

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Thursday April 13, 2006
3-06 Students' Union Building

ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-00)

2006-00/1

ELECTION OF A SPEAKER

Applicant Information to be distributed at the meeting.

2006-00/2

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Please see document SC 06-00.01

2006-00/3

NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Please see document SC 06-00.02

Access Fund Committee (7)
Audit Committee (5)
Budget and Finance Committee (7)
Bylaw Committee (5)
Council Administration Committee (5)
External Policy Committee (7)
Grant Allocation Committee (7)
University Policy Committee (7)

Approved Meeting Schedule: (25 Meetings)

Wednesday May 3, 2006
Tuesday May 16, 2006
Tuesday May 30, 2006
Tuesday June 13, 2006
Tuesday June 27, 2006
Tuesday July 11, 2006
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Tuesday August 8, 2006
Tuesday August 22, 2006
Tuesday September 12, 2006
Tuesday September 26, 2006
Tuesday October 3, 2006
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Tuesday November 14, 2006
Tuesday November 28, 2006
Tuesday December 5, 2006
Tuesday January 9, 2007
Tuesday January 23, 2007
Tuesday February 6, 2007
Tuesday February 13, 2007
Tuesday March 13, 2007
Tuesday March 20, 2007
Tuesday April 3, 2007
Tuesday April 10, 2007

Please note these meetings will start at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber (2-1 University Hall).

Bylaw Committee:

Greg German
Ben Nearingburg
Kory Mathewson
Cameron Lewis
Amanda Henry

Audit Committee”

Cameron Lewis
Prem Eruvbetine
Al-Amyr Sumar

Budget and Finance Committee:

Justin Kehoe
Chris Cunningham
Eamonn Gamble
Michael Cook
Cameron Lewis

Council Administration Committee:

No Applicants

University Policy Committee:

Greg German
Justin Kehoe
Michael Cook
Amanda Henry
Chris Le
Prem Eruvbetine
Michael Janz
Al-Amyr Sumar
Omer Yusuf

Grant Allocation Committee:

Curtis Clark
Carrie Ye

External Policy Committee:

Justin Kehoe
Kory Mathewson
Curtis Clark
David Cournoyer
Bayan Hussein

Access Fund Committee:

Sylvia Shamanna
Brendan Trayner
Omer Yusuf
Bayan Hussein
Paul Kirvan

Dear Students' Council:

My name is Cam Lewis and I am going into my third full year as a Student Councillor for the Faculty of Arts. In the past two years I have sat as a member on the Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Internal Review Board, Budget and Finance Committee, University Policy Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee, while chairing the External Policy Committee and Bylaw Committee.

This year I hope to have the opportunity to serve a second term on the Bylaw Committee, which I chaired this year. I also spent part of the 2004-2005 year on the Internal Review Board, the Bylaw Committee's predecessor. Of the returning Councillors for the coming year, I am one of the most experienced legislation drafters, and my experience as Chair of the Committee gives me an opportunity to bring a unique perspective to it and give guidance to next year's Chair, whoever that may be.

Certain people will tell you that I spread myself too thin for the 2005-2006 year, and they are 100% correct. By reducing my overall involvement, I hope to be able to focus more on committees that I feel are most important, the Bylaw Committee being among them.

Please, select Cam Lewis as a member of the Bylaw Committee.

April 11th, 2006

Dear Esteemed Members of Students' Council,

My name is Amanda Henry and I would like to declare my intention to contend for a seat on the Bylaw Committee. I believe that I would be an asset to the Bylaw Committee.

In the last year, I have acted as a proxy on Students' Council for nearly a third of the meetings in the last academic year. In these meetings I believe I displayed a thorough understanding of the bylaws of the Students' Union. That understanding is something that has deepened in my past year's experience with the Student's Union in my capacity as Associate Vice President Academic. As Associate Vice President Academic, I have helped edit and draft policy with the Vice-President Academic, giving me the skills that I would need on the Bylaw Committee to give the bylaws of this organization the meticulous attention they deserve.

Though I have very little experience with drafting bylaws as is done for the Students' Union, I have had quite a bit of experience with constitutional language and the drafting of standing orders through my participation with the University of Alberta Model United Nations Club, the Technologically Enhanced and Instructional Spaces Advisory Committee (TEISAC), and the Students' Union Awards Committee. Both TEISAC and the Awards Committee established standing orders this year and the UAMUN has given me a few opportunities to be involved in the passage of club constitutional amendments and operating policies as well as the creation of constitutional documents in simulation situations. This experience, though not directly related to drafting bylaws, has given me an exceptional framework for understanding some of the concerns that must be considered when drafting legislation.

Over the next year, I believe that it will be important to have a member of the Executive Committee on the Bylaw Committee to provide the committee with feedback on how bylaws will affect aspects of the organization that councilors are not always appraised of during the regular course of their duties. Given that I am already familiar with many of these aspects of the Students' Union thanks to my experience in the past year, I believe that I am well-positioned to act as a resource for the Bylaw Committee in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Sincerely,

Amanda Henry

Students' Council,

I request that Council consider me for a position on the Bylaw Committee. This committee, I feel most strongly mirror my interests and desires and thus my devotion on Council. My experience stems from my position as Director on the Rapid Fire Theatre Company's board, my position as VP External - elect for the ESS, and as First Year President for the ESS, as well as my experience pre-secondary with four years serving on the Northwest Canada chapter of local youth group. I am heavily interested in Bylaw, and drafting with proper context, and hope that this gives me the opportunity to grow and learn more about the focus of the SU in reference to my area of interest.

As well, in addition I wish to be considered for a position on the External Policy committee. With the previous stated information I think it is clear that my interest lays in the external affairs pertaining to the correct functioning of the body, and thus I believe that I would be an asset for this Committee. It is my hopes that council take a look at my experience as layed out above, and consider me for a position on the External Policy Committee.

Thank you,

Kory Mathewson

To Students' Council,

I wish to be considered for the Bylaw Committee. As president of UASUS for the past two academic years, I oversaw the creation of UASUS' new Constitution and Procedural Manual. I have a sound understanding of the process of creating, rescinding, and amending bylaws, and believe that bylaws should remain interpretable without sacrificing clarity. I feel I would be an asset to this committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Greg German

April 7, 2006

To Students Council

My name is Ben Nearingburg and I am a councilor for the faculty of engineering during the 2006/2007 year. I am writing this letter to state my interest in sitting on the bylaw committee during my term as a councilor.

The bylaw committee is a useful part of council, and it needs dedicated individuals to make it function properly. I believe that I would be useful in this position and that my efforts would prove to be helpful to council, and consequently the student body as a whole. I must admit I have no prior experience reviewing or drafting bylaws, though I am eager to learn and will put forth an effort in order to be a functional member of this committee.

In the past I have been involved in many student groups, most notably I am currently on the executive of the First Year Engineering Club. That position has given me insight into how university groups can be managed efficiently and motivated me to be a part of the student government. In closing, I look forward to serving on the bylaw committee, and doing my part to assist council collectively.

Sincerely,

Ben Nearingburg

Hello Councilors,

I am applying to the External Policy Committee. I am interested in political policy and would like to take an active role in determining the political policies and recommendations of the Student Union, especially in regards to tuition. I am a very political person and have had experience with politics in the Federal, provincial, and local elections. I would be an asset to this committee because I am a creative thinker and good at problem-solving. Also, I work very well in a team setting, and am dedicated to what I do.

Thanks for your time,

Bayan Hussein

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Thank you,

Kory Mathewson

David Cournoyer
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April 11, 2006

Dear Students' Council,

Please accept this letter as my application to become a member of the External Policy Committee of Students' Council.

During the recent Executive Committee elections, I ran on a platform that stressed the importance of external policy development and its importance in the advocacy process. I was elected.

I have served for over a year as the Executive Policy and Information Officer and have gained significant knowledge in drafting policy, as well as the areas where the SU needs to have greater policy. I would greatly like to implement these ideas as a member of EPC.

Sincerely,

David Cournoyer
Vice-President (External)-Elect

April 8, 2006

Students' Council
c/o Jennifer Serafin
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Dear Members of Students' Council:

Re: External Policy Committee Application

I hereby submit my nomination to serve as a member of the External Policy Committee. I can make a valuable contribution to this committee because I have a great deal of experience:

- I am returning for my fourth consecutive term on Students' Council
- I have served one term on the Executive Committee
- I was a member of the Student Affairs Committee this past year, and have been active in SU committees for the past three years
- I served as a member of the External Affairs Board (2004-2005), and attended meetings of the Tuition Undertakings, Planning, and Action Committee (albeit infrequently)
- I have firsthand experience with SU external and tuition-related advocacy efforts as a volunteer for the past three years

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They slither while they pass, they [advocate] across the Univers[ity]
~Lennon/McCartney

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With Love,

Justin Kehoe, GS
Vice President (Student Life) / Science Councillor

Dear Students' Council:

My name is Cam Lewis and I am going into my third full year as a Student Councillor for the Faculty of Arts. In the past two years I have sat as a member on the Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Internal Review Board, Budget and Finance Committee, University Policy Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee, while chairing the External Policy Committee and Bylaw Committee.

This year I hope to have the opportunity to serve a third term on the Audit Committee. Having spent each of the last two years as a full-time member of the Audit Committee, I am uniquely qualified and experienced to deal with the tasks that Audit Committee is charged with. My familiarity with the SU's budget is also an advantage, as it allows me to notice irregularities during our monthly audits. The role of the Audit Committee in overseeing both internal and external units that receive funding from the SU is essential, because the Committee is the last line of defence against mispending of students money. I will be a committed member of this Committee, ensuring that each of the jobs assigned to it by Students' Council is done, and done well.

Certain people will tell you that I spread myself too thin for the 2005-2006 year, and they are 100% correct. By reducing my overall involvement, I hope to be able to focus more on committees that I feel are most important, the Audit Committee being among them.

Please, select Cam Lewis as a member of the Audit Committee.

Audit Committee (Audit Comm.)

Returning to council for the new school year excites me. I will be equally excited to return to Audit Comm., to a new year of auditing executive credit cards, dedicated fee units (DFU's), and financial statements. Last year we had a lot to do and a lot that still needed to be done. Continuity is important and I will be able to bridge some gaps between the two years.

We dealt many issues; some simple like appointing the SU Auditor and others more complex and controversial like the issues surrounding the dispersal of the APIRG DFU. I am grilled and seasoned (perhaps not to perfection) in the day to day activities of Audit Comm. and as such would like to seat once again on the committee.

Prem Eruvbetine

AL-AMYN SUMAR
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April 13, 2006

RE: STUDENTS' UNION SUBCOMMITTEES

The purpose of the letter is to outline my goals with respect to Students' Union subcommittees for the upcoming 2006-07 academic year. The subcommittees that I would like to be considered for are Audit Committee and University Policy Committee.

With respect to Audit Committee, my goals are to gain experience with auditing, ensure financial accountability, and to make sure that Audit Committee fulfills its mandate as is stated in Bylaws 4000 and 6000. The recent APIRG dispute has illustrated the need to more effectively do the last. As a member of Audit Committee, I pledge to make decisions based on the relevant bylaws and on the best interests of students.

I would also like to be considered for the University Policy Committee. My specific goal as a member of this committee is to ensure that a political policy that acknowledges concerns of residents about food is debated and passed. As a resident of Lister Centre for two years—soon to be three—I think that I have unique insight on this issue. Beyond this goal, I simply want to make sure that UPC deals with real issues that affect students, which is something that I believe failed to happen last year.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Al-Amyr Sumar
Student Councillor, 2005-Present

To Students' Council,

I wish to be considered for a seat on the University Policy Committee. For the past two years I have served as president of UASUS. During this tenure I have spent significant amounts of time and resources serving students, receiving feedback, and improving services to students. I feel that I am in touch with the needs of not only individual undergraduate students, but with those of faculty's as a whole as well. As such I will be able to provide great insight to this committee when deciding on a course of action that best meets the needs of students today.

Thank you for your consideration for this position,

Greg German

Dear Students' Council,

I am a Finance student entering my final year of undergraduate study. I have spent my entire post-secondary education at the University of Alberta, not only academically but also living in residence. It is safe for me to say that this university has been one of the largest parts of my life over the past few years.

I would like to be a part of the University Policy Committee. I believe I can be effective in recommending policies regarding business entities for two reasons. The first is that I can rationally evaluate many aspects of the business' to get a picture of the effects decisions made by the council have. The second is that I can reasonably anticipate future changes and recommend to Council ways to alter negative effects or harness positive ones.

Thank you all for considering me for the University Policy Committee.

Michael Cook
Business Councilor

April 11th, 2006

Dear Esteemed Members of Students' Council,

My name is Amanda Henry and I would like to declare my intention to vie for a seat on the University Policy Committee. I believe I would make an excellent candidate.

Over the last year, I acted as the Associate Vice-President Academic for the Students' Union where I developed a keen sense of what issues affect students and exactly how to address those issues. I would bring this working knowledge of the University to the committee.

In the upcoming year I will be the Vice-President Academic. I believe that I will be an asset to UPC because of the amount of time I will spend dealing with the decision-makers of the University. I will be able to report up-to-date, accurate information to the committee and contribute in such a manner that will help us reach well-reasoned, practical decisions.

I believe that the core of the University Policy Committee is no one single member. While I believe that my input on the committee would be valuable, it would still be my individual point of view. I would not expect the committee to simply follow my lead, but rather, I sincerely hope to work together with the other members of the committee to work toward the best representation that we can provide for students.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Henry

April 12, 2006

Dear Council,

This letter states my intent of being on the University Policy Committee.

I would like to be on the University Policy Committee because UPC oversees services and activities that affect University of Alberta students. Evaluating affairs that students see and think about is more interesting than doing maintenance on Students' Union Council's internal structure.

Sincerely,

Christopher Le, SU Science Councilor

Greetings Councillors,

This letter will not be as comprehensive as my letter regarding the Access Fund Committee. Regardless, I hope to convey to you my extreme interest in applying for the University Policy Committee.

The mandate of UPC clearly identifies with a number of concerns that the Vice President Student deals with, especially in the capacity of health, wellness and security on campus. Furthermore, these are matters which I am prepared to immerse myself in by sitting on a number of committees that deal with these specific issues. As well, I'll be working directly with many of the service directors employed by the Students' Union, and will likely access to an insider's perspective regarding the operations of these services. In my capacity as Vice President, I believe that I could be a useful tool for the committee by updating the members with useful and essential information that would be pertinent to fulfilling its mandate.

As well, I hope to serve the committee by identifying the ongoing advocacy efforts of the Executive Committee. Taking the committee's evaluations in mind, I hope to serve as the direct link to bridge initiatives of the Executive Committee and the goals of UPC.

Finally, would like to serve on this committee to better understand how the goals of UPC can be realized with the Student Life Advocacy Committee, a committee made up of non-elected students. While sitting on UPC, I can ensure that the same issues aren't debated over two different committees. However, rather than divide up the work, my hope is to see where UPC would value student input regarding some initiatives put on by either the Executive Committee, evaluations of SU businesses and services, or feedback on UPC proposals. Again, I would only like to provide UPC with tools that might further help it realize its mandate, and I feel that addressing the Student Life Advisory Committee might have a role in this.

In summary, vote Omer.

Omer Yusuf
Vice President (Student Life)-Elect

University Policy Committee (UPC)

I sat on the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) over the past year. Council's decision to reconcile the mandates of SAC and UPC has naturally led me to apply to sit on UPC.

I want to sit on UPC to ensure that services provided by the Students' Union are adequately meeting students' needs. I want to actively help draft policy and directives to the executive to ensure that campus is as conducive to students' as possible. One such issue I have is Aramark and their continued monopoly on campus, especially in Lister. The outgoing SAC attempted to address this issue but was unsuccessful. I want to ensure this issue is brought up again.

Prem Eruvbetine

April 8, 2006

Students' Council
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Dear Members of Students' Council:

Re: University Policy Committee Application

I hereby submit my nomination to serve as a member of the University Policy Committee. I can make a valuable contribution to this committee because I have a great deal of experience:

- I am returning for my fourth consecutive term on Students' Council
- I have served one term on the Executive Committee
- I was a member of the Student Affairs Committee this past year, and was a very frequent and active guest on the Student Life Board from 2003-2005
- I am returning for my fourth consecutive term on General Faculties Council
- I spent a year next door to the Vice President (Academic)
- I have attended meetings of the University Policy Committee this past year and the Academic Affairs Board from 2003-2005 (albeit infrequently)
- I was heavily involved in the motion to merge the Student Affairs Committee and University Policy Committee

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

With Love,

Justin Kehoe, GS
Vice President (Student Life) / Science Councillor

Dear Council:

My name is Michael Janz and I am interested in sitting on the University Policy Committee (UPC) next year. I believe that I would be a strong asset to this committee with my experience, enthusiasm, and qualifications. I believe that as a student who depends on the University not only for my tuition but also my room and board I am personally invested in the outcomes of U of A and SU policy. I depend on the SU and the University and as President-Elect of the Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) I believe that my experience and qualifications will be an excellent asset to this committee. I have held student leadership positions in Lister Hall for the past 2 years that force me to make decisions for our residents that often fall under the umbrella of the UPC's jurisdiction. Student Health, wellness and security are topics that are often discussed for our residents and I believe I could bring my insights gained from Residence Life to this committee.

The LHSA works in tandem with the SU to ensure that students are better made aware of the campus services offered. From improving accountability with the Food program, to ensuring student services are meeting student needs, I believe I can be an asset to this committee. I would be honored to be given the opportunity to serve on the UPC.

Sincerely,
Michael Janz
Arts Councilor 06-07

Dear Students' Council:

My name is Cam Lewis and I am going into my third full year as a Student Councillor for the Faculty of Arts. In the past two years I have sat as a member on the Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Internal Review Board, Budget and Finance Committee, University Policy Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee, while chairing the External Policy Committee and Bylaw Committee.

This year I hope to have the opportunity to serve a second term on the Budget and Finance Committee. I also spent the 2004-2005 year on the Budget Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee's predecessor. Over the last two years I have worked very hard to gain familiarity with the Students' Union's budget, as well as revamping the budget process into what it is now. I think there are several things that need to be priorities in the SU's budget, and I made that clear when I ran for Vice-President (Operations & Finance), an experience which I think will help me in giving input into the SU's operations for the next 12 months.

Certain people will tell you that I spread myself too thin for the 2005-2006 year, and they are 100% correct. By reducing my overall involvement, I hope to be able to focus more on committees that I feel are most important, the Budget and Finance Committee being chief among them.

Please, select Cam Lewis as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Dear Students' Council,

I am a Finance student entering my final year of undergraduate study. I have spent my entire post-secondary education at the University of Alberta, not only academically but also living in residence. It is safe for me to say that this university has been one of the largest parts of my life over the past few years.

I would like to be part of the Budget and Finance committee because I believe I can bring a strong level of discipline and passion to this committee. I plan on making the analysis and design of budgets my life's work and would be grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Student Union's committee dealing with this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions regarding my application to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Michael Cook
Business Councilor

Council,

I am applying to sit on the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2006-2007 school year. I believe that I am best suited for this position as a 3rd year Finance Honours major. Aside from that, I love all my classes that involve numbers and money calculations, so this would be a natural fit for me.

Eamonn Gamble

April 4, 2006

RE: Budget Finance Committee

Student's Council

Please consider myself, Chris Cunningham to sit on the Budget and Finance Committee.

As the incoming VP Operations and Finance I feel it would be a mistake to leave me out of the decision making process that occurs within the BFC. Furthermore the BFC out of all of the committees is most pertinent to my elected position and portfolio.

I will be entering my fourth year as an Economics Major and have an extensive background in the business world as I am an owner and operator of two successful businesses. For these reasons I feel I am qualified not only to aid in the formation of the SU's budget but to provide valuable personal experiences from operating within the private sector.

The SU has an enormous business potential that I would like to see realized. This is why I ran for the position of VPOF and this is why I hope to sit on the BFC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Cunningham.

April 8, 2006

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Dear Members of Students' Council:

Re: Budget and Finance Committee Application

I hereby submit my nomination to serve as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. I can make a valuable contribution to this committee because I have a great deal of experience:

- I am returning for my fourth consecutive term on Students' Council
- I have served one term on the Executive Committee
- I have been active in SU committees for the past three years
- I have firsthand experience with managing a budget for an SU department
- I have had to set financial priorities on a departmental level
- I was involved in the new budget process this past year

Money, get away,
Get a [budget] with [no loss] and you're okay.
~Waters

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With Love,

Justin Kehoe, GS
Vice President (Student Life) / Science Councillor

Hello everyone,

I am applying to be a member of the Access Fund Board. I want to be a member of the Access Fund Because I believe it to be a valuable service that makes a real difference in students' lives. I am a reasonable and understanding person and believe those qualities make me a good fit for this board. Also, I have had experience sitting on the Al-Rashid Youth Centre executive committee and therefore am familiar with budget issues and how to work effectively on a committee.

Thank you,

Bayan Hussein

Members of the Student's Council,

I am willing to serve on the Access Fund Committee. As the Access Fund has a substantial dedicated fee, I believe that the work of the Access Fund Committee is important.

Paul Kirvan

Greetings Councillors,

Before you take the time to assess my application for the Access Fund Committee, I would like to take some time to elaborate the function and expectations of AFC.

The description you've all received aptly describes the policy making role of AFC. Historically, the changes that we make to policy are made to mimic the policies set by Canada Student Loans. As such, this usually isn't the most demanding function of AFC. Additionally, you'll find that the agenda is driven mostly by the Access Fund Director, who usually joins the meetings as a non-voting guest to provide relevant information. AFC is unique among the committees (with possible exception from the Grant Allocation Committee) to have an individual attend meeting that not only understands the day-to-day operations of the service, but also understands where changes need to be made to ensure the sustainability and efficacy of the Access Fund.

One issue that was not addressed in the original descriptions that were sent out was that there are subcommittees to AFC responsible for the direct disbursement of the fund to individual applicants. This process allows/requires two voting members of AFC to inspect each application and disbursement recommended by the AF staff, and to have the final say in how much an individual applicant will receive. This is necessary, as it gives AFC the power to decide on what course of action to take on extenuating circumstances (if you apply to serve on this committee, you'll find that there are a number of such circumstances). These meetings follow the deadline of each disbursement period (Spring, Summer, Fall I, Fall II, Winter I, Winter II), and can take a few hours depending on availability during day-time hours. These meetings are in addition to the normal AFC meetings.

With regard to time commitments:

- AFC has met a total of six times this year, with meetings averaging only an hour in length.
- The AF Selection Committees has similarly met six times a year. However, time commitments have ranged from 0-5 hours per member, with an average sitting between 2-2.5 hours per member.

Now, let me start with the self-promotions.

I believe that I could make a few contributions to this committee. Firstly, AFC needs to make a decision regarding the Endowment Fund. The bare basics are such: every year, 10% of the money collected by students for this fund is allocated to an endowment with the hopes of making the AF self-sustainable in the future. Is it appropriate for students to front a cost that benefits students at a later time, especially when there is a perpetual need right now? Also, I believe that the current policy we have set up needs to be overhauled. We have had a number of meetings where we've been required to make editorial changes to stay in line with Canada Student Loans. I propose that we change a number of AFC policies to automatically refer to the policies set by CSL so that AFC will not need to be bogged down with editorial motions. There are a few other items, but I would like to keep this cover letter under one page hoping that many of you will take some time to read it.

Hopefully this gives you all a better background on this service. In addition to considering my own appointment to this committee, I hope I've encouraged a number of you to apply to this committee as well. I've tried my best to lay out what to expect in serving for this committee.

Omer Yusuf
Vice President (Student Life)-Elect
Access Fund Committee, Chair

Dear Students' Council,

As a returning councilor, I would like the opportunity to sit on the Access Fund Committee in the upcoming year. Last year I sat on the Access Fund Committee, and I was able to get the hang of things; however I feel that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of updating the current policies, and by returning to the committee, I could provide continuity to these processes. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to help out students in need, and would like to continue doing this in the upcoming year.

Thank You,

Sylvia Shamanna
Science Councilor (2005-2006)

Dear Students' Council,

I would like the opportunity to sit on the Access Fund Committee in the upcoming year. For the brief time I sat on council last year, I was on UPC and personally, I thought that it might not be the sort of committee that I believe would illicit the greatest and most positive impact on students . However, I do feel that Access Fund would suit me better, and I believe that my enthusiasm and positive attitude would be beneficial to the committee. I would really enjoy sitting on Access Fund next year to provide students in need the great service they deserve.

Thank You,

Brendan Trayner
Science Councilor (2005-2006)

April 11, 2006

Carrie Ye
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Dear Students' Council,

I am applying to be on the Grant Allocation Committee. I know that I will really enjoy being on this committee because it must be so rewarding to help student groups and athletes start up, host great events and attend conferences, all in an effort to involve more students and enhance the University of Alberta image.

Being the VP Finance for Amnesty International when we successfully applied for an SU grant, I have had experience with the Grant Allocation Committee and am familiar with the granting process. I was also one of the founding members of the Blood Awareness and Donation Student Association and receiving the start-up grant from the SU really allowed us to accomplish so much more than on our original minimal budget. Having been on the applicant side of the Grant allocating process, I know that funding from the SU is such a resource for students to carry out amazing plans that might otherwise not be feasible on their budget.

I really believe that the role of the SU in supporting student groups and athletes is one of the most important jobs of the SU and thus I will take being on this committee very seriously and give each application the utmost consideration and objectivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie Ye