot guarantee that all individuals wishing to participate will be given the opportunity to do so due to the necessity to limit the size of focus groups and to achieve diversity within each focus group to ensure a wide range of different views are represented.

Thank you for helping us to make this initiative a success!

Sincerely,

Lisa McLaughlin  
Vice-President (Academic)  
Students' Union

**Alex Abboud, Vice President External**  
**Report to Students' Council**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Submitted February 8<sup>th</sup>

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## **CAUS**

We drove down to Calgary for a brief CAUS meeting on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The actual meeting was cut short as both myself and the VP from Lethbridge had to write quizzes that day, cutting down on our available time. Regarding tonight's Premier's Address, we had initially planned on doing a press conference to announce our priorities for the Spring, but for a couple of reasons, namely logistical concerns about getting the membership together, it was decided to instead have media availabilities while showing the Premier's Address. We'll be showing the event at SUB Stage, and the U of C and U of L will be broadcasting the event on their campus as well. Student Leaders will be available for comment at each campus as well.

CAUS' Lobby Conference is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton. We settled on our lobbying priorities for the spring budget, we will be focusing on:

- Tuition Freeze, and establishment of committee to review PSE.
- 10% Operating Funding Increase
- Creation of Post-Secondary Endowment
- Student Loan Reform – elimination of Parental Contribution, Increase Living Allowances by 50%, increase Part-Time Earnings Exemption to \$472 per month.

We also decided on next year's fees. We've agreed to increase the \$1/student fee by CPI, and at the next meeting will be entrenching CPI increases into our bylaws. As part of our Strategic Plan, it's possible that fees will further increase over the next few years, but for now we're anticipating paying \$1/student plus CPI for 2005-06.

I also participated in a conference call on February 7<sup>th</sup> with the CASA Member Relations Committee. At their request, we were discussing potential ways that our two groups could co-operate.

## **Awareness BBQ**

We held a Hot Dog BBQ and Awareness Event by the Alumni Room on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had letters to the Prime Minister that could be signed, they were asking him to fulfill his election promise of and \$8 Billion Education Transfer. We also had a petition to sign addressed to the Provincial Government, asking for increased funding and tuition relief. This petition will be tabled in the Legislature when it resumes sitting in March.



In the hour and a half or so before we ran out of hot dogs, we collected about 150 signatures for both petitions.

## **Universal Bus Pass**

The City's Transportation and Public Works Committee will be hearing the report on the U-Pass this Friday morning. I will likely be attending the meeting.

## **Meetings**

- Awareness BBQ (February 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Internal Review Board (February 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- CAUS Meeting in Calgary (February 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Exec Day Out (February 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Conference Call With CASA Member Relations Committee, in my role as CAUS Chair (February 8<sup>th</sup>)

## **Upcoming**

- Vacation Day! (February 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Meeting with Norman Riddell, Executive Director of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (February 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Student Financial Aid Appeals Board (February 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Senate Executive Committee (February 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **Addendum: A Great Weekend for Football**

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years, beating the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21! Can you say dynasty?

Also, Steve Young (former QB for the San Francisco 49ers, and one of my childhood idols) was voted into the NFL Hall of Fame!

**Report to Students' Council**  
**February 8, 2005**  
**Alvin Law – Vice President (Operations & Finance)**

Hello Council

Strange how the life of an exec puts you into a bubble no matter how hard you try to stay out of it. On to happier news though, I'd like to thank the various Lister Residence students participating in Skulk for getting me out of my office and having a little bit of fun. Cheers to Ivanhoe which started this week!

**Access Fund:** The Access Fund Board held a meeting this past Wednesday to update the board on the current situation. As a result of the immense success of the Million Dollar Giveaway, we are quickly running out of money. Access Fund grants have been cumulatively pro-rated after the first round. The first round was not prorated, second round was pro-rated at 10%, third round at 20% and yet even with the pro-rating, we have granted \$915 000 of the budgeted \$1 000 000. This does not leave enough for the remaining two granting rounds, hence my motion contained within this agenda package.

**Accounting:** The Senior Manager of Finance & Administration and I have been looking at methods at which we can speed up the time it takes for us to process monthly P & L statements. We currently turn out P & L's between the 12-14<sup>th</sup> day of the month. We are looking to shorten this time to 10 days or less. We have identified problem areas which are causing the delay and are looking into the possibility of removing these problems or lessening them.

**Financial Statement:** After a very lengthy delay due to our conversion to a new accounting program, our audited financial statements should almost be ready for release. The Chairman of the Audit Committee and I met with Case Watson to review a draft of the audited statement. So Council should be receiving a copy of this in the very new future.

**Gateway:** The General Manager and I met with the Business Manager and EIC of the Gateway to discuss solutions to the space shortage that Gateway is currently experiencing. We discussed possible long term ideas and have settled on our next step. The Gateway will be drafting a proposal listing all of their requests and the SU will do our best to accommodate as many as we can.

**SEA Granting Committee:** The Dean of Students Office held a SEA Granting Selection Meeting this week to look over and make decisions on the multitude of SEA applications this round. Fortunately however, several of the applications came in groups ranging in size from 3 to 36. These were for the most part easy decisions as they were treated uniformly. This granting session gave out

approximately \$8000. There still remains one more granting session to occur around the end of March beginning of April so if any of you perform extracurricular activities not related to your field of study, you can apply for funding through the Dean of Students Office.

*Coming Up:*

*Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund: Will be attending a meeting on Thursday to review applications for this granting body.*

*FACRA: FACRA is having its last meeting before the Special General Meeting where they vote on if their members approve of the new objects. Again the new objects are changing from*

*“To enlighten and entertain our audience through high-quality and diverse programming that constantly challenges the status quo”*

*to*

*“Our objective is to enrich the lives of University of Alberta Students by providing high quality music programming, news and information that reflects the diverse interests of the campus”*

*Student Legal Services: The SLS Committee will be having their quarterly meeting today to update each other on how things are going and to review expenses.*

**Duncan Taylor – Vice President Student Life  
Council Report February 8th**

**The Health Plan:** Working on getting the info session and the gateway add for the info session ready. The session is on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, not the 15<sup>th</sup> as mentioned in my previous report. The contract has a studentcare signature on it, so all is good. By the way, you can just use the shorthand version “studentcare” rather than “student-care-dot-net-slash-works” in council. We all know what you mean.

**Wellness Week** The new thief of my time. Spoke with Chelli Kelly about getting the Tobacco reduction project involved again this year. Met with WHPaWS as well as the Dean of PhysEd and Director of Campus rec to discuss activities. I will be creating a budget for the event this week. Things are coming along really well.

**Gateway:** Interviewed with the gateway regarding Peer Health Educators

**Revolutionary Speakers Series:** Spoke with Christine Rodgeron about the RSS, how it should run next year and how it can be solidified within the organization.

**Meeting with Dr MacInroy and W. D. “The British Bulldog” Smith:** Met with GM and Director of the Health Centre to work out what will happen to the health centre fee if the Health Plan is adopted. Pharmacy financials will be incoming to me and the GM soon, but Dr MacInroy expressed a willingness to lower the fee, after seeing what impact the plan will have in the first year. The fee may be reduced anyway due to the expiry of an additional fee implemented to assist in the centralization of services in SUB.

**Elections:** Met with potential VPSL and Presidential candidates. Huzzah.

**Volunteer Appreciation Night;** Met with Chris Robb and Dave Young to get a monthly ‘volunteer appreciation night’ at RATT.

**Coming Up!**

WHPAC

UAB

Vitamin C Planning Committee

“I can’t believe it’s not ZZYZR” event

CFB Board Meeting

COSA

MUG Coordinator Interviews

Elections

Health Plan Info Session

*Shed a tear ‘cause I’m missing you/ I’m still alright to smile/Girl I think about you every day now.*

Below is further information pertaining to the \$10,000 donation to Free the Children International Network, for the purposes of building a primary school in Africa, proposed by the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee.

“Free the Children is an international network of children helping children at a local, national and international level through representation, leadership and action. The primary goal of the organization is not only to free children from poverty and exploitation, but to also free children and young people from the idea that they are powerless to bring about positive social change and to improve the lives of their peers.

*Free the Children* is unlike any other children's charity in the world, as it is an organization by, of and for children that fully embodies the notion that children and young people themselves can be leaders of today in creating a more just, equitable and sustainable world.

*Free the Children* provides comprehensive educational opportunities to poor children. The organization also believes that in order to allow children to go to school, children must be provided with the proper school and health supplies, health care, and family income support. As a result, *Free the Children* offers “holistic” development programs to tens of thousands of children and families around the world.

School Building: Free the Children has built and outfitted more than 400 schools around the world providing the gift of education to more than 35,000 children in 21 developing countries each day. Education is the best way to break the cycle of poverty. School building projects are supported and enhanced by alternative income programs, medical centers and clean water programs.”

- From the Free the Children website: <http://www.freethechildren.org/aboutus/index.html>

The \$10,000 from the EBC will be accompanied by the sum raised by a joint project of the Student Life and External portfolios. Two charity events are planned: A Charity Benefit Concert on Feb. 27th and a Charity Gala/Art Exhibition on March 19th. The benefit concert will be held at the Powerplant and will be featuring Cap'n Tractor and other local bands. The gala event will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge from 5:00PM until 10:00PM and will consist of an art exhibit featuring works done by our own U of A students. Some of the artwork displayed will also be put in a silent auction to contribute further to the charity. It will also feature live music, drama, improv and fashion. There will be a complimentary wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door for \$10. It will be a formal/semi-formal event.

(Anyone wanting more information or wishing to submit artwork can contact Ariana Barer at either [clo@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:clo@su.ualberta.ca) or 492-4236. Thank you.)



# **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Alliance Canadienne des associations étudiantes**

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## **How CASA Responded to “The Winds are Changing Again”**

Prepared for the University of Alberta Students’ Union

**January 2005**



The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that represents the interests of 19 university and college student associations and their nearly 300,000 students to the Federal Government. CASA exists because its members believe that the Federal Government has a strong and important role to play in post-secondary education. The benefits of a well-educated society and ground-breaking research can be seen throughout our country. These benefits include, but are not limited to, job creation, cutting-edge medical treatments, growth and development in our cities, world-class arts and culture, and healthy, safe communities.

### **CASA Member Associations**

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University of Calgary Students' Union  
University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario  
Students' Society of McGill University  
Dalhousie Student Union  
University of Manitoba Students' Union  
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union  
University of Waterloo Federation of Students  
University of New Brunswick Students' Union (Fredericton)  
Acadia Students' Union  
Bishop's University Students' Representative Council  
Brock University Students' Union  
University of Lethbridge Students' Union  
Students' Association of Mount Royal College  
Red River College Students' Association  
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St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union  
St. Thomas University Students' Union  
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# Preamble

The following document outlines how the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has incorporated proposals from “The Winds Are Changing Again” documents. It is important to note that there were several different versions of these documents distributed by the University of Alberta Students’ Union and the Students Society of McGill University in the 2002-03 academic year. CASA has done its best to show the spirit of all the recommendations it received in these documents.

Some of the recommendations required substantial changes to be made, others merely required a reframing of existing documents and policies to show to the authors of “The Winds Are Changing Again” that their concerns were already being addressed by CASA. The important point is that CASA showed its willingness and ability to adapt to the will of its members.

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## **Recommendation 1.**

*Be it resolved that CASA engage in a comprehensive organizational review by an external source which evaluates its organizational structure and provides us with the knowledge to further improve the organization.*

CASA responded to this request by having the Association Resource Centre conduct an external review of CASA. **The review took place from January to March 2003 and every member school participated.** A two day workshop completed the review at CASA’s March 2003 Annual General Meeting.

Every member school was sent a copy of the Association Resource Centre’s final report on CASA, and the Association Resource Centre attended CASA’s Policy and Strategy Conference in June 2003 to discuss the implementation of its recommendations. **Several of the recommendations have already been implemented such as a strategic framework for developing partnerships with other advocacy organizations.**

At CASA’s March 2004 Annual General Meeting held in Ottawa, incorporating recommendations from the external review as well as from member schools, CASA created and adopted a 5-year strategic plan.

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*Please note that all CASA policies and briefs mentioned in this document can be found at [www.casa.ca](http://www.casa.ca)*





### **Recommendation 2.**

*Be it resolved that CASA emphasize the ideals of accessibility and affordability in CASA documents, policies, and campaigns.*

*Be it resolved that CASA recognize that discussions on quality must take into account the primacy of accessibility and affordability.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA engage in research that reinforces the need for affordable education within Canada and demonstrates the inequity found in other jurisdictions that have moved to an elitist model of post-secondary education.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA recommend that accessibility and affordability of Post-Secondary Education become a central priority when pressing the federal government first for grant relief and then for loan reform.*

CASA has consistently advocated policy areas to improve accessibility and affordability. CASA's 2003 Pre-Budget Submission focused exclusively on the creation of new grants and reforms to the Canada Student Loans Program. CASA's 2004 Pre-Budget Submission went further, calling for an ear-marked transfer for post-secondary education, as well as substantial increases in core funding. In an October 2003 meeting with Paul Martin, CASA told the soon to be Prime Minister that accessibility was students' number one priority. CASA maintained this position in its meeting with Prime Minister Martin in February 2004.

Of course CASA continually researches data on affordability and accessibility which is one of the reasons why CASA's policies are so well respected.

### **CASA's priority on accessibility and affordability is entrenched in Article 16.0 of CASA's Constitution:**

**Accessibility:** CASA believes that any academically successful student with the desire to pursue post-secondary education should not face a barrier, financial or otherwise.

**Affordability:** CASA believes that students should not accumulate an unreasonable or insupportable amount of debt in the pursuit of a post-secondary education or in continuing such an education.

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### **Recommendation 3.**

*Be it resolved that CASA oppose vehemently the four principles of privatization (decreasing funding for social programs, deregulation, privatization of universities and colleges, and shifting the financial burden of the funding of post-secondary education from society to the individual) as serious threats to a publicly funded post-secondary education.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA advocate for national standards of education via a strengthened Pan-Canadian Accord that will protect accessibility and affordability within the Canadian post-secondary system.*

CASA's principle statement on quality in conjunction with CASA's aforementioned principle statement on affordability provide a strong condemnation of privatization in post-secondary education. CASA also has policy condemning the existence of private for-profit post-secondary education institutions in Canada.

**Quality: CASA believes in a quality public post-secondary education system that is properly funded, effective and accountable; co-operatively maintained and enhanced by the federal and provincial governments.**

CASA members passed a revised policy on transfer payments calling for a new \$3.9 billion annual transfer from the federal government exclusively for post-secondary education. This fund would restore funding levels back up to 1994 levels taking into account population growth and inflation.

CASA's Pan-Canadian Accord policy continues to call on the federal and provincial governments to enter negotiations to establish an accord. The accord would focus on the principles of quality, affordability, mobility, accessibility, innovation and opportunity. The membership of CASA continues to discuss how to achieve such an accord and stays alert to the sensitivities that some provinces will have.

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**Recommendation 4.**

*Be it resolved that CASA develop terms of reference with respect to determining which issues are within CASA's scope to include in its lobbying efforts and those which are best suited for campaigns at the Provincial level.*

The terms of reference for determining questions of jurisdiction can be found in the "Federal Role in Post-Secondary Education" brief and the "Provincial Jurisdiction Over Education" brief. Both of these briefs can be found in the CASA policy binder.

**Recommendation 5.**

*Be it resolved that CASA strike a tuition task force (composition to be determined) to make recommendations on policy to address tuition much more comprehensively within our organization.*

While CASA has not struck a task force on tuition, CASA continues to raise the profile of tuition issues. CASA's policy statement on tuition reads that, "CASA vehemently oppose the increase of tuition at post-secondary institutions due to lack of adequate, stable and sustainable funding from the federal government. Furthermore, that CASA continue to advocate for methods of financing post-secondary education in order to mitigate tuition increases."

While CASA's 2003 Pre-Budget Submission placed a focus on new grants and loan reform, it consistently pointed out that the root cause of many of the financial problems students face is high tuition levels. In CASA's most recent meeting with Paul Martin, Mr. Martin was advocating that his government focus exclusively on student financial aid; CASA told him the federal government must also create a transfer for post-secondary education to stop the rising tuition that is causing so many of the pressures on financial aid. Prime Minister Martin seems to have gotten the message, as he promised live on national television during the recent federal election that a dedicated transfer for post secondary education was needed; on the order of 7 to 8 billion dollars annually.

Tuition was also a major topic of conversation at CASA's Partnerships Conference in October of 2003. This conference was attended by 13 different student organizations. All 13 organizations worked together to develop a plan of action to get a federal "strings attached" transfer for post-secondary education to address tuition in a manner that was positive for students.

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**Recommendation 6.**

*Be it resolved that CASA support, promote, and provide resources for a broad-based mobilization of students in its member associations as part of a National Campaign.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA investigate into possible partnership with the Canadian Federation of Students for a mass national mobilization on common areas of concern.*

In October 2003 and November 2004 CASA unveiled its Wall of Debt before national media on Parliament Hill. The 2004 wall consisted of 5,000 bricks signed by 10,000 students from CASA schools across Canada. Each brick contained the name of two students and their debt loads.

CASA also presented a national student petition calling for reforms to student financial aid and increased transfers to the provinces to the federal government. CASA member schools collected close to 45,000 student signatures in February 2004, and tabled the petition in the House of Commons following the March 2004 budget.

No joint mass mobilization campaigns have occurred this year between CASA and the CFS, but CASA was asked to be part of a banner unveiling about education in FTAA and GATS on Parliament Hill with the CFS and Quebec student group La FEUQ. Unfortunately the CFS declined CASA's participation. At the CASA Partnership Conference all organizations agreed to create a "Council of Campaigns" to ensure that all major government election campaigns have common messages. Unfortunately the CFS declined our invitation to participate in a joint national federal election campaign.

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**Recommendation 7.**

*Be it resolved that CASA address concerns with the FTAA and the GATS in a campaign for 2002/2003*

*Be it further resolved that the issues addressed by any campaign should included the consequences of the inclusion of education as well as the agreements' effect on the Canadian government's ability to fund the public sector.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA engage in research on these topics to enhance the membership's awareness surrounding the effects of the FTAA and GATS on education.*

CASA has a comprehensive research brief on trade issues called "Friend or Foe? Trade Agreements and Their Impact on Post-Secondary Education." This 20 page brief can be found in the CASA policy binder. Also in the policy binder is CASA's policy statement on trade agreements, which reads in part, "CASA opposes the inclusion of post-secondary education in the GATS, FTAA and any other such trade agreement."

CASA's membership did not decide to address concerns with the FTAA and GATS in a campaign, but the head office continues to be involved in consultations with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) on trade agreements. In the past year CASA has often been the only student group present at civil society roundtables on trade with DFAIT. CASA has repeatedly told the federal government that they must honour their promise to exclude access to Canada's post-secondary education system from any trade agreement.

In recent months both the talks on the FTAA and GATS have broken down as developed and developing countries have reached an impasse on agricultural subsidies. CASA will continue to monitor trade talks and defend Canada's public system of post-secondary education whenever necessary.

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**Recommendation 8.**

*Be it resolved that CASA cooperate with other organizations on developing research in areas of which they may find common ground, regardless of ideological consideration, so as to reduce duplication of effort and effect change.*

CASA has gone further than this to establish coalitions. In June 2003 the CASA membership passed a framework to build coalitions with other organizations called “Progress Through Partnerships.” In October 2003, CASA hosted its first ever “Partnerships Conference” which was attended by 13 different student organizations from across Canada. All 13 different organizations, including CAUS, discussed how they could work together on transfer payments, student financial aid, and raising the profile of post-secondary education in the next federal election. A number of agreements in principle were reached and the work started at the conference continues.

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**Recommendation 9.**

*Be it resolved that CASA engage in research that would identify other countries with similar post-secondary systems and compare and contrast Canada in terms of quality, affordability, and accessibility.*

*Be it further resolved that CASA would investigate and detail the circumstances surrounding how post-secondary systems in other countries are implemented.*

CASA actively looks at other countries for policy ideas. This is evidenced in CASA’s proposal for the Canadian Opportunity Grant, a policy based heavily on the Pell Grants in the United States. Pell Grants have proved to be effective in triggering access for students from low income backgrounds through non-repayable assistance.

Unfortunately, CASA does not have the resources to do comprehensive comparative research on post-secondary education in a large number of countries, but CASA continues to acquire data on other countries when possible. CASA does engage policy experts, such as Dr. Hans Vossensteyn from the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies in the Netherlands, in dialogue when possible.

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# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## Votes and Proceedings

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Tuesday February 1, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

### Votes and Proceedings (SC 2004-21)

2004-21/1

#### CALL TO ORDER

Speaker called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2004-21/4

#### APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

**BAZIN/NICOL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the orders of the day.

**TAYLOR(VPSL)/BAZIN MOVED TO** amend the orders of the day by adding item 12e from the Late Additions package.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

Speaker orders that item 11g and 11h be added to the order paper.

**BLATZ/THOMPSON MOVED TO** amend the orders of the day by adding item 12f from the Late Additions package.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**BLATZ MOVED TO** amend the orders of the day by striking item 12a from the order paper and adding item 11f from the Late Additions package.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**BLATZ MOVED TO** amend item 12b on the order paper by striking the word "referendum" and inserting the word "plebiscite".

**Amendment: FRIENDLY**

**SHARMA/KEHOE MOVED TO** amend the orders of the day by adding the email document as item 12g:

WHEREAS University of Alberta Undergraduate students voted in favour a referendum to support a \$60 Universal Bus Pass;

WHEREAS the negotiation of a compromised position has progressed slowly to this point;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Bus Pass Advisory Committee we struck with the following membership:

- a. VP External as chair
- b. President as general manager
- c. 3 members of council, as selected by council

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the advisory board be required at the first meeting of Student Council in April 2005 with a negotiated price with Edmonton Transit, the County of Strathcona, and the St. Albert Transit Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the advisory board investigate federal, provincial, and municipal grants as a method of bringing forth the best possible negotiated price.

**Amendment: DEFEATED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

Point of Order: Bazin – Roll call?

Speaker – Point of order well taken.

2004-21/9

#### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2004-21/9a

**MOTION BY LETTNER/THOMPSON, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the following referendum question.

Do you support a new fee:

- Establishing an undergraduate health care plan.
- At a cost not to exceed \$57 per student in each Fall or Winter term.
- With an opt-out for students who demonstrate comparable coverage within the first four weeks of the academic term.
- That will expire August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008

The results of this referendum shall be binding on the Students' Union and Article VIII will be amended accordingly.

Speaker's List (mm): Lettner, Kirkham, Pandya, Sharma.

**BAZIN/KIRKHAM MOVED TO** refer the main motion to the Internal Review Board.

Speaker's List (mr): Bazin, Samuel.

**Motion to Refer: DEFEATED**

**SMITH/YUSUF MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding the words to Section one "in accordance with the contract signed between Studentcare.net/works and the Students' Union".



Speaker's List (mm): Smith.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**TAYLOR(VPSL)/PANDYA MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking Section 2 and replacing it with "(a) at an initial cost not to exceed \$114.00 per student per Fall and Winter term for 12 months of coverage, or (b) at an initial cost not to exceed \$76.00 per student enrolled in only the winter term for eight months of coverage" and to replace Section 3 with the words "with an opt out for students who (a) demonstrate comparable coverage within the first four weeks of the academic term (b) demonstrate they have ceased to be an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta in the Winter term".

Speaker's List (am): Taylor(VPSL).

**TAYLOR(VPSL) MOVED TO** amend the amendment by striking from Section 2(b) the words "at an initial cost not to exceed".

**Amendment to the Amendment: FRIENDLY**

**KIRKHAM/BAZIN MOVED TO** amend the amendment by striking the word "Academic" in Section 3(a) and replacing it with the word "Fall".

Point of Order: Lewis – I don't believe that the amendment is germane to the amendment we're currently dealing with.

Speaker – Point of order not well taken. The comments are germane.

Speaker's List (am am): Kirkham, Abboud, Lettner, McLaughlin, Panas, Smith.

**Amendment to the Amendment: CARRIED**

**SMITH MOVED TO** amend the amendment by deleting the colons in Sections 2 and 3, and make all beginnings to numbered sections lower case.

**Amendment to the Amendment: CARRIED**

**McLAUGHLIN/SMITH MOVED TO** amend the amendment by adding to Section 3(a) ", or Winter term in cases where a student is not registered at the University of Alberta in the Fall term".

Speaker's List (am am): McLaughlin, Thompson, Smith, Kirkham.

**Amendment to the Amendment: WITHDRAWN**

**ABBOUD/TAYLOR(VPSL) MOVED TO** amend the amendment by adding the words to Section 3(a) ", or Winter term for student enrolled in only the Winter term".

Speaker's List (am am): Abboud.

**Amendment to the Amendment: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (am): Lettner, Smith.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking the words "The results of this referendum shall be binding on the Students' Union and Article VIII will be amended accordingly".

Speaker's List (am): Smith.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**PANAS/DEBENHAM MOVED TO** amend the main motion by inserting a new section between current sections 3 and 4, which will read "with no opt out available to students who do not have a comparable health plan".

Speaker's List (am): Panas.

**SMITH MOVED TO** amend the amendment by striking the words "a" before the word "comparable" and striking the words "health plan" and replacing them with the word "coverage".

**Amendment to the Amendment: CARRIED**

**COLPITTS/MONTESSER MOVED TO** amend the amendment by adding the words "as outlined in the contract".

Speaker's List (am am): Colpitts, Lewis, Colpitts, Smith.

**Amendment to the Amendment: FRIENDLY**

**LEWIS/VANDERSLUIS MOVED TO** amend the amendment by adding the words "as outlined in the contract" to Section 3a after the word "coverage".

**Amendment to the Amendment: RULED OUT OF ORDER****Amendment: CARRIED**

**LEWIS/VANDERSLUIS MOVED TO** amend the amendment by adding the words "as outlined in the contract" to Section 3a after the word "coverage".

**Amendment: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (mm): Thompson.

**SMITH/SHARMA MOVED TO** postpone the main motion until the next meeting of Students' Council.

Speaker's List (mp): Nicol, Blatz.

**Motion to Postpone: CARRIED**

Speaker orders that item 12c be made a special order.

2004-21/12c

**MOTION BY BLATZ/ABBOUD, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council direct Internal Review Board to draft a referendum question relating to a faculty association membership fee for Augustana Students' Association.

Speaker's List (mm): Blatz.

Point of Order: Bazin – Speaking out of turn.

Speaker – Point of order well taken.

Speaker's List (mm): Mr. Pattison, Bazin, Kotovych, Smith, Lettner, Blatz, Smith.

**Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous**

Speaker orders that item 12b be made a special order.

2004-21/12b

**MOTION BY BLATZ/TAYLOR(VPSL), RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Internal Review Board to draft a referendum question relating to the proposed physical activities complex.

Speaker's List (mm): Blatz, Smith, Mr. Loomes, Abboud, Sharma, Lettner, Nicol, Mr. Bullerwell (CRO).

**THOMPSON/DEBENHAM MOVED THE** previous question on the main motion.

**Motion to Move the Previous Question: DEFEATED**

Speaker's List (mm): Panas.

Point of Order: Lewis – This is the part of the night where you call out questions and we make witty remarks.

Speaker – Point of order well taken.

Speaker's List (mm): Mr. Loomes, Smith, McLaughlin, Samuel.

**DEBENHAM/THOMPSON MOVED THE** previous question on the main motion.

**Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker orders that item 11d be made a Special Order.

2004-21/11d

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

Principles (first reading)

1. A member of the Students' Union shall have the privilege to be a member of any Student Group or Students' Union Club, subject to section 2.

2. Where a Student Group is a Faculty Association recognized by the Students' Union, the Faculty Association may limit membership to students enrolled in the faculty to which the Faculty Association relates.

**DEBENHAM/THOMPSON MOVED THAT** Bill #11 be read for a first time.

Speaker's List (mm): Debenham.

Point of Order: Smith – Unless I'm mistaken, in the absence of the Speaker, the President is supposed to preside over the election of a new speaker – not actually become the new speaker.

Speaker – Point of order well taken.

**TAYLOR(VPSL)/BAZIN MOVED TO** amend Bill #11 by adopting the following principle recommended by the Internal Review Board:

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

Speaker's List (am): Taylor(VPSL), Debenham.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**BLATZ/KIRKHAM MOVED THE** previous question on the main motion.

**Motion to Move the Previous Question: DEFEATED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

The Speaker orders that item 11h be made a special order.

2004-21/11h

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

**SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT** Bill #18 be read a second time.

Speaker's List (mm): Smith, Mr. Bullerwell (CRO).

**SMITH/KIRKHAM MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking proposed Section 104 of Bylaw 2100 and Section 93 of Bylaw 2200.

Point of Order: Smith – The amendment moved by Councillor Smith is clearly out of order. First reading of Bill #18 states that all election materials relating to voting instructions will be available in both French and English. All, to me, encompasses all.

Speaker – Point of order well taken.

**Amendment: RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Point of Order: Lewis – Do we have to implement everything we pass, even if it is unimplementable, incapable of implementation? If we can't do this, then how can we pass a motion that says we have to do it if we can't fit it on the ballot? From a realistic perspective, can we pass something that we're incapable of implementing?

Speaker – Point of order not well taken. Whether or not something can be implemented is a political question. Unless the proposed amendment is illegal it is still parliamentary even if it cannot be successfully implemented.

**Main Motion: WITHDRAWN**

Speaker orders that item 12e be made a special order.

2004-21/12e

**MOTION BY TAYLOR(VPSL), RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000.00 from the Special Projects Reserve for the purposes of Wellness Week.

Speaker's List (mm): Taylor (VPSL), Smith, Taylor (VPSL).

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**KIRKHAM/VANDERSLUIS MOVED TO adjourn.**

**Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED**

## ATTENDANCE (SC 2004-21)

Faculty/Position	Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Roll Call	2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll Call
President	Jordan Blatz	√	√
VP Academic	Lisa McLaughlin	√	√
VP External	Alex Abboud	√	√
VP Finance	Alvin Law	√	√
VP Student Life	Duncan Taylor	√	√
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	√	√
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Leah Bennett	√	√
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Chelsy Shillington	X	X
Arts	Catrin Bergoff	√	√
Arts	John Chandler	√	X
Arts	Gabrielle Donnelly	X	X
Arts	Aaron Johnson	√	√
Arts	Tamara Larter	X	X
Arts	Chris Laver	X	√
Arts	Cameron Lewis	√	√
Arts	Anand Sharma	√	√
Business	Chelsea Baron	X	X
Business	Steve Smith	√	√
Business	Nandini Somayaji	X	X

Education	Sean Clovechok	√	√
Education	Trevor Panas	√	√
Education	Lillian Patz	X	X
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√	√
Engineering	Graham Lettner	√	√
Engineering	Jamaal Montasser	√	√
Engineering	Gary Wicentowich	√	√
Law	Tara Thompson	√	√
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Brock Debenham	√	√
Native Studies (School of)	Matthew Wildcat	√	√
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	X	X
Faculte Saint-Jean	Sarah Colpitts	√	√
Science	Justin Kehoe	√	√
Science	Stephen Kirkham	√	√
Science	Darren Lau	X	√
Science	Scott Nicol	√	√
Science	Shawna Pandya	X	√
Science	Chris Samuel	√	√
Science	Kelli Taylor	√	√
Science	Keith Vandersluis	√	√
Science	Omer Yusuf	√	√
General Manager	Bill Smith	X	X
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√	√

### GUESTS OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL

John Pattison

Augustana President

Jonathan Friesen

Augustana Student

Greg Olson

Augustana Vice President Operations and Finance