

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

---

Friday May 6, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2004-29/3

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2004-29/3b

Election report compiled by Dane Bullerwell, Chief Returning Officer.

Please see document LA 04-29.01

2004-29/7

REPORTS

2004-29/7b

Alex Abboud, Vice President (External)

Please see document LA 04-29.02

2004-29/10

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2004-29/10f

Unofficial Report of the Audit Committee.

Please see document LA 04-29.03

2004-29/15

INFORMATION ITEMS

2004-29/15b

**KIRKHAM MOVED TO** amend main motion 2004-29/11b by inserting a new standing order in the section titled "Miscellaneous" before proposed standing order #48 that reads:

A motion that the Speaker vacate the Chair:

- a. is always in order,
- b. takes precedence over any other motion, and
- c. is not debatable.



## Students' Union Elections Office

Phone: 780.492.7102 – Email: cro@su.ualberta.ca

<b>To:</b>	○ Mr. Gregory Harlow Speaker, Students' Council
<b>From:</b>	○ Dane Bullerwell Chief Returning Officer, Students' Union
<b>Subject:</b>	Council Replenishment Order
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, April 29, 2005

On April 12, Students' Council amended Bylaw 100 to read:

29. (1) Where a Councillor position is vacant, the Chief Returning Officer will offer the position to the most successful candidate in the last election for that Faculty not currently holding Students' Union office and who has not yet declined appointment to that Council position.

“Most successful” is understood to mean the candidate who would have been elected to Students' Council had ballot counting continued as if there had been another seat available. The order below reflects the order in which candidates would have been elected, had there been an unlimited number of seats available in each faculty. Candidates who ranked below None of the Above are not listed. Council seats will be automatically offered in the order listed.

**Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics**  
(None)

**Arts**

1. Tim Schneider
2. Al-Amyn Sumar

**Augustana**  
(None)

**Business**  
(None)

**Education**  
(None)

**Engineering**  
(None)

**Faculté St. Jean**  
(None)

**Law**

1. Jonathan Tieman

**Medicine & Dentistry**  
(None)

**Physical Education & Recreation**  
(None)

**Science**

1. Kassim Rekieh
2. Yuan Hao

For a record of candidates elected to Students' Council, please refer to my submission dated Wednesday, April 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Bullerwell  
Chief Returning Officer

**Alex Abboud, Vice President External**  
**Report to Students' Council**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Submitted May 6<sup>th</sup>

---

### **Year = Pretty Much Done**

Now that we're back from retreat, I have this Council meeting, CAUS Changeover, the Board Dinner next week, and that's it. I'm also still finishing my final report for the SU, and for CAUS. They should be done this weekend.

Now, some excerpts from last week's reports, which are a propos for the final meeting.

### **Ten Random Highlights from my Year in Office**

- The RATT Grill. Possibly the greatest sandwich ever made.
- Lawn signs. So many lawn signs.
- Derpack's iTunes.
- When Anand would always call me the day of a Council meeting to ask what was on the agenda, and whether or not he should come to the meeting.
- Rural Tours. Gotta love the small town atmosphere (I say that as someone who grew up in Edmonton.)
- Lisa's 'blonde moments' and Bill's off-color humor in Exec meetings.
- I'll always remember it as the year the Red Sox won the World Series.
- CAUS Changeover. The Swamp Donkey.
- The Triad.
- The best introduction ever:  
"Hey I know you! You know Mike Reid"
  - Rona Ambrose (MP for Edmonton-Spruce Grove), after I introduced myself.

### **Final Words**

I've enjoyed my years in the Students' Union immensely. It feels like yesterday that I was participating in Anti-Freeze with the 'KA Dead Poets' team (it wasn't actually yesterday, it was January of 2001 and we finished 34<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams.) That was my first involvement with a Students' Union event. Over the next few years I went on to volunteer with other events such as Orientation, the Kids' Christmas Party, and Week of Welcome. I managed an election campaign, sat on GFC, Council, a number of committees, ran for exec (and won once), met so many wonderful people and great friends, and had a great time for four years. Here are a few of the memories:

- The nHo (which appears to be disbanding as Bazin and I are both leaving). Rather than the end of an era, I liken it to the period when the Outsiders disappeared – Nash blew out his knee and Hall went into rehab. Like that duo, we

will return and kick ass at some point, hopefully with “Hollywood” Chris Samuel in the fold.

- The first Council meeting I attended as a guest. It was the ‘letter of apology’ meeting. I think Mustafa was there for some reason too.
- Team Separation. When Smith and I can actually agree on something, how can it be a bad idea?
- Audit Comm 2003/04. I think Cook’s still waiting for me to send him the minutes.
- My year as VPX. It’s been a pleasure working with the other execs, and everyone else in the organization.

Thanks to everyone I’ve worked with. It’s been a blast.

### **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...**

Or in this case, not quite 1000. I like to think we kicked some ass this year, not unlike when Pedro Martinez kicked Don Zimmer’s ass in Game 3 of the 2003 ALCS (below). Go Red Sox!



To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Audit Committee of the Students' Union - Year End Report 2005**

Note that Audit Committee has not approved this document, and it is being provided merely as an information item.

After the departure of Smith (chair) and Bazin from Audit Committee, Nicol was elected chair. Subsequently, Council appointed Pandya and Colpitts to fill Audit Committee.

Credit card statements were reviewed until the end of February. Profit and Loss statements until the end of March were randomly chosen and reviewed. No significant inconsistencies were found, save for variations in numbers printed on the individual profit and loss statements in comparison to the summary profit and loss statement. The difference in the numbers should not exist as these documents report the same data.

Finally, having failed to pass a budget before the end of April, 2005, the Students' Union began to illegally incur expenses beginning May 1, 2005. Audit Committee frowns upon the illegal operation of the Students' Union, noting that it is incumbent upon the Executive Committee to ensure a budget is prepared in ample time to ensure it can be approved by Council.

Audit Committee further makes the following recommendations to Council:

- (A) That due to the costs associated with having business credit cards, and consistent with typical corporate policy, the Students' Union no longer retain credit cards for the members of the Executive Committee or any other person. Rather, it would be incumbent upon the employee or person to arrange for the payment for services received, at which time the employee or person would seek reimbursement from the Students' Union. In consideration of the financial situation of many Students' Union employees, it is recommended that a provision be made in consideration for those who do not have the resources to temporarily incur the burden of payment.
- (B) That an investigation and report be returned to Council regarding accounting system inconsistencies. In particular, data on summary and individual profit and loss statements have not always concurred, and this inconsistency is cause for concern.
- (C) That, due to past and present circumstances involving the illegal authorization to incur expenses while no budget has been passed, and the potential for the same to occur in the future, legislation be developed to grant the Executive Committee to, when no budget is otherwise in effect, have authority to incur the most minimal expenses consistent with the most recent budget of a prior year to allow reasonable operation of the Students' Union, except insofar as legislation otherwise allows the Executive Committee or any person authority to incur or authorize expenses.

Sincerely,

Scott Nicol  
Audit Committee Chair