

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday March 28, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2005-25)

- 2005-25/2 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2005-25/2a Announcements – The Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday March 29, 2006 is CANCELLED.
- 2005-25/2b Executive and Councillor Election Results
Please see document LA 05-25.01
- 2005-25/2c Cam Lewis resigns from the Budget and Finance Committee
Please see document LA 05-25.02
- 2005-25/5 **NOMINATIONS**
- 2005-25/5a **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee.
- 2005-25/6 **REPORTS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2005-25/6e Samantha Power, Vice President (External)
Please see document LA 05-25.03
- 2005-25/6f Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations and Finance)
Please see document LA 05-25.04
- 2005-25/6g Justin Kehoe, Vice President (Student Life)
Please see document LA 05-25.05
- 2005-25/6h Adam Cook, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
Please see document LA 05-25.06
- 2005-25/8 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2005-25/8g University Policy Committee – March 20, 2006

Please see document LA 05-25.07

2005-25/8h

External Policy Committee – March 23, 2006

Please see document LA 05-25.08

2005-25/9

GENERAL ORDERS

2005-25/9h

KEHOE MOVED THAT Bill #38 be read a first time.

Bill #38 – *Budget Compliance Amendment* (sponsor; KEHOE)
Principle (first reading)

1. All references to the Academic Guidance Centre are removed.

2005-25/10

INFORMATION ITEMS

2005-25/10b

Letter from the Faculty of Law regarding item 2005-25/9d.

Please see document LA 05-25.09

2005-25/10c

Travel Cuts apology letter from Graham Lettner

Please see document LA 05-25.10

2005-25/10d

BERGHOFF MOVED THAT Students' Council amend the Budget Principles by adding:

1. A new section 4(c) will be created: 4(c) Councilors will be paid.
2. A new section 4(c) will be created: 4(c) Councilors will be paid a trimesterly stipend subject to minimum performance standards.



Students' Union Election Office

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To:	➤ Mr. Gregory Harlow Speaker, Students' Council
From:	➤ Ms. Rachel Woynorowski Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2006/07 Students' Union Executive, Board of Governors, and Plebiscite Results
Date:	March 27, 2006

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's Students' Union Campus-Wide Election.

The Executive and Board of Governors Elections were held March 8th and 9th, during which time students also voted on two plebiscite questions. Our elections were held in compliance with Bylaws 1500, 2100, and 2500, and I am satisfied that they were fair and that the results reflect the will of the electorate.

More detailed results, including breakdowns of each round of preferential voting, are available upon request. A final version of these detailed results will be published in my final report submitted to Students' Council.

- *President*
 - Ms. Samantha Power
- *Vice President (Academic)*
 - Ms. Amanda Henry
- *Vice President (External)*
 - Mr. Dave Cournoyer
- *Vice President (Operations and Finance)*
 - Mr. Chris Cunningham
- *Vice President (Student Life)*
 - Mr. Omer Yusuf
- *Board of Governors Representative*
 - Mr. Chris Samuel
- *Physical Activity Complex Fee Plebiscite*
 - Defeated
- *Campus-Wide Tobacco Ban Plebiscite*
 - Passed



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To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Gregory Harlow Speaker, Students' Council➤ Mr. Mathieu Johnson Vice President (Academic), Students' Union➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar University Secretariat
From:	➤ Ms. Rachel Woynorowski Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2006/07 Students' Council and General Faculties Council Results
Date:	March 27, 2006

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's Students' Union Councillor Elections.

The Students' Council and General Faculties Council Elections were held March 23rd and 24th. Our elections were held in compliance with Bylaws 1500, 2200, and 2500, and I am satisfied that they were fair and that the results reflect the will of the electorate. There have been no appeals of any of my decisions or rulings and no recounts have been requested.

More detailed results, including breakdowns of each round of preferential voting, are available upon request. A final version of these detailed results will be published in my final report submitted to Students' Council.

Students Union Council

- *Business*
 - Mr. Ryan Payne
 - Mr. Michael Cook
 - Mr. Eamonn Gamble
- *Education*
 - Mr. Harold Semenuk
- *Engineering*
 - Mr. Kory Mathewson
 - Mr. Prem Eruvbetine
 - Mr. Curt Clark
 - Mr. Paul Kirvan
 - Mr. Ben Nearingburg
- *Law*
 - Mr. Jonathan Tiemam
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (1)
Mr. Scott McAnsh
- *Medicine & Dentistry*
 - Ms. Carrie Ye
- *Physical Education & Recreation*
 - Mr. Darren Gray
- *Faculte St. Jean*
 - Ms. Brittney Bugler
- *Arts*
 - Mr. Michael Janz
 - Mr. Al-Amyr Sumar
 - Mr. Brock Richardson
 - Mr. Cam Lewis
 - Mr. Tim Schneider
 - Mr. John Chandler
- *Science*
 - Mr. Justin Kehoe
 - Mr. Greg German
 - Ms. Theresa Chapman
 - Mr. Steve Kirkham
 - Mr. Brendan Trayner
 - Ms. Sylvia Shamanna
 - Mr. Christopher Le
 - Ms. Bayan Hussein
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (1)
Mr. Alamjit Singh
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (2)
Ms. Sheena Aperocho
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (3)
Ms. Damini Mohan
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (4)
Ms. Nassrein Hussein
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (5)
Mr. Steve Dollansky

General Faculties Council

- *Agriculture, Forestry & Home Economics*
 - Ms. Leah Bennett
- *Business*
 - Mr. Michael Cook
 - Mr. Scott Nicol
- *Engineering*
 - Mr. Graeme Wicentowich
 - Mr Stephen McFetridge
 - Mr. Mat Johnson
 - Mr. Scott Rebman
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (1)
Mr. Prem Eruvbetine
- *Law*
 - Mr. Jonathan Tiemam
- *Medicine & Dentistry*
 - Mr. Mark Kearns
- *Physical Education & Recreation*
 - Ms. Stacey Badry
- *Arts*
 - The Inanimate Carbon Rod
Named Fraser (joke candidate)
 - Mr. Alan Cliff
 - Mr. Cam Lewis
 - Mr. Brock Richardson
 - Mr. Tim Schneider
- *Science*
 - Mr. Justin Kehoe
 - Mr. Peter Gill
 - Mr. Steve Kirkham
 - Ms. Damini Mohan
 - Mr. Brendan Trayner
 - Ms. Sylvia Shamanna
 - Ms. Bayan Hussein
 - Mr. Najam Mian
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (1)
Ms. Nassrein Hussein
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (2)
Mr. Alin Florea

To whom it may concern:

I am resigning my seat on the Budget and Finance Committee.

Cam Lewis

My last council report was on February 7th, before my leave of absence. I will do my best to update council on what has happened since that time in this report.

UPass – On Feb. 13th Don Iveson and myself traveled to UBC on a fact finding mission. At UBC the UPass operating and capital costs are covered by the city, as well the University administration covers a \$12 subsidy throughout the term. They also provide a subsidy for low income riders and those who live outside of the transit jurisdiction. It gave us several ideas on how to proceed.

We're currently working with the Grant MacEwan executive on lobbying for increased service subsidization and operating costs to be covered. Our provincial hopes have been dashed due to recent events. I no longer believe we can achieve a \$60 UPass, I do believe we can get between \$60 and \$80, and we'll have to go back to referendum.

That being said, the referendum mandate expires on April 30th. EPC will be looking to create a new policy for lobbying for affordable transit.

Speech from the Throne – Both Graham and myself were unavailable for this event and so we sent Jason Tobias. Our main message was our concern over being the key priority in last year's speech but nowhere to be seen in this one. The problems highlighted last year have not been solved. I heard we received decent media coverage, most major news stations.

Affordability Review – Prior to the March 7th meeting of the sub-committee Advanced Education received a letter from the Presidents of the four Universities in Alberta detailing their request for an affordability review. This included tuition to remain at 2004 levels and to increase by CPI + 3.5%, which is essentially the exact situation we have now. Advanced Education released this letter to the entire sub-committee. Students, and other representatives on the committee were greatly disappointed in the universities subversion of the review process. Students were greatly disappointed in the status quo nature of the request, as it does not take advantage of the opportunities the province is providing. We responded with a letter to the University administration and to the Board of Governors detailing our disappointment. This met with mixed reaction from the University and the Board was reluctantly supportive of our letter. This story also made front page of the Calgary Herald and the B section of the Journal. There should be a story in VUE in an upcoming issue as well.

We are moving forward with CAUS recommendations detailing progressive student loan reform to include loans to grants, tuition to be recalculated at 2000 levels and to increase by CPI – 1%. The sub-committee will meet for the last time March 28th, and should release the new affordability policy in mid-April, contrary to what was believed on Budget Day.

Budget Day – The provincial government released it's new budget last Wednesday. These are the details:

- Yearly loan limits are increasing from \$12,140 to \$12,440. *The entire increase will be covered by provincial loans.*
- 6% increase in base operating grants to post-secondary institutions (previously announced in Budget 2005)
- \$87 million in ongoing funding to cover tuition increases for students enrolled at public post-secondary institutions in Alberta (the \$87 million was announced at the beginning of session, but the fact that is permanent and ongoing is new)
- \$61 million this year to address enrolment growth, expand apprenticeship training, and encourage participation in advanced learning opportunities (about 2/3 of what the Minister was hoping for)
- A 21.5% increase in funding for scholarships, bursaries and grants (about \$14 million, from a budget of \$80 million)
- \$45 million in funding from the Access to the Future Fund (endowed from the \$750 million in the fund)
- \$19.7 million to support community-based literacy and basic skills training
- \$217 million in capital infrastructure for post-secondary education, including projects at each of our campuses (CCIS Building)
- Alberta student loan monthly living allowances are increasing by 2% . In addition single independent accommodation allowances will increase by \$27/month and married and single parents accommodation allowances will increase by \$50. *In effect, this equates to an overall 6% increase to provincial living allowances.*
- Part-time earning exemptions are increasing from \$225/month to \$400/month.
- *The scholarship exemption is increasing from \$1,800 to \$3,500.*

Our message was the \$87million for base operating was a good restart for tuition levels. It's a good base to work off of to push further affordability reforms and to tie them to base operating and quality issues. Our concern is of course, the new affordability policy is obviously not tied to the budget, so where is the money coming from?

We received coverage on CTV, Global, City, the Edmonton Journal and CBC radio.

Roll it Back Ralph – We took our petition to the legislature on the 15th, thanks to everyone who came. We have over 3,000 signatures and we're collecting more, they will continue to be tabled throughout the spring session. We're going to be evaluating the success of the campaign and how we can further the goals in the next year. A lot depends on the affordability policy announcement.

Coming UP:

Volunteer Party! Volunteers of the Roll it Back, Ralph! Campaign are welcome to come out to Dewey's this Friday between 3 and 5pm for a thank you party.

Please Apply! For the Revolutionary Speakers Series Selection Committee and the campaign creation committee (aka the advocacy advisory committee). Applications are due March 31st.

CAUS Lobby Conference (April 3-6): With spring session in it's a good time to remind MLA's post-secondary should be their top priority in the next policy planning process. CAUS will be meeting with the majority of the MLAs in this time period. If you'd like to see the CAUS lobby document it's available on the website: www.caus.net

PIA Retreat (April 7-9): PIA is holding a retreat to plan upcoming campaigns for 2006. It's a great opportunity to meet other lobby organizations and plan for upcoming events. Don Iveson, Dave Cournoyer and myself will be attending.

Monday, March 27, 2006

Good Evening/Morning Councillors,

Based on some of the questions I've received from you over the weekend I thought I would put together my responses in a coherent format. Hopefully, this information is helpful to you. In no particular order:

What is the bottom line implied by the principles proposed by BFC?

The proposed budget principles result in a break-even budget.

What will be the net revenue impact of a halt of tobacco sales?

The estimated impact will be a loss of approximately \$30,000. There is also the secondary hit of 'collateral' revenues. That is, people who buy cigarettes in SUB also buy lunch, drinks, lottery tickets, etc. We have no good way of knowing what the actual collateral damage will be, but I would be inclined to estimate it as higher rather than lower. It could *potentially* mean a net revenue loss as high as \$50,000.

What do we do if we lose that revenue?

Council will need to decide what expenditures to cut in order to balance the budget. In any case, \$30,000 is not an insignificant amount when you consider that Council's budget alone counts for expenditures of \$52,000. I would recommend that BFC propose a few options for council's digestion if this scenario comes to pass.

Why do we need to add another part-time equivalent staff member to the Marketing Department?

This is to change our current PT marketing assistant to full time. The position was historically full time but was reduced to part time a few years back. Currently, marketing incurs the majority of its costs on behalf of other departments, which in turn makes it easy for other departments to incur costs that they do not have to pay for. You can see why this is problematic. As part of the push to centralize marketing and create a broader, more overarching marketing program, we need to go back to our original staffing levels.

Can you guarantee that the new Powerplant proposal will work?

No.

Why should Council accept this proposal then?

It is very clear that the current model is not profitable. Previous attempts to salvage the Powerplant had some degree of success, which were in turn mitigated by a variety of factors both internal and external. One of the primary concerns with the Powerplant is trying to run the space as everything to everyone, which satisfies no one and creates a whole raft of logistical problems. The trends we've seen in SUB users indicate that students are more interested in having a place to eat, study and socialize and less interested in drinking at campus bars.

Did you actually do any research on this Powerplant thing?

Yes. We based our business plan on trends reported by other local businesses, patterns in the SUB food court and some of the successful trends we've seen in RATT. Large-scale market research or professional consulting is very costly and we felt that our success in the food court combined with shrinking liquor sales in the bars were indicative of a larger trend on campus. Based upon budget estimates, we can conservatively predict that even with the buffet serving a relatively limited volume, it will still be enough to offset falling bar sales.

What will the start up costs be?

We will need to invest in food service equipment for the buffet and some renovations to provide steam lines for more efficient cooking. A portion of the cost will hopefully be subsidized by an outstanding payable from the university, leaving us with approximately \$40,000 in capital expenditures. The majority of this cost will be recoverable should Council wish to abandon the buffet concept and liquidate the equipment.

I'm sick of talking about the Powerplant. What about this new advocacy position?

The VPA or Incoming President can speak to this better than I can. We believe that advocacy is the most important thing we do and furthermore that we need to provide more resources to ensure a solid and continuous advocacy framework for non-external issues.

Can't we think of a better term for advocacy?

I hope so.

Why don't we forecast our business revenues higher? We always seem to have some money left over at the end of the year.

The past few years have indeed been good for us. However, there are many years where our revenues do not come in as expected. This coming year for instance we are not likely to see a major revenue surplus. We run a break-even budget, which means that our expenditures are always equal to our revenues. That means that if we don't make our revenue forecasts we need to dip into our reserves to make up the difference. We budget our revenues conservatively, taking into account effects like CPI and any business growth we think is reasonable. This is not an exact science and is mostly dependent on the ability of our managers to anticipate the coming year. Sometimes, one business performs better than expected while another suffers an unexpected setback. An example would be a potential tobacco sales ban. Another would be the pending loss of revenue from loan processing in the postal outlet.

You forgot to mention <my question>. What's up?

Sorry. Email me and I will do my best to answer you before Council Tuesday. Or, ask me at the meeting. I'll be live via satellite.

Justin Kehoe, Vice President (Student Life)
Report to Students' Council
March 28, 2006

Submitted: March 27, 2006

Good Evening Council,

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been working on selection committees and transitioning the VPSL-elect. We now have virtually all of our Service Directors hired.

Services: Both Student Groups Services and ECOS are under review for reform. Working with President Lettner and Vice President Tobias, we have constructed a proposal for a University Health Services advisory group to oversee the collection and usage of the UHS fee, as well as the service quality. This has been discussed with the UHC Director and Administrator. The VPSL-elect and I had a great meeting with the Director of Campus Security Services, expressed our views of the main student security issues, discussed the future of CSS, and look forward to continuing good relations.

Events: I have revised the thematic organization and structure of our entertainment and programming activities. Our final installment of the Revolutionary Speakers Series is occurring tonight, with Angela Davis speaking at 7:00pm. On March 21, the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, I was present at an excellent film/discussion that we co-promoted with the Office of Human Rights. I attended the 62nd annual concert of the UA Mixed Chorus this past weekend, and hearing the U of A Cheer Song made me reminiscent of Council days of yore. SU Awards Night yesterday was great: congratulations to our Associate VP Academic, Amanda Henry.

I met with the presidents of NAITSA and MacEwanSA on Friday to review the bar safety recommendations being put forth at the municipal and provincial levels, and to clarify the message that we want relayed to the roundtable in Calgary by the MacEwanSA President. I was invited to attend as well, but have chosen not to do so. Alcohol Policy Review Committee met earlier today, with the items of business including events of a major residence association and a fraternity. I will be working to further clarify how the SU should work with the Residence Halls Association.

Vice President Johnson and I had planned on attending the University Cup championship game, in part as SU support for our student athletes, and in part because our last planned social outing didn't pan out. Alas, he forgot to buy us tickets, and we didn't go. Congratulations on the team's second national championship, as well as to all of our successful Golden Bears and Pandas teams this past year.

Upcoming:

All Week: Selection Committees
March 29: Residence Community Awards
March 30: Residence Council, CSS Charity Classic
April 4: Security Advisory Committee

Board Meeting – March 17, 2006

- "Lettner Proposal" on affordability agreement
- Establishment of new Faculty of Public Health
- Approval of construction of 4th floor on UDT Campus
- Approval of HSALC funding
- Approval of 2006-07 fee schedule
- Approval of 2006-07 Budget, Business Plan, Capital Plan

Board Committee Meetings:

Finance and Property

- Dealt with recommendations for the March 17, 2006 Board Meeting
- Approval of Killam Centre Funding

Educational Affairs

- Dealt with recommendations for the March 17, 2006 Board Meeting
- Presentation on Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library

Other Meetings:

- Met with President Lettner to discuss Board strategies
- GSJS Board meeting

Events:

- Attended Public Interest Alberta Conference on PSE

Upcoming:

- April 19 – Board of Governors Breakfast (replacing AGM)
- April 21 – BFPC Meeting

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
University Policy Committee

20 March 2006 @ 19:00 - SUB 420

Chair's Report to Students' Council (UPC 2005-06)

Present: Catrin Berghoff(Chair), Mat Johnson, Brendan Trayner, Suneil Khanna, Tim Schneider, Chris Henderson (Guest from the Student Ombudservice)

I can't believe this meeting actually happened. Huh. Well, the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. After its long absence, UPC seemed reinvigorated, which is quite a shame considering we really have very little time left to do something. At first, we talked about the cancellation of classes policy for Myer Horowitz, and decided to recommend a policy to council after the next UPC meeting reconfirming the SU's support for class cancellation.

After that, UPC talked about potential policy ideas with our guest, Chris Henderson from the Ombudservice, and split up the work to come up with raw policy suggestions for our next meeting, which will then be amended in committee. Our VP(Academic) Mat Johnson has volunteered to do a little more investigation into these issues(not that we didn't trust our guest's word).

UPC adjourned at 9:05pm. Upcoming meetings are Thursday, the 30th of March, and Monday, the 3rd of April, both at 5:30pm.

Catrin Berghoff

MINUTES

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External Policy Committee

Thursday, March 23, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:11 p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Shamanna, Berghoff, Kustra, Crossman, Power, Lewis

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (e) Other Business:
i. Meeting Schedule:
The Chair brought up the idea of a regular meeting schedule for the rest of the semester. It was pointed out that there are only three weeks remaining and that "regular" is rather impossible to attain at this point. Meetings were set for each of the following three weeks:
Wednesday, March 29, 4:00 p.m..
Monday, April 3, 4:00 p.m..
Monday, April 10, 4:00 p.m..
The Chair will bring a draft of Standing Orders for the Committee to the March 29 meeting.
(a) Report of the Vice-President (External):
The VPX's report touched on the U-Pass, the provincial budget, and upcoming events she will be participating in. The floor was opened up and questions were posed for the VPX.
(c) Review of Existing Policies:
The Committee instructed the Chair to invite a representative from SFAIC to the next meeting. All members were instructed to review their assigned policies for the next meeting.
(b) New Policies:
Crossman brought up the idea of an affordable transit policy to replace the expiring U-Pass referendum. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Crossman/Berghoff moved to adjourn.
(5-0-0)
Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m..



March 27, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

The Faculty of Law has had a Placement Officer employed ever since the establishment of the Faculty Student Fund in 1997. The position is a critical component of the Law School experience and has been extremely well-received by students for many years. As you know we have an extensive programme to ensure that our students are exposed to all the ways that they can use their law degrees, not just through practice in big firms. This is facilitated by our Placement Officer. In addition the Placement Officer organizes programmes to ensure that our students have the skills necessary to compete effectively in the job market.

When the fee was established in 1997, it was designed to fund not only the position but also related expenses. Today the proceeds of the fee do not even cover the salary and benefits of the position. The balance of salary and benefits, and all other costs of the Career Services Office, are borne by the Faculty out of its own funds: In 2005, the total expenses for the Office were over \$80,000.00 with the \$30,000.00 balance supplied entirely through faculty funds.

As stated in Section 5 of the bylaws, there is no provision for an end date to this fund and the faculty certainly does not intend to request an end to this program. Removal of the Faculty Student Fund will result in the termination of the Career Services Office and critical student services within the Faculty of Law.

Unfortunately, due to administrative changes over the past ten years, the reporting requirements stipulated in the bylaws have not been followed precisely, though our present practice certainly meets the spirit of those requirements. When I became Dean in 2002, the Office was working well and reported directly to me. In the present operation, the Career Services Office reports directly to the Director of Student Services, who in turn reports to me. The Articling Committee continues in their role as student advisors of the Office and has a major impact in the design and operation of the entire programme. At the present time, the Articling Committee, in conjunction with the Career Services Office, is conducting a thorough evaluation of the Office and naturally, we will follow its recommendations in designing the future of the Office. There is no formal operational connection with the LSA Vice-President and President, though it is my impression that over the years the LSA delegated its role to the student-run Articling Committee. In future years, we will circulate the annual report to all members of the committee, not just to the Dean.

Thank you for bringing the bylaws to our attention and please feel free to contact me or Neil Buddel, Director of Student Services at 492.3062, if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely,

David R. Percy, Q.C.
Dean & W.F. Bowker Professor

cc: Robert Bechtel, Assistant Dean
Neil Buddel, Director of Student Services

March 27, 2006

Dear Members of the Students' Union,

In pursuing a settlement to the Travel CUTS lawsuit, the Executive Committee was faced with a number of difficult choices. As many of you will understand, negotiations of this kind are highly sensitive, and in order to proceed in good faith it was necessary to preserve a high degree of confidentiality in the initial stages. Our intention throughout was that if a workable settlement were reached between all parties, we would thereupon disclose the full details for consideration by Students' Council *in camera*.

The Executive Committee received the final settlement documentation on Tuesday, 14 February, 2006 and immediately scheduled an emergency meeting of Students' Council for 3:00 PM, Thursday, 16 February, 2006. Unfortunately, this meeting fell just prior to Reading Week as well as before the imposed leave of absence period for executive election candidates.

As but one of five parties to the legal action, the timing of the release of the settlement documents was beyond our control. Regrettably, some members of Students' Council felt that the abbreviated timelines left insufficient opportunity to consider the length and breadth of the settlement documentation, leaving them less than able to make a fully informed decision.

Subsequently, in a motion carried on March 14, Students' Council has charged that: "the Executive Committee compromised individual councilors' abilities to adequately and effectively represent their constituents." As part of this motion, Council has also compelled the Executive Committee to submit this letter of apology to both Students' Council and the Gateway.

Council's motion also protested that councilors did not receive a full backgrounder to the lawsuit prior to the 16 February emergency meeting. It should be noted, however, that at the Executive Committee's initiative, the General Manager attended Council to offer just such a backgrounder presentation on November 29th of last year, but was pre-empted by other business.

The Executive Committee therefore apologizes to Students' Council for providing insufficient background information in advance of the 16 February meeting, and inadequate time for due consideration of the settlement documentation.

Yours truly,

Graham Lettner
President and Chair of the Executive Committee