

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday January 24, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2005-19)

- 2005-19/1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2005-19/2 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2005-19/2a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on January 31, 2006.
- 2005-19/2a (i) Physical Activity Complex Petition was received by the CRO January 13th 2006.
- 2005-19/3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- 2005-19/4 PRESENTATIONS
- 2005-19/4a Graham Lettner (President) presents on Presidents' Business
- 2005-19/5 NOMINATIONS
- 2005-19/6 REPORTS
- 2005-19/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2005-19/7a Executive Committee – January 19, 2006
Please see document SC 05-19.01
- 2005-19/7b Council Administration Committee – November 22, 2005 and January 17, 2006
Please see document SC 05-19.02
- 2005-19/7b (i) The Council Administration Committee recommends that Bill #19 **be read a first time.**

Bill #19 - *Chairs of Standing Committees* (sponsor; LEWIS)
Principles (first reading)

1. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be paid.
- 2005-19/7b (ii) The Council Administration Committee recommends that Bill #21 **be read a first time.**

Bill #21 - Duties of the Speaker of Students' Council (sponsor; KIRKHAM)
Principles (first reading)

1. The Speaker shall represent Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

2005-19/7b (iii) The Council Administration Committee recommends that Bill #22 **be read a first time.**

Bill #22 - Strictly Confidential Requirements for Contracts (sponsor; KIRKHAM)
Principles (first reading)

1. Any contract or agreement that the Students' Union enters into, and needs to be marked as Strictly Confidential, will require the approval of Students' Council.
2. Students' Council shall be provided with a complete copy of the final draft of the contract or agreement.
3. Upon the recommendation of Students' Council, Council Administration Committee will mark the contract or agreement as Strictly Confidential.

2005-19/7b (iv) The Council Administration Committee recommends that Bill #25 **be read a first time.**

Bill #25 - Speaker of Students' Council Reform (sponsor: KIRKHAM)
Principles (first reading)

1. The Speaker of Students' Council will be elected from and by the voting members of Students' Council.
2. The Speaker of Students' Council will be a voting member of Students' Council.

2005-19/7c Budget and Finance Committee – January 18, 2006

Please see document SC 05-19.03

2005-19/7c (i) **CELEN/PATZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the following changes to the fee for the Gateway Student Journalism Fund, as set out in the schedule to the Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Finances:

1. The amount for part-time students is amended to \$2.73 per student per Fall or Winter term.
2. The amount for students in the Spring and Summer terms is amended to \$0.36 per student per Spring or Summer term

2005-19/7c (ii) The Budget and Finance Committee recommends that Bill #24 **be read a first time.**

Bill #24 - Budget Process (sponsor; LEWIS)
Principles (first reading)

Operating Budget

1. The Project Allocation shall be not be more than \$50,000 per year
2. Expenditures from the Project Allocation below \$5,000 must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Allocating Spending Authority

1. Changes to the Operating budget above \$10,000 must be approved by Students' Council
2. Changes to the Operating Budget between \$5,000 and \$10,000 must be approved by the Budget and Finance Committee
3. Changes to the Operating Budget between \$1000-\$5000 must be approved by the Executive Committee
4. Changes to the operating budget below \$1000 must be approved by the Vice-President Operations and Finance, as well as the Executive Committee Member or Senior Manager responsible for the department requesting the change.
5. Changes to the operating budget that do not impact the net profit or loss of an operating unit must be approved by the Vice-President Operations and Finance.

Signing Authority

1. Consignment Cheques issued by SUBTitles do not require the signature of an elected officer.

Budget Process

1. The Budget Process currently described in bylaw shall be replaced by this bill.
2. The fiscal year of the Students' Union shall begin May 1 and end April 30.
3. Budget Principles describe in words the priorities to be enshrined in the final budget.
4. The Budget process shall be described in the Standing Order of Students' Council and shall be the purview of the Budget and Finance Committee
5. A final operating and capital budget must be approved by Council prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
6. In the event that any parties are unable to meet the obligations outlined in the budget process, Students' Council shall retain the authority to appoint an appropriate proxy.
7. In the event that a final operating and capital budget is not passed before the beginning of the fiscal year, the previous year's budget may be used as an interim substitute.

2005-19/7d

External Policy Committee – November 22, 2005

Please see document SC 05-19.04

2005-19/7d (i)

KAWANAMI/CROSSMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, rescind the current political policy, "Tuition Levels and Regulation", and replace it with the new political policy, "Tuition Levels and Regulation."

Please see document SC 05-19.05 (Current and Proposed)

2005-19/7e

Audit Committee – December 2, 2005

Please see document SC 05-19.06

2005-19/7f

Access Fund Committee – November 2, 2005

Please see document SC 05-19.07

2005-19/7g

University Policy Committee: Dare to Discover – The Students' Union response to the first draft of the Vision Document.

Please see document SC 05-19.08

2005-19/7h

Awards Committee – Update

Please see document SC 05-19.09

2005-19/7i

Student Affairs Committee – December 5, 2005

Please see document SC 05-19.10

2005-19/7i (i)

KHANNA/GORDON MOVED THAT Students' Council rescind the Political Policy "Discriminatory Business Practices"

Please see document SC 05-19.11

2005-19/7i (ii)

KHANNA/GORDON MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt the proposed changes to the Political Policy "Faculty Weeks"

Please see document SC 05-19.12 (Current and Proposed)

2005-19/8

QUESTION PERIOD

2005-19/9

GENERAL ORDERS

2005-19/9a

MOTION BY KIRKHAM, ORDERED THAT Students' Council rescind the "Tobacco Ban" political policy.

Please see document SC 05-19.13

2005-19/9b

JOHNSON MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the Political Policy "General Election Forum".

Please see document SC 05-19.14

2005-19/9c

KIRKHAM MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following referendum question:

Do you support that the Students' Union shall refrain from seeking the exclusive provision of cold beverage products subject to the following conditions?

1. Officially oppose the Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement entered into by the Students' Union, the University of Alberta, and The Coca-Cola Company.
2. Prohibited from negotiating, renegotiating, or renewing a contract between the University of Alberta and/or any third party for the exclusive provision of cold beverage products.
3. Lobby the University of Alberta to avoid negotiating, renegotiating, or renewing its contract with The Coca-Cola Company or any other third party for the exclusive provision of cold beverage products.

- 2005-19/9d** **LE ORDERED THAT THE** Vice-President Student Life Investigate the possibility of the Students' Union adding microwaves to CAB's lower level food court, and report back to council with a recommendation on how to proceed, no later than January 10, 2006.
- 2005-19/9e** **KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council order the Executive Committee to relaunch the webboard no later than 25 January 2006.
- 2005-19/9f** **JOHNSON MOVED THAT** as per Bylaw 8451 section 6c, council approve the Business Students' Association's proposal outlining a faculty association membership fee
- Please see document SC 05-19.15
- 2005-19/10** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2005-19/10a** Votes and Proceedings – December 6, 2005 and January 10, 2006
- Please see document SC 05-19.16

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 24, 2006

1. The following motion was passed at the January 10, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.

- a. KEHOE/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted request of not to exceed \$3350.00 for the Senior Manager Programming and Licensed Activities and Operations Manager-Venues to attend Canadian Music Week March 1-5/2006 in Toronto.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- b. TOBIAS/KEHOE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 from the Special Project Reserve to be used for federal election awareness campaign expenses.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

2. There were no motions passed at the January 17, 2006 Executive Meeting.

3. The following motion was passed at the January 19, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.

- a. POWER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an amount no to exceed \$2250.00 from the Special Project Reserve for sponsorship of 30 U of A students to attend the Pubic Interest Alberta Post Secondary Education Conference in Edmonton February 24-26/2006.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

22 November 2005 @ 17:00 - SUB 606

Report to Students' Council (CAC 2005-14)

Council Administration Committee met for the fourteenth time on 22 November 2005 at 17:00. All permanent members of the committee and the Speaker of Students' Council were present, except Councillor Aperocho.

The Standing Orders of Students' Council were amended by adding two new orders with respect to Points of Order. The committee discussed the use of Points of Orders during the 1 November 2005 and 15 November 2005 meetings of Students' Council. After a considerable amount of debate, the committee unanimously approved the amendments to Standing Orders. A Point of Order will only be considered if the member rising on such a point cites the specific rule or piece of legislation and sections that are being violated. Where that rule or piece of legislation is external to the Students' Union, the member must provide the Speaker with a copy of the rule or piece of legislation when rising on the Point of Order.

As part of the mandate of the committee as legislated in Bylaw 4000, the committee discussed the progress of Students' Council legislative agenda. The comments were largely positive and eventually lead to discussions with respect to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board. As it is unclear who officially represents Students' Council before DIE Board, it was decided that a change to Bylaw was in order. Council Administration Committee is therefore recommending a Bill to Students' Council that the Speaker represent Students' Council before DIE Board.

The committee began the process of defining its standing orders with respect to designating documents as strictly confidential pursuant to Bill 14. Several concerns were raised with respect to the ability of the committee to mark new documents as strictly confidential, in particular contracts or agreements that we may not have access to. The concerns stemmed from the fact that there would be a possible inherent conflict between the Executive Committee and Council Administration Committee. Subsequently, the committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend a Bill to Students' Council. The effect of the bill would require that any new contracts or agreements that the Students' Union enters into – and need to be marked as Strictly Confidential – require the approval of Students' Council. This does not preclude the Students' Union from entering into contracts that do not already require the approval of Students' Council as long as they do not need to be marked as Strictly Confidential.

The next meeting of Council Administration Committee will take place in SUB 420 on 17 January 2006 at 17:00.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

22 November 2005 @ 17:00 - SUB 606

Votes and Proceedings (CAC 2005-14)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 17:05.

2. Approval of the Orders of the Day

Orders of the Day stand approved.

3. Standing Orders of Students' Council [4000(12)(a)]

a. Points of Order

KIRKHAM/KELLY MOVED THAT Standing Orders of Students' Council be amended by adding a new order that reads:

Where a member rises on a Point of Order, that member must cite the specific rule or the piece of legislation and section(s) that contain the rule that is being violated.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

43(1). Points of Order

Where a member rises on a Point of Order, that member must cite the specific rule or the piece of legislation and section(s) that contain the rule that is being violated.

KIRKHAM/KELLY MOVED THAT Standing Orders of Students' Council be amended by adding a new order that reads:

Where a member rises on a Point or Order citing the violation of a federal, provincial, or municipal law, that member must provide a copy of that law to the Speaker at the time the Point of Order is raised.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

43(2). Points of Order

Where a member rises on a Point or Order citing the violation of a federal, provincial, or municipal law, that member must provide a copy of that law to the Speaker at the time the Point of Order is raised.

4. Progress of Students' Council Legislative Agenda [4000(12)(d)]

BERGHOFF/KELLY MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee recommend to Students' Council the adoption of a Bill with the following principles:

- i. The Speaker shall represent Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

5. Strictly Confidential Designation [500(1)(1), 500(2)(3), Bill #14, 2005-14.01]

BERGHOFF/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee recommend to Students' Council the adoption of a Bill with the following principles:

- i. Any contract or agreement that the Students' Union enters into, and needs to be marked as Strictly Confidential, will require the approval of Students' Council.
- ii. Students' Council shall be provided with a complete copy of the final draft of the contract or agreement.
- iii. Upon the recommendation of Students' Council, CAC will mark the contract or agreement as Strictly Confidential.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

The meeting adjourned at 19:20.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

17 January 2006 @ 17:00 - SUB 420

Report to Students' Council (CAC 2005-15)

Council Administration Committee met for the fifteenth time on 17 January 2006 at 17:00. All permanent members of the committee and the Speaker of Students' Council were present, except Councillor Aperochó.

The Standing Orders of Students' Council were discussed with respect to adding a section to the orders of the day to receive dedicated fee unit reports as well as reports from faculty associations that are currently levying a fee. Such a change will occur at a later meeting of the committee.

The committee discussed defining its standing orders with respect to designating documents as strictly confidential pursuant to Bill 14, which passed second reading at the last meeting of Students' Council. The committee decided to wait until Students' Council had the opportunity to debate the Bill brought forward requiring any new contracts or agreements that the Students' Union enters into – and need to be marked as Strictly Confidential – require the approval of Students' Council.

The standing orders regarding the selection of the Awards Committee and Chief Returning Officer were finalized and will be voted on at the next meeting of the committee.

Finally, the committee discussed the possibility of electing the Speaker from Students' Council. Instead of having undergraduate students interested in the position apply and then have Students' Council "elect" a Speaker from the applicants, the Speaker would be selected from the voting members of Students' Council by the voting members of Students' Council. The committee was fairly split on whether or not this was A Good Thing™ but recognized it was important enough for all of Students' Council to debate. Therefore, a Bill has been brought forward by the committee not as a recommendation for adoption, but rather a recommendation for discussion and debate.

The next meeting of Council Administration Committee will take place in SUB 420 on 14 February 2006 at 17:00.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

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Votes and Proceedings (CAC 2005-15)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 17:15.

2. Approval of the Orders of the Day

Orders of the Day stand approved.

3. Standing Orders of Students' Council [4000(12)(a)]

4. Strictly Confidential Designation [2005-15.01]

5. Standing Orders of Council Administration Committee [4000(5)(4)]

- a. Selection of Awards Committee [2005-15.02]
- b. Selection of Chief Returning Officer [2005-15.03]

6. Discussion

- a. Electing the Speaker from Students' Council

KIRKHAM/BERGHOFF MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee recommend to Students' Council the discussion and debate of a Bill with the following principles:

- i. The Speaker of Students' Council will be elected from and by the voting members of Students' Council.
- ii. The Speaker of Students' Council will be a voting member of Students' Council.

CARRIED (3/1/0)

The meeting adjourned at 18:08.

Allocating Spending Authority

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VOTE ON MOTION

5/0 CARRIED

c. Changes to Standing Orders **LEWIS/PATZ MOVED THAT** BFC recommend the following changes to standing orders:

Standing Order Changes (Budget Process)

1. The Vice-President shall submit or cause to be submitted a proposed set of budget principles to the budget and Finance Committee.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend a set of budget principles to Students' Council.
3. Students' Council shall approve a set of budget principles.
4. The Executive Committee shall submit or cause to be submitted a final operating and capital budget reflecting the set of budget principles approved by Council to the Budget and Finance Committee.
5. The Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend a final operating and capital budget to Students' Council.
6. Students' Council shall approve a final operating and capital budget.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0 CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: BFC will meet every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for the rest of the semester.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:12 p.m.

MINUTES

2005-08

External Policy Committee

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:26 p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Kawanami, Crossman, Power, Lewis, Berghoff

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (a) Report Of The Vice-President (External):
The Committee received a report from the VPX. Topics covered included the U-Pass, Roll It Back Ralph Campaign, and a Parkland conference attended by the VPX.
(c) Review Of Existing Policies:
i. Tuition Levels And Regulation Political Policy:
The VPX presented her draft of the new policy, which was ammended and passed as follows:

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has shown an increased awareness of the importance of post-secondary education in our province; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has the duty to fund the cost of a post-secondary education system that has the capacity for all eligible individuals to participate given the increased importance of an educated populace and the growing demands of an emerging knowledge economy; and

WHEREAS the current tuition levels and costs of obtaining a post-secondary education do not reflect the values of a public post-secondary education system; and

WHEREAS it is essential that Government of Alberta craft a policy recognizing the need to alleviate the financial burdens borne by Alberta's students and families in accessing the post-secondary education system.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Students' Union, the University of Alberta advocate for a tuition policy that:

- a) provides long-term, sustained base operating funding for our universities that will be protected from negative changes in our government's financial situation;
- b) protects tuition from increasing due to fluctuations in funding grants to the university from the government;
- c) ensures tuition levels are predictable;
- d) has as its primary indicator of affordability and accessibility the ability of individual students to pay without having to resort to financing options;
- e) provides for the fact that tuition is only one of the costs when pursuing a post-secondary education;
- f) ensures that no student will ever be denied the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education because of their inability to pay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Students' Union, the University of Alberta lobby the Government of Alberta to legislate a policy on tuition fees that:

- a) provides strict guidance to an institution's ability to set tuition, including annual and ultimate limits on the maximum amount of tuition fees that can be levied on students; and
- b) requires post-secondary institutions to provide to the Board of Governors of the institution, the Auditor General of Alberta and the Minister of Advanced Education a detailed and verifiably transparent public plan on how additional tuition revenues will be spent.

Kawanami/Crossman moved that the External Policy Committee recommend that Students' Council rescind the current political policy "Tuition Levels and Regulation" and replace it with this policy.

(4-0-0)

(b) New Policies

i. Income Contingent Loan Repayment Policy:

Discussion of this item was postponed until January.

(d) Discussion:

i. Loan Policy:

Discussion of this item was postponed until January.

(e) Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kawanami/Crossman moved to adjourn.

(4-0-0)

Meeting adjourned.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:

Effective Date: **April 6, 2004**

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2007**

Responsibility for Policy:

Academic Affairs Board/External Affairs Board

Subject Matter

- *Category:* **POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)**

- *Specific:* ***Tuition Levels and Regulation***

- *Topic:*

WHEREAS Albertans ought not to have their access to post-secondary education restricted for financial reasons;

WHEREAS the benefits of an educated population and of an accessible system of education are reaped largely by society as a whole;

WHEREAS the state of Alberta's economy and public finances is among the best in Canada;

WHEREAS the present level of investment by the provincial government in post-secondary education is among the lowest in Canada;

WHEREAS tuition in Alberta has been climbing at rates well in excess of inflation for more than a decade and is now among the highest in Canada;

WHEREAS government controls on tuition levels have been steadily eroded during this time;

WHEREAS no system of student finance can eliminate all financial barriers to Post-Secondary Education;

WHEREAS the fact that all Canadian jurisdictions require from University undergraduate students an upfront payment of a portion of the cost of their education puts Canada in a minority of industrialized countries;

WHEREAS the current upfront payment tuition model poses a financial barrier to accessibility;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, consider the present levels of tuition to be unacceptably high and support decreases in these levels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support an immediate freeze on existing tuition levels as a necessary first step in an equitable and fair system of financing for undergraduate education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support firm, provincially legislated controls on tuition to reflect society's interest in accessible education;

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	2003-25/10g	Students Council	April 6, 2004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support an increase in base government funding to Alberta's Universities, such that the present quality of undergraduate education can be preserved and enhanced in the absence of tuition increases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support a meaningful exploration of alternatives to the requirements that undergraduate students pay a portion of the costs of their education in advance of the completion of their studies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta support of a meaningful exploration of alternatives to the current upfront payment tuition model.

Policy History:

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Created	2003-25/10g	Students Council	April 6, 2004

Proposed: Tuition Levels and Regulation

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WHEREAS the current tuition levels and costs of obtaining a post-secondary education do not reflect the values of a public post-secondary education system; and

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MINUTES

2005-**

Audit Committee

Tuesday, December 2, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Chapman, Eruvs, Kustra

CALL TO ORDER: 12:35

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- Eruvs/Kustra motion to approve the agenda (3-0-0)
- The committee received a brief presentation from Eugene Lee and Rose Yewchuk of APIRG regarding drafts of the Audit and Annual Report. After lengthy discussion and a question and answer session, the committee decided to postpone the vote on the dispersal of APIRG's DFU until the final Audit and Annual Report have been released and until some concerns regarding long term planning and accounting practices have been answered to the committee's satisfaction.
- Motion by Kustra/Eruvs to audit the Powerplant in January (3-0-0)
- An important item of business was absent from the Nov. 24 minutes submitted to council. In our never ending effort to find an effective way to deal with the Internal PR budget line, the committee sent a formal recommendation to the Vice-President Operation & Finance, requesting that during his rewrite of the Student Union's Operating Policies, he write an Internal PR Operating Policy.

NEXT MEETING: TBA

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting dispersed at 2:01pm.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta

Access Fund Committee

02 November 2005 @ 17:33 - SUB 426

Report to Council (AFC 2005-04)

First I must apologize for the lateness of my report. Oops.

The fourth meeting of the Access Fund Committee went down on November 2nd at 5:30, marking the first meeting during the school year. Omer Yusuf, Jason Tobias, Prem Eruvs, Sylvia Shamanna and Suneil Khanna were in attendance, as well as Jane Lee and Kaelan Maher, the director and associate director of the Access Fund. As always, I'll remind Council that these two individuals are essential for the function of AFC, not to mention that they are also quite awesome individuals.

This meeting dealt with the latest dispersal of the AF, which has been one of the largest ever seen by the AF. Jane and Kaelan feel that this is likely because more people know about the AF, and also people felt that they were 'punished' by applying in the later winter terms last year, where they were prorated and received a reduced bursary. Rather than a form of punishment, this was a case of us running out of money. Hoorah! In any case, we decided to prorate all the applicants by 15%, and pull money from the last dispersal period to stay within the AF budget.

The two policy changes with regard to computer costs and certifications/examination are a result of the AFC belief that we should emulate the policies set by Canada Student Loans.

Because of the increased demand the AF was facing, we speculated some possibilities, such as reducing the amount of money we put into the endowment fund. We then discussed the idea of putting more money in the endowment fund. Finally, we thought about leaving the endowment fund alone, and just collecting the interest. Jason graciously agreed to crunch some numbers and make a few proposals.

Finally, we looked into a new way of prorating individuals according to their needs. Rather than a blanket reduction of 15% across the board for all applicant, we hope to create groups of individuals according to their needs,

and prorate as we see fit (as an example, we would prorate all individuals with a short-fall of \$3000 by 20%, and individuals with \$12,000 by 5%). Because we can only give out \$3000 to an individual per year, we will be addressing high-need students more effectively by giving them a less reduced (larger) bursary of the \$3000 they are eligible for.

Last bit, although we've been given to okay to run AFC with councillors only by the Students' Union, Jane cautioned that there is a lot of politics that behind the operation of the AF and university. Particularly, we feel that that it is important to give the university an opportunity to be informed on the policies we set. As such, we will be inviting a representative from the university to attend meetings as a non-voting. There is a chance that they may take us up on that invitation.

That's really it. Sorry guys, I don't have much more to say.

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The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Access Fund Committee

02 November 2005 @ 17:30 - SUB 426

Order Paper (AFC 2005-04)

1. Call to Order
5:33
2. Approval of the Agenda
Jason/Sylvia
3. Approval of the Minutes
Omer/Sylvia
4. Business Items
 - i. Updates from Jane and Kaelan
 - ii. Pro-rating all applicants
- Prorate by 15%.
 - iii. Jane's motions
 - a. Remove the current provisions for computer and replace with "The Access Fund allows computer costs to match the amount allowed by Canada Student Loans"
Jason/Omer Unanimous
 - b. Change the provision reading "Under no circumstances will the AF cover the costs of Entrance exams or any preparation course for either certification or entrance exams" to read "The Selection Committee will consider certification or examination costs incurred by students, at their discretion"
Jason/Omer Unanimous
 - iv. Longterm budget for AF
 - a. Use of the endowment fund now: pros cons? Should students be paying into a fund that they will not directly benefit from? Time issues? Is this more sustainable. Is the

sustainability worth it?

- b. Prorating in a way where individuals are assessed according to their needs, rather than prorating right across the board. Everyone seems fairly happy with this idea, mostly concerns regarding timing (this year versus next year).
 - Problems with pulling money from Winter2.
 - Try to address the high need individuals
 - Bring up this scheme to the selection committees
 - Try this out for winter1 and winter2.

- c. Sheryl as a university rep
 - Inviting a member of the university to attend future AFC meetings as a gesture of good faith between the Students' Union and the university.

- 5. Next Meetings:
 - Wednesday March 15th, 2005
 - Wednesday April 5th, 2005

- 6. Adjournment
- Prem/Jason
- 6:41

ACCESS FUND POLICIES

August 31st, 2005

1. Formal Policies Concerning General Operations of the Fund

a) Access to application information

(4/09/96) Revised (06/07/05)

In the interest of preserving applicant confidentiality, and allowing the Selection Committee to make decisions without bias on any grounds, complete applications will be available only to the Associate Director and the interviewer, then filed appropriately. Application summaries will contain ID numbers and relevant budget, family size and program information and will be available to Selection Committee members. If an applicant presents a letter with the application, identifying information will be removed.

b) Appeals

(1/04/96) Revised (06/07/05)

Applicants who wish to appeal the committee decision may do so by first making an appointment to see the Director, Student Financial Aid Information Centre. This appointment will explain the committee's decision in detail and allow the Director to explain other funding options if necessary. If the applicant still chooses to appeal, they must do so in writing to the Access Fund Appeals Selection Committee no later than the deadline posted at SFAIC (not more than two weeks after cheques are issued). The appeals will be brought to the Appeals Selection Committee and the decision of the Committee will be final. Students will be notified by mail or e-mail as to the Committee's decision.

c) Appointments

(1/10/96) Revised (07/08/03)

For application interviews, due to the large number of applicants, applicants more than ten minutes late will need to reschedule their appointments. Applicants who miss an appointment without notification prior to the close of business on the day before their appointment, or without valid excuse will not be allowed to apply until the next application period at the interviewer's discretion.

d) Deadlines

(8/4/99) Revised (06/07/05)

The Associate Director – Access Fund will establish a firm deadline for both Access Fund applications and opt outs before the end of the winter term. This deadline will be advertised for at least two weeks prior to the established deadline.

e) Funds not granted

(1/11/96) Revised (06/07/05)

Any money not granted in a given disbursement period will be carried over to the next disbursement period. At the end of the Access Fund year (August 31), any money not granted will be put into the Access Fund internal reserve.

f) Old Application Information

(03/12/98) Revised (21/11/02)

Hardcopy files that have been inactive for four years will be confidentially disposed of (shredded). Selective files should be retained for archival purposes.

g) Opt-out money

(11/09/96) Revised (02/12/97)

Opt-out money not picked up by the end of the semester for which the student has opted-out will be returned to the bursary fund. This date will be no later than the last business day of the final month of the respective term.

h) Past History

(03/12/98) Revised (21/11/02)

The Access Fund will have access to ALL data provided willingly by the applicant on their application for the current period as well as for previous periods. The Selection Committee will be able to consider all information provided in making a decision on the applicant including such items as award history, and any other data the Access Fund may have from current or previous applications.

i) Selection committee composition

(11/09/96) Revised (06/07/05)

The Selection Committee must always be composed of two Access Fund Committee members, as well as the Associate Director as a non-voting member.

j) Appeals selection committee composition

(21/11/02) Revised (06/07/05)

The Access Fund Appeals Selection Committee must be composed of at least two students not on the original Selection Committee in addition to the Director of Student Financial Aid Information Centre, as well as the Associate Director as a non-voting member.

k) Spring/Summer Sessions

(2/04/96) Revised (06/07/05)

Students' Union Access Fund Bursaries will be available to students in the term in which they are registered so long as they have paid Access Fund fees for that term. As in all cases, students who do not meet the criteria may submit a letter explaining their exceptional circumstances. Students who received the maximum bursary approved by the Access Fund Committee in the previous semesters will not be eligible for additional funding during the spring and summer terms. Students enrolled in one of the spring or summer terms will be allowed a maximum bursary of \$ 1500.00 per spring and summer terms. Access Fund Bursaries will be processed in May and in July.

l) Statistics/dissemination or exchange of information

(11/09/96) Revised (06/07/05)

The Director of the Access Fund will respond to requests for information from University, Students' Union and governmental departments. The reason for and purpose of the request will be verified in all cases. Any requests for information that is not public knowledge must be approved through the Vice-President (External) and the Access Fund Committee. The Associate Director will exchange information with Student Financial Aid Information Centre and the University Bursary and Emergency Fund or any other University or government departments in order to verify any information contained on an application, including, but not limited to registration status, GPA, and outstanding amounts owing to the University or governmental agencies the student has indicated an outstanding balance with.

m) Recall

(17/04/96) Revised (06/07/05)

During the selection process, the Committee may choose to have the Associate Director recall an applicant to verify information or to provide further details. A one-week period between Selection Committee meeting and ratification by the Access Fund Committee will allow for these recalls.

n) Conflict of Interest

(9/11/04) Revised (06/07/05)

No individual who has received an Access Fund bursary during a given council year can sit on the Access Fund Committee in the council year. Access Fund Committee members are ineligible to receive Access Fund bursaries in the current council year during their term of service.

2. Formal Policies Concerning the Allocation of Bursaries

a) Allocation of Funds for the purpose of bursaries in each application period (07/08/03)

The funds available each year will be divided between the projected number of granting sessions upon the recommendation of the Access Fund Interviewers. The money available for granting in each year shall be divided into six portions for each competition.

b) Appeals (student loans) (11/12/96) Revised (17/04/96)&(29/11/03)

Applicants who have loan appeals in progress will not be considered for funding unless their appeal has been processed prior to the meeting of the Selection Committee.

c) Concerning information on application form/materials required for application

i. Allowable Income (08/01/98)

All income sources (CPP, Widow's & Orphan's benefit, GST, etc.) must be disclosed on application form.

ii. Application Form (07/08/03)

Applicants who have not completed an application form prior to their appointment will be considered to have missed their appointment.

iii. Books Supplies and Instrument Costs (08/01/98) Revised (21/11/02)

Applicants will be allowed expenses for books, supplies and instruments based on total prices quoted by their faculty for a full course load. Applicants who are not taking a full course load will be allowed the appropriate proportion of this total. Applications more than the maximum quoted by their faculty need to be supported by receipts. ~~Under no circumstances will the Access Fund allow additional expenses for computers or computer-related expense.~~ The Access Fund allows computer costs to match the amount allowed by Canada Student Loans.

iv. Certification/Entrance Exams (07/08/03)

~~Under no circumstances will the Access Fund cover the costs of Certification or Entrance Exams, or any exam preparation course for either certification or entrance exams.~~ The Selection Committee will consider certification or examination costs incurred by students, at their discretion

v. Credit cards (17/4/96) Revised (08/09/04)

The Access Fund will allow Minimum Monthly Payments (MMPs) up to a limit of \$40/month providing the student can demonstrate to the interviewer's satisfaction that the debt was used to cover legitimate academic or living costs that have accrued while registered at the University of Alberta. Legitimacy will be determined by the interviewer.

vi. International Students (07/03/98) Revised (06/01/00)

Applicants who are international students must provide a letter with their application detailing how they had planned on financing their education and living costs and why their original plan is no longer sufficient as well as current bank statements from all accounts in their possession.

vii. Married/Common-law students (11/12/96) Revised (21/11/02)

The financial information, both income and expenses are to include all family members in the household. The full family shortfall, up to the yearly maximum of \$3000 each will be recommended. If both spouses are U of A students, it is in their best interest to both apply. Separate applications should be filled out, but the financial information should be the same on both applications. Each applicant will be recommended one half of the family shortfall. In cases where loans or appeals are in progress, each applicant will receive one half of their living expenses for one month.

viii. Medical Costs

(08/01/98) Revised (06/07/05)

Medical/Dental expenses other than Alberta Health Premiums, University of Alberta Health Insurance Plan and Blue Cross Coverage will require documentation (doctor's note, prescription receipts) as proof for the Selection Committee. The Access Fund will allow Medical/Dental expenses up to a limit of \$500 per individual in the applicant's family per year.

ix. Parental Contributions

(07/08/03)

Applicants who are experiencing a shortfall due to a lack of expected parental contributions must submit either a letter from the applicant's parents or guardians confirming that they are unable or unwilling to provide the expected contribution or a letter from a third party, if a parent or guardian is unable or unwilling to provide such documentation.

x. Required documentation

(07/08/03)

At the time of their interview, applicants are required to submit a completed application form, their student loan Notice of Assessment, their University of Alberta Tuition and Fees Assessment as issued by the Registrar's Office, their University of Alberta ONEcard, and a copy of a pay stub from each job held in the last twelve months. In addition, applicants who are international students are required to submit copies of their bank statements for at least the previous four months. Applicants who do not provide the required documentation may have their applications considered incomplete and may not be eligible for funding at the discretion of the interviewer.

xi. RRSPs

(08/01/98) Revised (21/11/02)

Applicants must report the full value of all RRSPs. A \$2000 RRSP exemption will be allowed for each year out of high school. RRSPs must have been purchased before the commencement of post-secondary studies. For married and common-law applicants, if the applicant and their spouse are both in full-time studies, the total value of the RRSPs will be divided by two.

xii. Student Lines of Credit or Student Bank Loan payments (interest only)

(11/12/96) Revised (21/11/02)

The Selection Committee will allow additional expenses for student line of credit or student bank-loan interest payments. Applicants claiming Student Line of Credit interest payments must provide a copy of their most recent account statement.

xiii. Vehicles

(21/11/02)

Applicants should enter the full value of all vehicles, which includes leased vehicles and if married or living common-law, the value of the spouse's vehicles. For single applicants, a \$5,000 exemption will be allowed and a \$10,000 exemption will be allowed for married or common-law applicants or applicants with dependants, but the Selection Committee will take anything over that amount into consideration.

xiv. Leased Vehicles

(21/11/02)

Applicants with leased vehicles must have taken out the lease on their vehicle prior to the commencement of full-time studies. They must document the amount of monthly payments on the vehicle and provide a copy of the lease agreement including information on the breakability of the lease. The Selection Committee will waive the value of the leased vehicle, providing the above criteria have been met, but the Committee will not take into consideration monthly lease payments above the Access Fund's monthly expense guidelines.

xv. Allowed Monthly Expenses

(8/09/04)

Effective September 2004 the Access Fund living allowances will match those in the annual Canada Student Loans budget chart.

d) Concerning bursary amounts

i. Maximum bursary (26/02/97) Revised (06/07/05)
The maximum bursary allowed per student is \$3,000.00 per academic year (September 1 - August 31), to be reviewed on an annual basis by the Committee at the August meeting.

ii. Minimum Bursary (08/01/98) Revised (07/08/03)
No bursary under the amount of \$100.00 will be granted by the Access Fund.

iii. Maximum Lifetime Limit (06/01/00) Revised (21/11/02)
The maximum lifetime limit allowed per student is \$6,000.00.

iv. Maximum Limit for Students in non-degree/designation programs (29/11/03)
The maximum bursary granted to a student in a non-degree/designation program is not to exceed the cost of that student's classes.

v. First and Second Year Students (07/08/03)
Applicants in the first or second year of a program who are applying to the Access Fund for reasons other than unexpected emergency expenses will have their bursary pro-rated based on the lifetime maximum allowed under Access Fund guidelines and the number of years remaining in the applicant's program.

vi. Graduating Students (06/07/05)
Students who apply in the term in which they are graduating and who have reached the yearly maximum but not the lifetime maximum may be granted an amount up to the lesser of their assessed financial shortfall or the lifetime maximum, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

e) Concerning Eligibility

i. Audits (07/08/03)
Applicants being audited by the Students' Finance Board must provide the Access Fund with documentation regarding the audit and steps that have been taken to comply with the auditor. An audit may be grounds for denying an applicant funding; however, the Access Fund Selection Committee will make decisions on these applications on a case-by-case basis and take individual circumstances under consideration.

ii. Concurrently enrolled students (07/08/03)
If courses being taken at other institutions are leading towards a degree from the University of Alberta, all living and educational costs will be taken into consideration by the Access Fund. If courses being taken at other institutions are leading towards a degree from another institution, the Access Fund will take into consideration all costs for courses taken through the University of Alberta.

iii. Defaults (17/04/96) Revised (26/07/00)&(21/11/02)
Applicants with previous student loan defaults must provide documentation describing the reasons why this default occurred and steps taken to remedy the situation. Technical defaults will not be held against the applicant. A previous student loan default may be grounds for denying an applicant funding; however, the Access Fund Selection Committee will make decisions on these applications on a case by case basis and take individual circumstances under consideration. In no circumstances will a student with a previous default on an Emergency Student Loan be granted a bursary.

iv. Differential Fee Faculties (07/08/03)
Students in differential fee faculties offering bursaries to students entering certain programs will be required to apply for and be notified of their faculty bursary status prior to submitting an application to the Access Fund.

iv. Student Contribution

(07/08/03) Revised (06/07/05)

All applicants must have prior to the start of the school year, \$1350 in savings, or must, during the course of the year be contributing at least \$1350 towards their educational expenses through part-time work. This requirement may be waived for the following students:

- (a) Those students studying in one of the following faculties or programs: Dentistry, Medicine or Rehabilitation Medicine;
- (b) Those students with a dependant under the age of twelve (12) where the applicant is the primary care-giver of that dependant;
- (c) Those students with medical circumstances that prevent them from working—including but not limited to: chronic/temporary illness, disability, or recovery from a medical procedure.
- (d) Those students on or returning from a practicum or unpaid work experience at the discretion of the selection committee.

v. Students on exchange

(07/08/03)

Costs incurred in connection with academic exchanges above the costs that would have been incurred had the applicant not participated in the exchange will not be considered allowable expenses. Under no circumstances will the Access Fund cover debts incurred as the result of exchanges or study abroad experiences.

vi. Students who opted out

(17/04/96) Revised (03/12/98)&(21/11/02)&(29/11/03)

In all cases, students who opt out will not be eligible for an Access Fund bursary during the year in which they have opted out. This policy will be advertised widely to avoid confusion and misinformation. Students who are assessed for the whole year will be required to pay into the Access Fund for both terms.

3. Working Guidelines

a) International Students

(no formal policy developed)

International Students in severe financial need early in their program may be denied funding by the Access Fund. This guideline is based on consultation with the International Centre, which related the low probability of such students completing their program, and the fact that international students, prior to coming to study in Canada, must document ability to cover the cost of their program. However, in such cases, the Access Fund Selection Committee may decide to grant a bursary which is pro-rated over the remaining years of the program. This guideline may be waived for students who have high shortfalls due to emergency or unexpected expenses.

b) Students not living at home

(15/01/98)

Given that the Access Fund is a last resort bursary, the AFB expects student to have done all they can to reduce their expenses. If a student is not living at home to reduce their costs, they must provide a reasonable answer in response to the question of why they do not live at home. In the past, acceptable reasons have been:

- that their parents live out of town (although if the town is accessible by public transportation such as St. Albert and Sherwood Park this answer is not sufficient)
- abusive home environment
- student has child/spouse
- student has several siblings that make it a very difficult environment in which to study
- parents are divorced/separated and student cannot adapt to either one of the new residences

- student is a returning student who has been in the workforce for several years
- parent(s) do not want the child living with them anymore

The Associate Director must use his/her judgement in assessing whether the student could reasonably be expected to live with his/her parents to reduce living expenses. If the AD - AF is unsure of the adequacy of the reason given, he/she should request that the student include a short letter with their application, addressed to the Selection Committee, explaining why they have not chosen to live with their parents in order to reduce costs.

c) Trips home (passed as policy originally in 1996/1997? reaffirmed January 08, 1998)

Return trips home are not to be included in an applicant's shortfall as expenses excepting for trips arising out of exceptional circumstances (ex. familial medical emergencies).

d) Financial Plan

(29/11/03)

The Selection Committee may choose not to grant a bursary to an application if it believes there is little or no likelihood that the applicant will be able to secure funding to complete their program.

e) After degree or second-entry students

(31/08/05)

After-degree or second-entry students who have no previous accumulated debt or no dependents will then be placed in an end of year consideration file at the discretion of the Access Fund Selection Committee.

Dare to Discover- The Students' Union's response to the first draft of the Vision Document

We have decided to make short comments on all sections in the order they appear in the draft document, and also to answer the questions posed at the end.

VALUES

Ever since its founding in 1908 as the Province's first postsecondary institution, the University of Alberta has been guided by values that have both focused our aspirations for continuous positive contributions to society and growth. We believe in:

- A commitment to engaging with all our communities in order to better serve and promote the public good
- Integrity and principles of ethical conduct built on the foundation of academic freedom.
- A diverse and inclusive collegial community valuing free and open inquiry with respect for each individual
- Pride in our history and traditions that serves to strengthen our optimistic embracing of present and future challenges
- A collegial commitment to inspire each other to be the best we can be and to support each other as we seek our highest levels of achievement

Values

Notably absent in these values are two things: education and innovation. Most importantly, the values of this university need to specifically include a mention of students, and not only the collegial and research community-whereby it is unclear whether students are included in said 'collegial community'- and a clear commitment to the improvement, dissemination and creation of knowledge.

Therefore:

- The value of education and therefore a commitment to enhance the opportunities to access the resources of this university for potential students from all walks of life.

VISION

Our vision is to inspire great achievements through learning, discovery and citizenship in a community committed to building one of the world's great universities by nurturing the human spirit and contributing to public good.

Again, we would like to see more inclusiveness.

- Our vision is to inspire great achievements through learning, discovery and citizenship by engaging a community committed to building one of the world's great universities by nurturing the human spirit and contributing to public good.

MISSION

In the context of Alberta's prairie and northern values, the University of Alberta gives a national and international voice to Alberta innovation, taking a lead role in placing Canada at the global forefront. The far-reaching scope and celebrated quality of the

University's programs enhances student and staff opportunities as well as Alberta's economy and society.

Within a vibrant and supportive learning environment, the University community discovers, disseminates, and applies new knowledge through learning, life-long learning, research and creative activity, community involvement, and partnerships.

The phrase "In the context of Alberta's prairie and northern values" has caused some discomfort, especially in conjunction with the goal of an environment that supports free and open inquiry. The values of the University of Alberta should be the values of a University and not the values of a geopolitical entity, as there are potential clashes.

Also, it is unclear which global forefront Canada will be placed at- the global forefront of business? The global forefront of knowledge? Quality of life? The language in this section was unclear and did not resonate with us.

CORNERSTONES TALENTED PEOPLE

Recruit the best students from Alberta, Canada and the world.

Create a dynamic, discovery-based learning environment by aiming for a mix of undergraduate and graduate students typical of leading public research universities and by attracting post-doctoral fellows, researchers and visiting faculty from around the world.

Improve access for excellent rural, aboriginal and non-traditional students through partnerships with colleges and by linkages with high-schools throughout the province.

Step up the recruitment and retention of outstanding and diverse academic staff through endowed professorships, competitive start-up funding, attractive career support and by celebrating and rewarding exceptional achievement.

Retain and recruit the best staff by fostering a culture of excellence, a healthy workplace, and progressive career opportunities and by rewarding leadership and outstanding accomplishments.

Enhance the global perspective and intercultural climate at the University by celebrating and drawing on the diversity within the university community

In this section, we would like to add the importance of structural flexibility to attract innovative staff, especially in the area of interdisciplinarity and cross-appointments. As long as there are severe institutional barriers that punish innovators as soon as they go off the beaten path, the University of Alberta will not attract potentially great innovators and pioneers.

Secondly, students would like to see active recruitment by current students or alumni taking place all over Canada and the world.

LEARNING, DISCOVERY AND CITIZENSHIP

Create an exceptional and life-changing university experience for students through curricular and extra-curricular offerings which integrate learning, discovery and

citizenship to develop the intellect, educate leaders, enhance a global perspective and achieve clearly defined learning outcomes.

Engage students to improve retention, enhance graduation rates, and inspire high achievement through mentorship, and peer-based activities such as clubs, athletics, and social events.

Foster discoveries and scholarship that are transformative and at the cutting-edge by rewarding quality over quantity, creating “steeple of excellence”, and enhancing crossdisciplinary initiatives.

Increase the impact of university discovery and scholarship on public policy, and enhance social, cultural and economic dividends by celebrating and rewarding achievements in knowledge translation

Reward and recognize faculty who excel in innovative teaching, ground-breaking scholarship, and contribute to community and nation building as public intellectuals and professionals.

Inspire students, faculty and staff to engage in activities that develop leadership, foster social and moral responsibility, and contribute to the development of civil society and our democratic institutions

Even though mentorship, clubs and peer-based activities are an integral part of university life, they are not as integral as volunteering and community service activities.

Again, innovative teaching and ground-breaking scholarship often involves the integration of research and innovation between faculties, and true *interdisciplinary* research rather than merely crossdisciplinary research. This integration of knowledge will also prove helpful in making the University a better source for advice on policy issues.

Also, the importance of providing studying abroad or internship abroad experiences for students were found to be missing from this section.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Engage alumni in a life-long relationship with the University for mutual benefit, and enlist their support to achieve the University of Alberta’s vision and to assist us in connecting to communities around the world.

Build strong partnerships with the Government of Alberta, the Capital region, the city of Edmonton, Camrose, and other municipalities around the province, to fulfill our responsibility as Alberta’s university.

Strengthen our connections to the Government of Canada and other provinces to fulfill our obligations as a national university with global connections.

Foster excellent relationships with Capital Health and other provincial health organizations, the Post-secondary sector, Business, and Government to advance mutual goals, provide opportunities for our students, and translate our research outcomes.

Enhance relationships with other nations to create learning opportunities for students, research collaborations that address global challenges and initiatives to foster mutual understanding, global peace and prosperity.

Promote community pride and ownership of the university through physical and intellectual openness and by creating opportunities for dialogue and discussion.

What is lacking overall in this section is any discussion about connections to *people*. In addition to government, business groups and special interests, connections need to be made to citizens, students, and faculty all over the country and world.

Also, in paragraph 3, there are some notable omissions-in our opinion, it should read:

- Strengthen our connections to the people of Canada through the Government of Canada and its provinces and territories to fulfill...

The most notable omission, however, happens in the total lack of mention of providing international learning experiences for our own students. Not only do we need to bring the world here, we also need to send *our students* out into the world. Therefore:

- Provide students with critical international learning experiences such as study abroad programs and internships to foster the development of global perspectives and understanding.

Also, the integration of alumni could go further than the vague statement of “support”, or monetary donations. Alumni can be very useful when it comes to integrating knowledge and the working world, and could be a valuable resource for instructors who want to connect the teaching and learning experience to the real world.

Additionally, we think that alumni could serve well in a role as ambassadors for the University of Alberta, spreading the word and recruiting future students and instructors alike.

ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT

Develop an endowment comparable to the best public-research universities in the world.

Secure resources to provide the best education and to support world-class research and knowledge translation.

Provide bursaries and scholarships to increase affordability for all students and offer competitive fellowships to attract the best graduate students.

Build and enhance class-rooms, laboratories, libraries, museums, and extracurricular, social and residential facilities to provide a transformative university experience.

Set priorities and continue to invest in world-class research infrastructure.

Establish high standards of service, improve communication between units, enhance collaboration, discourage “silos”, implement transformative ideas, revise organization to respond to external changes, and promote administrative effectiveness and good governance.

We strongly support the formation of an endowment and the provision of bursaries and scholarships to students. Additionally, the list about including the university’s facilities should include all the different types of facilities students learn and study in and not be biased towards certain faculties and departments. Currently, studios, physical education facilities and others are not mentioned.

Questions

1. What will distinguish the world's great universities from excellent institutions in the twenty-first century and what strategies will be required to advance the University of Alberta into that league? Should we and why?

The answers to this question focused around four main themes: Community, Outreach, Integration of knowledge, and international experiences.

A Great Community

- Improve and expand student residences to make this campus a more closely-knit community instead of a commuter campus
- Install cohort options
- Work at the better integration of foreign cultures and international students
- Ensure the Edmonton community feels connected to and has a stake in the University of Alberta

Outreach

- Bring in international students from a diverse variety of backgrounds and countries
- Build relationships with other universities

Integration of Knowledge

- Expand Community Service Learning
- Make available Co-ops to more students
- Provide Hands-on experiences
- Expand Interdisciplinary Programs
- Reward Student Volunteers

International Experiences

- Expand scholarships for study abroad programs
- Expand exchange opportunities, especially outside the western world
- Integrate exchanges more smoothly into the academic experience

2. What is the purpose of an undergraduate and graduate education in the twenty first century? What steps should we take to ensure students are receiving exceptional preparation to excel and be responsible citizens in this interconnected global environment?

The emphasis of the answer to this question varies according to what faculty or even department one speaks of. On the one hand, all undergraduates expect -or hope- to acquire some or all of the hard skills and knowledge base necessary to work in a field of their study, as demanded by their industry. On the other hand, these skills are often more than what is visible at first glance. In our view, the purpose of an undergraduate education is to provide students with the ability to:

- Think critically
- Connect and integrate knowledge from different disciplines
- See different perspectives on the same issue

- Communicate effectively both orally and on paper
- Conduct useful research on a topic of their choice
- Be imaginative, innovative and creative in their problem-solving strategies

The strategies for this goal can be found in our answer to question 1.

3. Alberta lags behind other provinces in the percentage of students who pursue postsecondary education. What should the University of Alberta do to improve Alberta's record? What kind of students should we attract – rural, urban, national international, undergraduate versus graduate, mature, part-time etc.

Financial inaccessibility is one of the main problems in attracting students to a post-secondary education. Apart from expanding the scholarships and bursaries currently in place, the university can make an effort to convey to both the public and the government the importance of affordability. This will also help to attract non-traditional students such as mature students, or part time students, and lead to more students being willing to take on the additional investment of going to graduate school.

Additionally, the university should actively recruit students in the same manner other universities do, by employing their current and past students as ambassadors.

4. What strategies should we adopt to recruit and retain the best faculty in a period when the global competition for top talent is intense? How do we support faculty so their research discoveries and scholarship are in the top ten percent of all the knowledge generated worldwide? Is this important and why?

As we stated under the above heading of “Talented People”, innovative research often comes up against institutional barriers. These barriers should be minimized, and innovative and group research should be supported and rewarded. We agree with a “quality over quantity” approach, but wonder what it means for scholarship to be “in the top ten percent of all the knowledge created worldwide”.

Additionally, we believe that researchers need adequate support, be it from graduate students or undergraduates as in the existing arts initiative, and cutting edge facilities to realize their full potential.

5. How do we increase translation of university research into public policy, private industry, and societal dividends that improve the quality of life? In what ways can the University of Alberta support the government's twenty year plan and four pillars?

We think that increased connections with outside organizations, such as Capital Health, can be very beneficial. Also, an emphasis on interdisciplinarity and connectivity between the university's faculties and departments would lead to the integration of fractured knowledge which prepares scholarly results for practical applicability. To that end, cross-appointments of professors and the expansion of interdisciplinary programs are strongly suggested.

6. How should the University of Alberta strengthen its relationships with alumni, the city of Edmonton, other municipalities, the province of Alberta, Canada and the world? What strategies should the University adopt to play a leadership role provincially, nationally and internationally in challenges of importance to Alberta, Canada and the world?

As stated above, alumni can have a greater role than donors. It would be beneficial for students to be able to meet professionals, ask strategic career-related questions and make connections for the future.

7. What steps should we take to expand our resource base to provide students with a high quality learning experience and faculty and staff with an outstanding working environment in which they can make significant contributions to the overall goals of the institution and the province?

Again, much of the answer to this question has already been stated somewhere above, mainly under the four main themes in our answer to question 1. We also greatly support the creation of an endowment such that all of the above goals can be realized in the future.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Student Affairs Committee

5 December 2005 @ 17:00 – SUB 420

Report to Council (SAC 2005-05)

Good evening, Council. The Student Affairs Committee met on the 5th of December. The members that were in attendance were the VPSL and Councillors Aperocho, Gordon, and Khanna.

We continued our policy review and started off with the Policy “Discriminatory Business Practices”. Discussion did not last long, and in the end, we decided that we wanted to recommend to rescind it. We then moved on to the Policy “Faculty Weeks”. Everyone liked the policy but wanted to strike “Faculty Weeks” and replace it with “Faculty Association events” to make it more inclusive of other faculties. After that, we did some reformatting and rewording.

Our next meeting took place on January 17, 2006. I will submit the report for that meeting as soon as I can. The meeting after that will hopefully take place during the week of January 30, 2006.

Thanks!

Sheena Aperocho

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Student Affairs Committee

5 December 2005 @ 17:00 – SUB 4-20

Order Paper (SAC 2005-05)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Orders of the Day (KHANNA/APEROCHO)
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes: 22 November 2005 (KHANNA/GORDON)
4. Business
 - a. Meeting schedule for winter semester
 - b. Policy Review

KHANNA/GORDON moved that the Student Affairs Committee recommend to Students' Council to rescind the Political Policy "Discriminatory Business Practices".
CARRIED, 4/0/0

KHANNA/GORDON moved that the Student Affairs Committee recommend to Students' Council the proposed changes to the Political Policy "Faculty Weeks".

WHEREAS Faculty Associations hold events which promote pride and camaraderie within faculties and amongst the University community;

WHEREAS Faculty Association events foster valuable tradition by presenting an opportunity for involvement from students, faculty staff and alumni;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union support Faculty Association events that follow relevant University guidelines.

CARRIED, 4/0/0

- c. Service
 - d. Future Plans
5. Next meeting
6. Adjournment (KEHOE/APEROCHO)

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> September 23, 2003	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2007	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Student Life Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i>	
	- <i>Topic:</i> Discriminatory Business Practices	

WHEREAS diversity is an integral part of society today;

AND WHEREAS the Students' Union believes in promoting the acceptance of diversity in both the university and surrounding community;

AND WHEREAS discrimination, as defined in the University of Alberta's Code of Student Behaviour, is still found in the university and surrounding community;

AND WHEREAS there are local businesses that actively discriminate against members of the university and surrounding community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union actively communicate to the university community the local businesses where students experienced discrimination;

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	September 23, 2003	Students' Council	September 23, 2003

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:

Effective Date: **January 21, 2003**

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2006**

Responsibility for Policy:

Student Life Board

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Faculty Week

- *Topic:*

MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt the following as political policy:

As Faculty Weeks promote a sense of pride and camaraderie amongst students and form one thread of a continuing relationship between students and the University community; and

given that Faculty Weeks weave a closer connection between past and current students; and

given that Faculty Weeks constitute a valuable, venerable, and rare tradition at the University of Alberta:

Students' Council **states** its continued support for Faculty Weeks as a safe and inclusive means of promoting faculties, within the faculty, within the campus community, and throughout the broader community;

Students' Council **states** its desire for positive involvement by staff and alumni in assisting Faculty Associations and other relevant groups when organizing Faculty Weeks; and

Students' Council **affirms** its continued support for Faculty Weeks and **aids** these faculties with these endeavors by providing the necessary resources where practical and with the caveat that these faculties follow all relevant guidelines and legal protocols.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	SC 02-19/12j (31/1/7)	Student Life Board	January 21, 2003

PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLITICAL POLICY "FACULTY WEEKS":

WHEREAS Faculty Associations hold events which promote pride and camaraderie within faculties and amongst the University community;

WHEREAS Faculty Association events foster valuable tradition by presenting an opportunity for involvement from students, faculty staff and alumni;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union support Faculty Association events that follow relevant University guidelines.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

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<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i>	
	- <i>Topic:</i> Tobacco Ban	

WHEREAS smoking is currently prohibited in all campus buildings;

WHEREAS tobacco products are addictive and potentially harmful to both the user and those who are around second-hand smoke;

WHEREAS students who currently live in campus residences would not be able to smoke near their home;

WHEREAS the large size of campus would make it prohibitively difficult for students on campus to smoke;

WHEREAS a smoking ban will have negative effects on the mental health of tobacco smokers while on campus;

WHEREAS a campus wide smoking ban does not contain provisions to accommodate student smokers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union oppose a total ban on smoking on all University of Alberta property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union supports both awareness campaigns highlighting the dangers of tobacco use and cessation support.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Updated	January 10, 2006	Students' Council	January 10, 2006
Created	September 23, 2003	Students' Council	September 23, 2003

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:

Effective Date:

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Expiration Date: April 30, 2009

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

General Election Forum

- *Topic:*

Class Consideration

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on informed voters making the correct choice of representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that "One outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is a commuter campus where the only available time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS in 2006 there are approximately 9000 students attending class from 12:00-1:00 on Mondays, yet the Horowitz theatre only seats 720 students;

WHEREAS it is unfair that over 9000 students are refused instruction so that 720 may go to the general election forum;

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-3:00;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union not support cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 1:00 for the purposes of students attending the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process by which a student is not penalized for attending the forum from 12:00 – 3:00 and not class;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between being involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is the best attended and most recognizable part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-1:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the continued cancellation of classes from 12:00-1:00 for the purpose of students attending the general election forum.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Board/Committee

**Date of Council
Approval**

Created

Business Student Activities Fund Bylaws
Faculty of Business, University of Alberta
January 16, 2005

1.0 Mission Statement

- 1.1 The purpose of the Business Student Activities Fund (BSAF) is to financially assist the activities of various business groups at the University of Alberta.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 The Business Students Activities Fund (BSAF) is a fund created to manage the monies received from a student levy applied to the undergraduate business student population at the University of Alberta
- 2.2 The Business Students Activities Fund Committee (BSAFC) is a committee that administers the BSAF
- 2.3 These bylaws govern the BSAF and the BSAFC

3.0 Amount

- 3.1 The amount of the Fee shall be \$7.50 per student per semester for full-time students and part-time students.

4.0 Lifetime

- 4.1 The fee, as currently proposed, will be collected for four years, barring any event that would dictate otherwise. Such events include an opposing referendum that adheres to Students Union guidelines, the ceasing of the BSA to be a Faculty Association, or a clear misuse of funds as determined by the Students Union or School of Business.
- 4.2 Any increases to the amount shall be enacted only upon a referendum that adheres to Students Union bylaws. In order to prevent successive increases and referendums, no referendum shall be held within three years of the current referendum passing. Decreases in the amount can be made at any point, however a decision to renew the levy to its previously approved amount will require a new referendum.

5.0 Scope

- 5.1 The Fee shall apply to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time, in the School of Business. This does not include any semester for which the student is placed in a work term as part of the School's Cooperative Education Program.

6.0 Allocation

- 6.1 The moneys received from the Fee will be prioritized for disbursement based on several criteria, ranked as followed:
 1. Academic benefit
 2. Maximizing benefit for the greatest number of individuals
 3. Proven financial need
 4. Promotion of the School of Business and its Departments

6.2 Any surplus from the Fee will be retained in a separate bank account and will have the following uses:

- a) Act as an account buffer up to a maximum of \$10,000
- b) Disbursed in future years with the criteria set out above
- c) Bestowed to the Grad Gift Granting Committee for student granting at their disposal

6.3 The initial distribution of the funds is detailed in Appendix A – Allocation of Funds.

7.0 Eligibility

7.1 Any member of the BSA, as dictated by its Bylaws, is eligible to receive moneys from the fund. Business clubs, including departmental and non-departmental, as well as Faculty sponsored conferences and events are also eligible to receive funding.

8.0 Refund mechanism

8.1 The Fee, or any individual's portion of it, may be refunded upon student request. Refunds will only be provided for the semester in which they are currently enrolled. The student will be required to complete a form by stating that they have received a refund and all refunds will be tracked in order to ensure that double refunds are not granted. All forms will be maintained in a locked filing cabinet for a period of at least one year. Refunds may only be granted with signed approval of the Fund Administrator and the BSA President.

9.0 Management

9.1 All funds are to be managed by the Fund Administrator, who will be responsible for tracking all disbursements, refunds and requests for funds. The Fund Administrator and the BSA President will serve as the sole signatories on the fund's bank account. The Fund Administrator will be selected from a committee that consists of the School of Business' Assistant Dean Undergraduate and the BSA VP Academic. Requests for funds will be handled by the Fund Administrator and all disbursements will require approval of the BSA Executive Committee as outlined under the Association's bylaws.

10.0 Financial Oversight

10.1 The BSA will require financial statements from the recipients who are not the BSA, indicating the anticipated expenditures to be made with the allotted funds. The BSA will also require annual reports indicating how funds received from the fee have been spent from each of the recipients by February 15 of each year and will compile a report for Students' Council by March 15 of each year, indicating how the moneys have been spent. The BSA will report to Students' Council as required by Bylaw 5841 and fully comply with any other legislation adopted by Students' Council with respect to financial oversight. The BSA will also open its books to Students' Council or

delegated bodies for inspection under reasonable terms of access with respect to the fee.

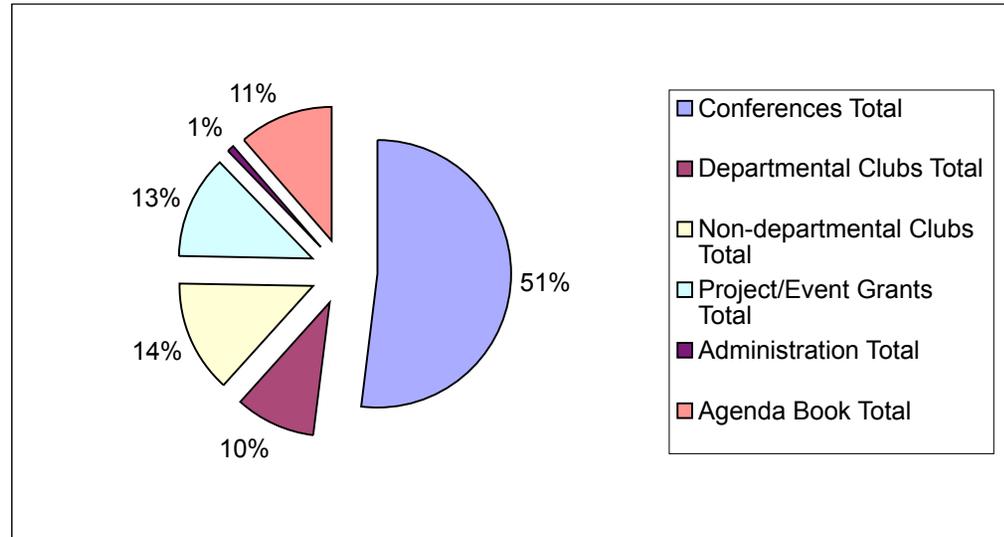
**Business Students' Association
Membership Fee Allocation**

Appendix A

Revenue: \$ 39,600 Proportion of revenue 100% \$ 11.00 3600 semester students

Distribution (proposed):

<i>Jeux De Commerce West</i>	\$ 11,250	28%
<i>U of A Sports Marketing Co</i>	\$ 969	2%
<i>CBSA Roundtable</i>	\$ 1,688	4%
<i>Other</i>	\$ 6,750	17%
Conferences Total	\$ 20,531	52%
<i>Accounting Club</i>	\$ 1,125	3%
<i>MIS Club</i>	\$ 563	1%
<i>Marketing Club</i>	\$ 731	2%
<i>HRM Club</i>	\$ 675	2%
<i>ASASE</i>	\$ 338	1%
<i>OM Club</i>	\$ 394	1%
Departmental Clubs Total	\$ 3,825	10%
<i>RMBS</i>	\$ 2,250	6%
<i>Investors Club</i>	\$ 563	1%
<i>CESA</i>	\$ 563	1%
<i>AISEC</i>	\$ 338	1%
<i>Grad Council</i>	\$ 1,688	4%
Non-departmental Clubs To	\$ 5,400	14%
<i>Project grants</i>	\$ 5,000	13%
Project/Event Grants Total	\$ 5,000	13%
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 281	1%
Administration Total	\$ 281	1%
<i>Agenda Book</i>	\$ 4,500	11%
Agenda Book Total	\$ 4,500	11%
	<u>\$ 39,600</u>	<u>100%</u>



STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES & PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday December 6, 2005
3-06 Students' Union Building

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC 2005-17)

- 2005-17/1 CALL TO ORDER
- The Speaker called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- 2005-17/2 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2005-17/2a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on January 10, 2006.
- 2005-17/3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- LEWIS/CROSSMAN MOVED TO approve the orders of the day.
- KIRKHAM/SCHNIEDER MOVED TO amend the main motion by adding the Late Additions.
- Amendment to Main Motion: CARRIED
- LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO make item 7e (ix) a special order.
- Motion to make item 7e (ix) a special order: DEFEATED
- Main Motion: CARRIED
- 2005-17/4 PRESENTATIONS
- 2005-17/4a JOHNSON/KEHOE MOVED TO postpone item 4a to the next meeting of Students' Council.
- Motion to postpone: CARRIED
- KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Students' Council take a 2-minute break.
- Motion to recess: CARRIED
- 2005-17/5 NOMINATIONS

2005-17/5a **LEWIS/COUNCILLOR MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint a member to the Bylaw Committee.

BLAIS nominates SCHNEIDER: SCHNEIDER accepts.

Councillor Schneider appointed to the Bylaw Committee.

KIRKHAM/PAYNED MOVED THAT Students' Council make Question Period a Special Order.

Main Motion: DEFEATED

2005-17/6 **REPORTS**

2005-17/6a Graham Lettner, President

2005-17/6b Samantha Power, Vice President (External)

2005-17/6c Justin Kehoe, Vice President (Students Life)

2005-17/6d Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)

2005-17/6e Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations & Finance)

2005-17/6f Adam Cook, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

2005-17/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Speaker makes item 7e (i) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (i) **KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support that Students' Union bars offer a side of salad with food items in lieu of french fries at no additional cost?

Point of Order: Letter – "Bad Faith"

Speaker: Point of Order not well taken.

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (ii) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (ii)

KIRKHAM/BLAIS MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support that the Students' Union boycott goods and services from the People's Republic of China to protest its human rights* and environmental record subject to the following conditions?

1. The goods and services that shall be subject to this boycott will be those
 - a. made in the People's Republic of China; or
 - b. with at least 25% of their value originating from the People's Republic of China.
2. The tenants of all premises owned or operated by the Students' Union would be required to adhere to the boycott upon the renewal of their existing lease or the creation of a new lease.

* United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Point of Order: Khanna – “Legality”

Speaker: Refrains from ruling on the point of order. Question given to the assembly.

Point of Order: DEFEATED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (iv) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (iv)

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support the elimination of the Centre for Student Development?

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (v) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (v)

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support that the Students' Union raise awareness of the need for accessible and affordable education by conducting a tuition demonstration on November 5 of each year that shall include fireworks and a bonfire?

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (iii) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (iii)

KIRKHAM/LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support that Power Plant, RATT, and L'Express serve kosher and halal meals?

COUNCILLOR MOVED TO amend the main motion by replacing “serve” with “have” and add “available” at the end of the question.

Amendment to the main motion: FRIENDLY**Main Motion: CARRIED***Speaker makes item 7e (vi) a Special Order.*

2005-17/7e (vi) **KIRKHAM/LETTNER MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the following petition question upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee.

Do you support that the Students' Union discontinues the sale of tobacco products?

Main Motion: CARRIED*Speaker makes item 9f a Special Order.*

2005-17/9f **KUSTRA/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council order the Executive Committee seek a legal opinion regarding the legality of the following proposed petition question:

Do you support that Students' Union bars charge \$2.00 for all pints* of draught beer effective March 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 subject to the following conditions?

1. Draught beer will be sold in pint* volumes whenever alcohol is served.
2. Other volumes of draught beer may be sold at any price.
3. The existing selection of draught beer will continue to be carried.
4. Where the wholesale price of a pint* of draught beer is in excess of \$2.00, its price will be set at wholesale cost rounded up to the nearest dollar.

*A pint is 16 fluid ounces (473 ml).

Amendment to the main motion by striking the word "March" and replacing with the word "May"

Amendment to the main motion: FRIENDLY**Main Motion: CARRIED***Speaker makes item LA7e(xii) a Special Order.*

2005-17/7e (xii) **LEWIS/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve the proposed petition question:

Do you support that Students' Union bars charge \$2.00 for all pints* of draught beer effective May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 subject to the following conditions?

1. Draught beer will be sold in pint* volumes whenever alcohol is served.
2. Other volumes of draught beer may be sold at any price.
3. The existing selection of draught beer will continue to be carried.
4. Where the wholesale cost of a pint* of draught beer is in excess of \$2.00, its price will be set at wholesale cost rounded up to the nearest dollar.

*A pint is 16 fluid ounces (473 mL)

LEWIS/LETTNER MOVED TO postpone the main motion until the next meeting of Students' Council.

Point of Order: Kirkham – "You cannot reconsider motions in separate Council sessions".

Speaker: Point of order well taken, but it's not relevant anyways.

Motion to postpone: CARRIED

Speaker makes item LA 7e (xiii) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (xiii) **LEWIS/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve the proposed petition question:

Do you support that the Students' Union adopt the stance that tuition should be free?

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item LA 7e (xiv) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (xiv) **LEWIS/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve the proposed petition question:

Do you support that the Students' Union adopt the stance that membership in and fees levied for the Students' Union should be optional, and that the Students' Union should lobby the provincial government for the relevant changes to provincial legislation?

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item LA 7e (xv) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (xv) **LEWIS/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve the proposed petition question:

Do you support that the Students' Union establish a Reactionary Speakers Series?

Main Motion CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (ix) a Special Order.

LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 36e1 for the purpose of Bill #15.

Motion to Suspend: CARRIED

2005-17/7e (ix) **KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED THAT** Bill # 15 (*Critical Changes to Plebiscite and Referenda Process*) be read a second time.

**Bill #15 - Critical Change to Plebiscites and Referenda Petition Process
(sponsor; KIRKHAM)**

Principles (from first reading)

1. A member shall submit a signed paper copy of the intent of a petition question to the Chief Returning Officer along with their name, faculty, and student identification number.
2. The member shall indicate whether or not their intent of this petition question is to be a plebiscite or referendum.
3. The intent of any petition question shall include a \$25.00 deposit.
4. Upon receipt of an intent of a petition question and collection of the deposit, the Chief Returning Officer shall immediately forward the question to the Bylaw Committee.
5. The Bylaw Committee shall draft and approve a question within fourteen (14) days of receiving the intent of a petition question from the Chief Returning Officer
6. Where a member submits a petition containing the signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the total membership of the Students' Union, then that member's deposit shall be refunded.
7. The term "Students' Union law" will be replaced with "Students' Union Bylaw" and the term "Federal or Provincial statute or regulation" will be replaced with "federal or provincial law" for clarification in Bylaw 2400 (4)(b).
8. Changes will be retroactive to any previously approved or currently outstanding petition questions with respect to collection of a deposit and declaration of a plebiscite or referendum.
9. Changes will come into effect immediately upon passage of second reading.

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (x) a Special Order.

2005-1/7e (x)

LEWIS/PAYNE MOVED THAT Bill #20 be read a first time.

Bill #20 Non-Academic Fee Principles (sponsor; LEWIS)

Principles (first reading)

1. Plebiscites or referenda pertaining to non-academic fees levied on SU members by the University must reflect a control corresponding to the financial contribution.
2. A permanent advisory committee will be created to oversee and direct all aspects of the use of the non-academic fee.
3. The composition of this advisory committee will reflect the financial contribution by Students Union members in the form of a proportional number of voting seats.
4. Any facility or service funded by the non-academic fee must provide universal access to any SU member contributing to that fee.

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO amend the main motion by adding point 5 "This bill will come into effect May 1, 2006."

SCHNEIDER/KIRKHAM MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the previous question: CARRIED

Amendment to the main motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 7e (xii a) a Special Order.

2005-17/7e (xii a) LETTNER/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Bill #16 Direct Democracy be read a second time.

Bill #16 Direct Democracy (sponsor; TOBIAS)

Principle (from first reading)

1. Where a referendum or plebiscite question would cause Students' Council to be in breach of its fiduciary responsibility to the Students' Union, such a question may be ruled out of order.

The principles of this bill will apply retroactively to all referenda or plebiscite proposed for the 2006 general election.

CHAPMAN/KIRKHAM MOVED TO refer Bill #16 back to the Bylaw Committee.

Motion to Refer: DEFEATED

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO postpone the main motion indefinitely.

Motion to Postpone: DEFEATED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes item 9c a Special Order.

2005-17/9c KIRKHAM/LETTNER MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #18 a first time.

Bill #18 Changes to Referendum Process (sponsor; TOBIAS)

Principles (first reading)

1. The proponents of a referendum shall bear the onus of demonstrating, to the bylaw committee, how the referendum falls within the power of the Students' Union under the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
2. Where the referendum proposes a compulsory fee, the proponent must demonstrate how that new fee would serve the object of the "maintenance of the" Students' Union as required under section 95(2)(e).
3. Referenda questions shall be limited to questions of principle, such that only questions establishing the creation and purpose of fees and their repeal are permitted.
4. In drafting a proposed referendum question, the bylaw committee shall also report to Council whether or not the proposed question is valid under the mandate of Student Associations in the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
5. The report in principle 4 will take into account the submissions made by the proponents of a referendum under principle 1.
6. In considering the question, the bylaw committee may seek legal opinion.
7. Should Students' Council disallow a question on the basis that it falls outside the mandate of Student Associations, as defined in the Post-Secondary Learning Act, such decision may be appealed to DIE Board.
8. The principles of this bill will apply retroactively to all referenda proposed for the 2006 general election.

BERGHOFF MOVED TO amend the main motion by replacing the words "proponent" and "proponents of" with "member submitting"

KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED TO refer the amendment to the Bylaw Committee.

Motion to refer amendment: DEFEATED

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO consider it seriatim.

Motion: DEFEATED

LETTNER/KELLY MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to adjourn: CARRIED.

ATTENDANCE (SC 2005-17)

Faculty/Position	Name	1 st Roll Call	2 nd Roll Call
President	Graham Lettner	√	√
VP Academic	Mathieu Johnson	√	√
VP External	Samantha Power	√	
VP Finance	Jason Tobias		
VP Student Life	Justin Kehoe	√	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Adam Cook	√	√
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Miranda Baniulis	√	√
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Amanda Rajotte	√	√
Arts	Catrin Berghoff	√	√
Arts	John Chandler		
Arts	Michelle Kelly	√	√
Arts	Bryce Kustra	√	√
Arts	Cameron Lewis	√	√
Arts	Tim Schneider	√	√
Arts	Shad Thevenaz	√	√
Arts	Al-Amyn Sumar	√	√
Augustana	Jonathan Friesen		
Business	Chris Young	√	√
Business	Ryan Payne	√	√
Education	Lillian Patz		
Engineering	Brian Ceelen	√	

Engineering	James Crossman	✓	✓
Engineering	Prem Eruvs		
Engineering	Jamaal Montasser		
Law	Kyle Kawanami	✓	✓
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Suneil Khanna	✓	✓
Native Studies	Matt Wildcat		
Nursing	Nadia Ickert	✓	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Joseph Blais	✓	✓
Open Studies	Sabine Stephan		
Physical Education and Recreation	Philip Goebel		
Science	Sheena Aperocho	✓	✓
Science	Jack Gordon	✓	
Science	Abbeir Hussein		
Science	Stephen Kirkham	✓	✓
Science	Sylvia Shamanna		
Science	Omer Yusuf	✓	✓
Science	Yuan Hao		
Science	Chris Le	✓	✓
Science	Theresa Chapman	✓	✓
General Manager	Bill Smith		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓	✓

Guests of Council:

Position	Name
Chief Returning Officer	Rachel Woynorowski

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES & PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday January 10, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC 2005-18)

2005-18/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2005-18/2

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2005-18/2a

Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on January 24, 2006.

2005-18/2a (i)

Nomination forms are available for Executive, BoG, and Council positions for next year, and that the nom pack can be picked up from 2-900 SUB.

2005-18/2a (ii)

BSA and UASUS intend to create Faculty Association Membership Fees

2005-18/3

APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

PAYNE/JOHNSON MOVED TO approve the orders of the day.

TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED TO strike item 18/9c from the order paper

Speaker's List (strike): Tobias

Motion to strike item 18/9c: CARRIED.

KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED TO add item 9g from the Late Additions to the order paper.

Speaker's List (add): Kirkham

KIRKHAM/CHAPMAN MOVED TO suspend Standing Order #18.

Speaker's List (susp.): Kirkham

Motion to suspend: DEFEATED, 8/10

Motion to add item 9g from the Late Additions is out of order.

LETTNER MOVED TO strike item 4a from the order paper.

Motion to strike: FRIENDLY

LETTNER/KELLY MOVED TO make Question Period a special order.

Speaker's List: Schneider, Kelly

LEWIS MOVED TO amend the motion by moving Question Period to come after the Executive Committee Reports.

Amendment to the motion: FRIENDLY

Motion to make Question Period a Special Order: CARRIED

Motion to Approve the Orders of the Day: CARRIED

2005-18/6

REPORTS

2005-18/6a

Graham Lettner, President

2005-18/6b

Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)

2005-18/6c

Samantha Power, Vice President (External)

2005-18/6d

Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations and Finance)

2005-18/8

QUESTION PERIOD

2005-18/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2005-18/7a

Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board – December 7, 2005
Decision 9: Langstone vs. Students' Council

2005-18/7b

Executive Committee – January 5, 2006

TOBIAS/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Bill #23 be read a first time.

2005-18/7b (i)

Bill #23 – Responsibilities of Students' Council (sponsor; TOBIAS)
Principles (first reading)

- 1) All decisions pertaining to the governance of the Students' Union are ultimately the purview of Students' Council.
- 2) In its effort to serve students, Students' Council has a legal obligation to act in:
 - i. the best interest of the Students' Union
 - ii. accordance with The Alberta Post Secondary Learning Act
 - iii. accordance with all other applicable Federal and provincial laws or regulations
- 3) Any decision of Students' Council or Students' Union bylaw which does not meet the terms set out in point 2 is of no effect.

Speaker's List (mm): Tobias, Kirkham, Lettner, Khanna, Chapman, Lewis

LEWIS/KIRKHAM MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking point one.

Speaker's List (am): Lewis, Lettner, Sumar, Lewis, Chapman, Kirkham, Tobias

SHAMANNA/BLAIS MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED, 8/13

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham, Power, Councillor

STEPHAN/PAYNE MOVED THE previous questions.

Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED, note roll call vote

2005-18/7c

Budget and Finance Committee

LEWIS/PAYNE MOVED THAT Bill #17 be read a first time.

2005-18/7c (i)

Bill #17 – Student Involvement Endowment Fund Fee Repeal (sponsor; LEWIS)

Principles (first reading)

1. That the Students' Union cease collection of the Eugene L. Brody and Student Involvement Endowment Fund fees.

Speaker's List (mm): Lewis, Shamanna

SHAMANNA/PAYNE MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking the words "of the Eugene L. Brody and".

Speaker's List (am): Tobias, Schneider, Lewis, Kelly, Kirkham, Khanna

PAYNE/SCHNEIDER MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

LEWIS/PAYNE MOVED THAT Bill #9 be read a first time.

2005-18/7c (ii)

Bill #9 "Election Funding for Councillors" (sponsor; Pandya)

Principle (first Reading)

1. Candidates budgets will be increased for the Councilor Elections.
 - a. Candidates may accrue \$50 in expenses;
 - b. Plus \$10 for every additional 1000 students in the faculty beyond 3000

Speaker's List (mm): Lewis, Kirkham, Patz, Tobias, Aperocho

JOHNSON/PATZ MOVED TO amend the main motion by adding principle 2 "slate budgets will increase in a similar fashion".

Speaker's List (am): Johnson

Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker's List (mm): Lettner

Main Motion: CARRIED

2005-18/7d

Student Affairs Committee – November 22, 2005

2005-18/7d (i)

APEROCHE/PATZ MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the changes to the Political Policy "Tobacco Ban".

Speaker's List (mm): Eruvs

Main Motion: CARRIED

2005-18/7e

Bylaw Committee

TOBIAS/PAYNE MOVED THAT Bill #12 be read a second time.

2005-18/7e (i)

Bill #12 – Administrative Assistant to Council Reporting Structure (sponsor; POWER)

Principle (from first reading)

1. The Administrative Assistant to Students' Council report directly to the Executive Assistant, and that the President report to the Speaker with respect to all Council business.

Speaker's List (mm): Tobias, Kirkham

Main Motion: CARRIED

KIRKHAM/LEWIS MOVED THAT Bill #3 be read a second time.

2005-18/7e (ii)

Bill #3 – Members of Council Legitimacy (sponsor; KIRKHAM)

Principles (from first reading)

1. The speaker will request a report from the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards on a semesterly basis that confirming that all student, those positions that require the individuals to be students, meet the necessary requirements to hold office.
2. The report from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Awards will be received by the President, and the Speaker.
3. The Speaker shall cause to be tabled with Students' Council a report outlining the Registrar's findings at his or her earliest convenience.

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham, Johnson, Khanna

KUSTRA/PAYNE MOVED TO refer Bill #3 back to the Bylaw Committee

Speaker's List (ref): Kustra

Motion to refer: CARRIED, 12/7

KIRKHAM/TOBIAS MOVED THAT Bill #14 be read a second time.

Bill #14 - Access to Students' Union Information (sponsor; KIRKHAM)
Principles

1. Every Students' Union document or record is strictly confidential that has been specifically designated as such in the Standing Orders of Students' Council.
2. Strictly confidential information is available to those individuals specifically designated in the Standing Orders of Students' Council.
3. No member of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or a committee thereof may access confidential or strictly confidential information until they have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham

Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker makes Page 9 of the D.I.E. Board Report a Special Order.

KIRKHAM/CHAPMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following question:

Do you support that Students' Union bars charge \$2.00 for all pints* of draught beer effective May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 subject to the following conditions?

1. Draught beer will be sold in pint* volumes whenever alcohol is served.
2. Other volumes of draught beer may be sold at any price.
3. The existing selection of draught beer will continue to be carried.
4. Where the wholesale price of a pint* of draught beer is in excess of \$2.00, its price will be set at wholesale cost rounded up to the nearest dollar.

*A pint is 16 fluid ounces (473 ml).

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham (Kustra), Tobias

Point of Order: Lewis – "This particular petition question violates Bylaw 2400, Section 5 "fiduciary obligation""

Point of Order on the point of order: Kirkham – "Bylaw 2400, section 5 we're not in violation of it by having a motion on the floor, all this allows us to do is when we go to a vote we actually have a reason to vote no instead of forcing us to vote yes. No one can rise on a point of order because violating section 5, it gives us a reason to vote no".

Speaker: The reason we can vote no on this is because Robert's Rules of Order says that any main motion that violates the law is out of order, it's out of order based on fiduciary obligation and it's on that basis that this if getting tossed. On the original point of order the chair feels that this would violate our fiduciary obligation and on those grounds rules the question out of order.

Point of Order: Kirkham – "It's highly irregular to be asking members that aren't even voting members to be making decisions. We have a DIE Board ruling, the ruling is referring to Petition Questions. It's not being submitted via the CRO or coming from the Bylaw Committee. There's nothing in there that says it has to be declared at this point".

Speaker: When D.I.E. Board made it's ruling they did not take into consideration the new rules and regulations that have been imposed on these. As a result their ruling isn't really up to date.

KUSTRA/LEWIS MOVED TO recess for five minutes.

Motion to Recess: CARRIED

KIRKHAM/CHAPMAN APPEAL THE decision of the chair.

Kirkham: Council needs to decide if this is a breach of fiduciary obligation. Council needs to vote on this. This question is not illegal, we got legal advice and it did not explicitly state whether this was illegal or not. It's not breaching fiduciary obligation because we have ways out.

BANIULIS/PAYNE MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED, 14/3

Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgement of the assembly?: CARRIED, 18/4

KUSTRA/BLAIS MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (SC 2005-18)

Faculty/Position	Name	1 st Roll Call	2 nd Roll Call	Beer Q.
President	Graham Lettner	✓	✓	✓
VP Academic	Mathieu Johnson	✓	✓	✓
VP External	Samantha Power	✓	✓	✓
VP Finance	Jason Tobias	✓	✓	✓
VP Student Life	Justin Kehoe			
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Adam Cook			
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Miranda Baniulis	✓	✓	✓
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Amanda Rajotte	✓	✓	✓
Arts	Catrin Berghoff			
Arts	John Chandler			
Arts	Michelle Kelly	✓	✓	✓

Arts	Bryce Kustra	√	√	X
Arts	Cameron Lewis	√	√	√
Arts	Tim Schneider	√		
Arts	Shad Thevenaz			
Arts	Al-Amyr Sumar	√	√	√
Augustana	Jonathan Friesen			
Business	Chris Young			
Business	Ryan Payne	√	√	√
Education	Lillian Patz	√	√	√
Engineering	Brian Ceelen			
Engineering	James Crossman	√	√	
Engineering	Prem Eruvs	√	√	√
Engineering	Jamaal Montasser	√	√	√
Law	Kyle Kawanami	√		
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Suneil Khanna	√	√	√
Native Studies	Matt Wildcat	√	√	√
Nursing	Nadia Ickert			
Faculté Saint-Jean	Joseph Blais	√	√	√
Open Studies	Sabine Stephan	√	√	√
Physical Education and Recreation	Philip Goebel			
Science	Sheena Apercho	√		
Science	Jack Gordon			
Science	Abbeir Hussein			
Science	Stephen Kirkham	√	√	X
Science	Sylvia Shamanna	√	√	X
Science	Omer Yusuf			
Science	Yuan Hao			
Science	Chris Le	√	√	√
Science	Theresa Chapman	√	√	X
General Manager	Bill Smith			

Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√	√	
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Guests of Council:

Position	Name
Chief Returning Officer	Rachel Woynorowski
The Gateway	Ross Prusakowski