

2006-05/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2006-05/6a

CHAPMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #4 a first time.**Bill #4 – Retreat Remuneration (sponsor; CHAPMAN)**

Principle (first reading)

1. Missing one day of Council Retreat will count as missing one meeting of Council for purposes of Council Remuneration.
2. This bill is not retroactive.

2006-05/6b

LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee.

2006-05/6c

LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Bylaw Committee.

2006-05/6d

LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Alberta Public Interest Research (APIRG) Group Board of Directors.

2006-05/6e

YUSUF MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two (2) members to the ECOS Development Task Force.

Please see document SC 06-05.07

2006-05/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2006-05/7a

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life) – Report

Please see document SC 06-05.08

2006-05/7b

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) – Report, Update on SUB 24/7, Report on FCSL and STHLE Conferences

Please see document SC 06-05.09

2006-05/7c

Votes and Proceedings – June 13, 2006

Please see document SC 06-05.10

Dear Students' Council,

Because of numerous other commitments and an inability to contribute as much to Students' Council as I would like to and once did, I am tendering my resignation from the Budget and Finance Committee and Bylaw Committee, as well as my role as the SU rep on the APIRG Board, all effective June 27, 2006.

Cam Lewis

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council June 27, 2006

- 1. There were no motions passed at the June 13, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 2. There were no motions passed at the June 20, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**

External Policy Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, June 21 2006

5:30pm

Attendance: Chris Samuel, David Cournoyer, Michael Janz, Bayan Hussein, Amanda Henry (Proxy for Tim Schneider)

Absent: Ryan Payne, Michael Cook

[Before the meeting starts, the committee berates the Vice-President External for missing Council Retreat. For shame!]

Call to Order: 5:41pm

[Cournoyer distributes EPC packages.]

Cournoyer: These are just some packages I've made up – some documents relating to what we do external, and some of the provincial funding issues. There's also some stuff about the federal scene – and some of our policies, including the ones that expired last year. We only have three policies right now.

[Hussein asks about differential tuition. There is a brief discussion that ensues.]

Old Business

1.) Standing Orders

Samuel: I drafted these up – let's take a look and see if they work.

[Brief discussion ensues on some points of the Standing Orders. Highlights in the Standing Orders include a "three-strikes" attendance requirement, and a mechanism requiring that the executive submit reports to Council.]

*[Dave mentions the existence of the Campaigns Planning and Action Committee (CPAC), which all good councilors should sit on *pat pat pat*]*

Janz/Hussein move to approve the submitted Standing Orders
Carried (unanimously)

New Business

2.) U-Pass Policy

[Dave distributes the proposed policy and a brief write-up.]

Cournoyer: I have a brief written up for you guys – it basically covers the background and chronology of U-Passes, and the history of the U-Pass here at the U of A. Basically, it covers what's been going on in the past few years. If you don't know, in 2004, there was a referendum here on campus giving the executive a mandate to try and negotiate a U-Pass for \$60/semester. We've been pushing for that for the past two years. The mandate expires April 31st, 2006. Because we've been negotiating under the mandate of the referendum for the past two years, we need a mandate to keep pursuing this. The hope is to bring it to referendum in the Spring.

[pause]

[To Samuel, who is taking notes] Are you taking this down word for word? I couldn't tell if you were typing on MSN or something.

Janz: Can't get wireless on the sixth floor.

Cournoyer: There's a connection, though...

Hussein: Wait – why does it have to be mandatory for everyone to pay? Why couldn't only those who need it pay in?

Cournoyer: While negotiating with transit, one of the issues is that they need a large number of students for this to work. One of the things is to increase use of public transit, which would help deal with the parking problem, and also providing students with an affordable transit pass. If you're going to buy a bus pass, it costs \$54/month right now. Depending on what the end-game for the U-Pass looks like, the idea is to get it under \$25/month, which from what I understand – considering ETS will increase the price on the pass again in February.

Hussein: Why can't the bus pass be like \$20, like in high school? What's the problem? Why are they saying no?

Cournoyer: They're not saying no, we're still negotiating the terms. We have monthly meetings between us, the Graduate Students Association, ETS, St. Albert Transit, Strathcona County Transit, and Grant MacEwan. Having a policy will give us, sitting at the negotiating table, and bolster our strength, being able to say that we actually have a policy on the books. Everyone is aware our policy is expired. There was a DIE Board ruling last year or the year before, that we would be able to negotiate in the shadow of the referendum. We would still have to bring it to Council – I think it's twice...?

Samuel: Yup.

Cournoyer: Yeah – I would like if EPC could take a look at this, and recommend it to Council.

Hussein: Is it a mandatory fee, then?

Cournoyer: Yeah – that's why it needs to be a referendum. We're still working out the details of what it would look like – a sticker on your OneCard, or a separate card, or something. UBC, for example, they have cards – and it's crazy, because everyone lines up to get them. The University and the SU are negotiating with the City on how it will look like.

[We continue to discuss how the negotiations have been going. We're trash-talking specific individuals, so we're not going to minute this part.]

[The committee then moves to a discussion surrounding the specific wording of the policy itself. I could minute that discussion, but you wouldn't read it. I know I wouldn't.]

[If you're interested in the U-Pass, e-mail Dave Cournoyer at dave.cournoyer@su.ualberta.ca. He'd love to hear from you!]

**Hussein/Janz move that Students' Council, under the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, adopt the Political Policy entitled "Affordable Universal Transit Pass" (attached)
Carried (unanimous)**

3.) Meeting Schedule

Samuel: What is a good time/date for the next meeting? I think it should probably be in maybe four weeks or so.

[Discussion ensues around what works and what doesn't.]

NEXT MEETING: July 21st, 2006

Samuel: Try and read through the packages that Dave put together between now and then.

**Samuel/Janz move to adjourn
Carried (unanimous)**

Mandate

A Committee known as the External Policy Committee (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) will exist in order to

- a.) make recommendations to Students’ Council on Students’ Union political policy respecting the business of entities not based on the University of Alberta;
- b.) make recommendations to Students’ Council on Students’ Union political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta; and
- c) receive reports from the Students’ Union Executive Committee on its offcampus and tuition-related advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness.”

in accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students’ Union.

Start-Up

1. The first meeting of the Committee shall be coordinated through the Office of the Speaker prior to the first meeting of the Students’ Council of the University of Alberta Students’ Union (hereafter referred to as “Council”).
2. The agenda of the first meeting must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Election of a chair;
 - b. Approval of standing orders for the Committee;
 - c. Establishment of a meeting schedule for the first trimester of the academic year;

Chair

3. The Chair of the Committee must be elected from the voting membership of the Committee.
4. The Chair may be dismissed at any meeting of the Committee by a majority vote, whereupon the Committee would immediately elect a new Chair.
5. In the event that a Chair resigns from the Committee, they vacate their position as Chair.
6. The Chair’s responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Providing a location for each meeting of the Committee;
 - b. Moderating debates at each meeting of the Committee;
 - c. Responding to questions from Committee members in a timely fashion;
 - d. Assigning duties to members of the Committee, in order for the Committee to fulfill its mandate.
7. In the event that the Chair is absent at a meeting of the Committee, the Committee will elect a voting member to serve as interim Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Meetings

8. All meetings of the Committee, except for the first meeting, will be
 - a. Co-ordinated by the Chair on an as-needed basis, provided that members are given 72 hours’ notice;
 - b. Five voting members of the Committee may call a meeting, provided that members are given at least 72 hours’ notice.
 - c. The Committee may call a meeting, without notice, provided that there is unanimous consent from all voting members of the Committee
9. Quorum of the Committee shall be four voting members.

Proxies

10. Voting members of the Committee may delegate a proxy to a meeting of the Committee by providing written notice of such to the Chair at least two hours prior to the meeting.
11. In order to be eligible to serve as a proxy, an individual must be a voting member of Council.
12. An individual may only be designated as a proxy once per meeting of the Committee.
13. Voting members of the Committee are unable to be designated as proxies.

Reporting

14. The Chair of the Committee shall, within seven days of the conclusion of each meeting of the Committee, submit a report to Council which must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. A list of the voting members in attendance at the meeting;
 - b. A list of any guests present at the meeting, if any;
 - c. A summary of the votes and proceedings of the Committee;
 - d. Changes made to the standing orders of the Committee, if any;
 - e. Recommendations from the Committee to Council, if any;

Attendance Requirement

15. Voting members of the Committee who are absent, without proxy, from three meetings will automatically be removed from the Committee

Political Policies

16. The Committee will be responsible for creation and maintenance of political policy regarding the business of entities not based on the University of Alberta;
17. The Committee will be responsible for creation and maintenance of political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta

Presentations

18. Presentations to the Committee may be included on the agenda

Discussion Items

19. Any voting member may submit discussion items to be included on the agenda
20. A maximum of thirty minutes will be spent on each discussion item

Executive Reports

21. Every six weeks, the Committee shall receive a report from the Students' Union Executive Committee regarding executive advocacy campaigns, which must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. A summary of all campaign activities, with dates included;
 - b. A collection of the media coverage of the campaigns, if any;
 - c. A timeline for future campaign activities;
 - d. A breakdown of where money has been spent on the campaign;
 - e. A projected budget for future campaign expenses;

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>Page</i> 1 <i> of </i> 2
	<i>Expiration Date:</i>	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	External Policy Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Affordable Universal Transit Pass</i>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS a clear majority of Students' Union members voted in March of 2004 to support a Universal Transit Pass through a campus-wide referendum;

WHEREAS a Universal Transit Pass will present undergraduate students with significantly more affordable access to public transit;

WHEREAS the Universal Transit Pass will improve the student experience and better serve students' needs;

WHEREAS Universities and Students' Unions across Canada and the United States have successfully implemented affordable Universal Transit Pass programs;

WHEREAS in addition to the tangible improvements for access and affordability, a Universal Transit Pass can help reduce reliance on automobiles and thus reduce greenhouse gases and free up campus parking areas for academic or green purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alberta Students' Union negotiate with the regional municipalities and transit services and the University of Alberta to establish the terms of an affordable Universal Transit Pass for Students' Union members subject the following conditions:

- a) the municipalities must cover all capital costs associated with the program;
- b) the cost of additional transit service to accommodate new transit users be subsidized by the normal amount of other municipal transit services;
- c) a fair annual cost-escalator provision will be created;

- d) the municipalities and the university will contribute financially to the project on an ongoing basis commensurate with benefits the wider and campus communities, and the transit system;
- e) that the final cost brought forward in a Students' Union referendum be the direct cost per-student, plus optionally an inflation indexed amount per-term to cover a subsidy program and administrative costs, if necessary.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created			

REPORT TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL

2006

Grant Allocation Committee

Called to order at 5:00pm on Tuesday 20th 2006

Attendance: Ryan, Chris Cunningham (via Proxy,) Jon (via Proxy,) Brittney, Carrie, Chris Samuel.

Elect Ryan as Chair
Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Standing Orders Carrie, 2nd Brittney.
Carried Unanimously

Debate happened about the number to achieve quorum. At this current time it was felt that because we only currently have 6 members having 5 might cause us to miss quorum frequently to the detriment of the funds. So to overcome this quorum was set at 4. Voting members missing two meetings will be politely asked to leave.

A process for applying for funding was discussed and is currently under review to be added at our next meeting. The group felt that dealing with each fund on a separate basis would be best. At our next meeting we will add in further standing orders on how the process of applying for funding should happen.

Motion to Approve Legacy Fund Application Ryan, 2nd Brittney

At this point we went through the plans and proposal looking for ways the school, particularly the SU, will benefit from providing this funding as this was originally one of the goals of the fund. (Oh yeah, who did research) We found that the school will receive recognition as well raise school spirit by providing admission to most of the Bears and Panda's games for a low or free fare. The biggest bonus, benefit, the school will receive is getting new young students to come to the U of A. This happens in events like the Journal Games for Track and Field where elementary, junior high and High schools students are actively competing at the Butter dome.

We recommend to council the full \$194,000 for regular disbursements and \$20,000 for special projects. Details of where the funding is allocated will be available to sign out from 2-900.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 Carrie, 2nd Brittney
Carried unanimously

MINUTES

2006-07

University Policy Committee

Thursday June 22nd, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Justin Kehoe (Chair)
Christopher Lê
Sylvia Shamanna
Michael Janz
Omer Yusuf
Amanda Henry

CALL TO ORDER: 6:20 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LE/JANZ moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

6/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair explained that the Late Additions package was due to a technical glitch and miscommunication with the Administrative Assistant to Council. UPC will not be making a habit of having late agendas packages, as anything late can be added to the agenda at the beginning of a meeting.

Two amendments to the minutes:

In the May 9th minutes, Councilor Lê's name is spelled with the wrong accent in the attendance.

Also in the May 9th minutes, "Council" is spelled wrong in discussion item a.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Executive Members present on goals affiliated with UPC

The Vice-President (Student Life)

1) (Non-Instructional) Mandatory Fees. In light of a couple of issues last year as well as some discussions going on this year already, it is important that the Students' Union have an official position on the issue of non-instructional mandatory fees. The VPSL hopes to draft and pass such a policy by the end of the summer.

The committee spent some time discussing the best route for such a proposal to take through the Council system. The VPSL agreed to

bring a proposal before Council (either personally or via the Executive committee) within the next 2 weeks and 4 days.

The VPSL also discussed the need for the Students' Union to lobby the University to maintain adequate levels of student input, transparency and accountability on the fees that are collected.

- 2) Resolving the questions surrounding Aramark. There are a number of issues wrapped up in our discussions with the University, the LHSA and Aramark. The Students' Union again needs to have a stance. Some of the issues associated with the "Aramark question" include: the levels of student input, transparency and accountability on the fees that are collected, the ethical issues surrounding profit motive as it relates to a mandatory cost to students living in residence, minimum standards for product (food) quality, and some questions we have surrounding whether or not profits from food services can and/or should be used to fund capital projects.

The Vice-President (Academic)

- 1) Other Executive Members. The VP Operations and Finance is primarily concerned with internal and/or operational matters right now. However, he will be working with the VPSL on non-instructional mandatory fees and Aramark. The VPSL is the main point of contact for the committee on these issues.
The President will be working on a number of initiatives with the VP External that fall within the purview of the External Policy Committee. As mentioned in the Council presentation on Executive goals, she will also be advocating for a student seat on the University Audit Committee. She will also be working with the VPA on a few things, including keeping on top of our response to the initiatives coming out of the *Dare to Discover* document put together by President Samerasekara.
- 2) Academic Planning Process. This is a process that charts the general direction and project priorities for the University over the next few years. We've already prepared and submitted our contribution (based on the principles put forward to Students' Council). The VPA agreed to email the full submission to members of the committee.
- 3) Myer Forum Policy. As it stands, University classes are cancelled for the first hour of the Myer Executive Election Forum. Some members of the University community would like this practice abolished. The Students' Union needs to frame a stance on whether or not the cancellation of classes is something we wish to see continue so that the Executive committee can negotiate with the University with regards to the class cancellations as well as with regards to whether or not it's possible to broadcast the forum to other locations. At the moment, the University has informed us that such an arrangement would be technically impossible; however, a well-thought out and researched proposal based on a policy stance may allow us to reopen the conversation.

- 4) Academic Materials. This is a broad issue with a number of sub-areas that we could and need to draft policy in. Some examples of issues having to do with academic materials that we could form policy on include the price of textbooks, the frequency and relevance of new editions, the increases in CanCopy levy rates, bundling practices, etc. Bundling will probably be one the first issues we tackle.
 - 5) Access to Technology. A lot of our old and expired policy should be re-examined. Again, this is a broad subject area with a number of smaller components. Issues that we used to have policy on/should have current policy on include the number of computers available for students to use, balancing wireless access with physical lab space, operating hours of labs, access to software, etc. We may also want to pursue a political policy surrounding when we think students should be granted access to projectors and Smart classroom technology and at what cost.
 - 6) Teaching. This was one of the 3 themes in our Academic Plan submission and is occupying a fair amount of the University branch of the Advocacy Department's time right now. Issues could include alternative learning models (ex. E-learning, active learning), USRIs and faculty evaluation, the philosophy and practice of integrating teaching and research, criteria for teaching awards, etc.
- b. Executive Members present implementation plans for existing political policy
- Vice President (Academic)

Members had before them the VP Academic's proposal for implementation of the Add/Drop Deadline policy. After some discussion, it was agreed that the policy would be brought forward to the committee's next meeting as New Business (either it be amended or repealed). The VP Academic agreed to check and make sure that all three resolutions in the policy requiring action had been resolved.

Vice President (Student Life)

Members had before them the VP Student Life's proposal for implementation of the Tobacco Ban Policy. Members also had for information the University's draft Tobacco Use Policy. One member asked what effect the recent plebiscite had on this policy. The Chair explained that, since the plebiscite is non-binding, the political policy stands as the official stance of the Students' Union until it is changed. After some discussion, it was agreed that the policy would be brought forward as New Business to the committee's next meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)

Members had before them the VP Academic's report. She had nothing further to add.
- b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Members had before them the VP Student Life's report. The VPSL expanded upon the progress made on striking the University Health Centre Task Force.

The VPSL also discussed the progress made in forming an Aramark Task Force. The composition of the Task Force is still somewhat uncertain, as the Graduate Students' Association has not appointed their representatives yet and there is still some discussion as to whether or not Students' Union Councillors need be included.

The timeline for the Aramark task force is also uncertain, as the contract has not yet been made available to the student representatives involved (the SU VPSL, the SU VPOF and the LHSAs President in particular, as well as the SU General Manager and the GSA).

The committee also had a serious discussion about the University Pandemic Planning process.

QUESTION PERIOD

Given the discussion that had occurred up to this point, the committee decided to forego Question Period.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Goals for the 06/07 Year

JANZ- The goals of the Executive Committee presented at Council and at UPC have encompassed many of my goals. My priorities are in the area of Mandatory fees and Aramark.

SHAMANNA- As a proxy, I'm not sure how much I can contribute. However, I'd like to see us figure out the Health Sciences task force and fee as well as decide what we mean by 'campus-wide tobacco ban' and what we want to do about it.

LE- I'm here to support the committee this year. I ran for this committee because I like that it looks outward towards issues that I can talk to students about instead of such a heavy focus on internal reform of the organization.

SHAMANNA- If we can, I'd like to use this committee to try and get the Withdraw deadline extended.

The committee had an impromptu discussion about standing orders and attendance. As a result, the Chair agreed to get in touch with Councilor Sumar via email to see if it would be possible for him to appoint a proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

SHAMANNA/JANZ – 7:45 pm

6/0/0
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, July 6th

14 June, 2006

RE: ECOS Development Task Force

Dear All:

The Students' Union Environmental Coordination Office of Students (ECOS) seeks two councilors to contribute to the ECOS Development Task Force aimed at creating a long-term strategy for the service. Since its creation in 2002, ECOS has strived to increase student environmental awareness and leadership, by involving the campus community in projects aimed at reducing the environmental impact of individuals and of the University of Alberta. Greening the campus is a task achieved through different directions. The purpose of the ECOS Development Task Force will be to examine the different means of introducing sustainability to the University of Alberta, for example by providing environmental services, by performing environmental advocacy, or by networking and assisting like-minded groups on and off campus, to name a few options. In outlining and assessing these and other courses of action, the task force will ultimately guide ECOS in conceiving its long-term strategy.

The task force will be comprised of the ECOS Director, the Senior Manager Student Services, the Vice-President Student Life, two councilors and three students at large, where the students at large may or may not have a background with ECOS, but must demonstrate an interest in environmental issues or an interest in learning about the issues. Task force meetings will occur once every two weeks beginning in July and ending in October. All members will be provided with supplemental information on the topic of campus sustainability prior to the first meeting.

Please submit a 200-250 word letter outlining the reason for your interest in the ECOS Development Task as well as your availability for meeting during the summer and into the fall to the ECOS Director in 0-30 R SUB, or electronically at preshani.maistry@su.ualberta.ca

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Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Report to Council

June 27th, 2006

Greetings Council,

- ❑ **Campus Food Bank:** I spent a day with the Campus Food Bank Board of Directors for an orientation of the CFB, key objectives, roles and responsibilities as well as some goal setting for the year. The orientation process went well, barring problems related to incomplete documents, and the goal setting process was good, considering the time constraints. The main goals identified for the year include finding an adequate space for the CFB, reviewing policies, and raising awareness. We identified at another meeting to form subcommittees to flush out plans for these goals. While there aren't any formal plans of pursuit just yet, the Board is looking primarily at either SU or GSA space.
- ❑ **Council Retreat:** As a councillor for two years, I appreciated the latest efforts for educating councillors, and felt that it was one of the most effective retreats that I can remember in recent years. I would like to thank Sam Power, Justin Kehoe, Chris Samuel, Steve Smith, Catrin Berghoff and Jason Morris for excellent presentations.
- ❑ **Lunch with the Chaplains:** The University of Alberta Chaplain extended a lunch invitation to the Exec in their Interfaith Chapel and Meeting room. We were greeted with good cheers and great cheeses, and I hope the rest of the exec enjoyed this opportunity to understand their service as much and I did.
- ❑ **Public Health Response Committee:** Pandemic Planning continues to be a priority for the University. The last meeting was relatively short due to the absence of the chair, but it gave a chance for other members to speak towards their goals for the year. One such goal from the University was to investigate the level of collaboration they can expect from the SU, and how they can work now to educate students to prevent the spread of infections.
- ❑ **Lunch with Dean of Students:** Dean Connor, Cheryl Luchkow and Carole Burne invited us to the faculty club to introduce themselves. This was mostly a "get to know you" meeting, with everyone understanding that there will be a number of formal meetings in the future to discuss specific tasks.
- ❑ **Information Services and the Academic Guidance Centre:** As you all know, these two services have merged into a single service. Johanna Comartin, the Manager of this service, has been working on a new name for the combined service to incorporate into a new awareness campaign. After two rounds of naming, we might have one. If we decide to go for this name, I'll let you know what it is.
- ❑ **ECOS:** The Senior Manager of Student Services and I have had a few meetings regarding the activities of ECOS, and how they relate to their

mandate. We've decided to undergo a formal review process through the formation of an ad-hoc committee, which will include councillors, students-at-large, as well as myself, the ECOS director, and possibly the senior manager of student services.

- ❑ Orientation BBQ: I attended the annual Orientation BBQ to meet some of the fantastic volunteers that are responsible for one of the most recognized Orientation programs in the country. In short summary: they are quite awesome.
- ❑ WOW: Theme and name are pretty much done, and I'm organizing marketing meetings to focus in on the visuals to tie into the theme. So far, we're ahead of schedule due to the fortuitous chance of having a stellar theme. If all goes according to plan, my face should be all over the posters. We are in the middle of up with event ideas for WOW, so if you have any ideas for WOW events, email me at omer.yusuf@su.ualberta.ca. Also, if you are part of a student group that is interested in getting promoted during WOW as well as an honorarium, please contact me so I can give you more details.
- ❑ COCA: I attended the annual Canadian Organization for Campus Activities Conference this past weekend. Look forward to a formal report in late additions.
- ❑ NextGen: The City released a set of recommendations for a hip and vibrant city. Four out of five exec attended this unveiling. If anyone would like a copy of the recommendations, let me know, and I'll have it ready in my office.

Coming up:

June 22	Meeting with Don Hickey and David Bruch regarding Aramark Contract UPC meeting
June 23	Campus Security Services Golf Tournament The Miniatures w/ Brian Burne and Keating @ PowerPlant
June 27	Service Awareness Meeting
June 28	Xavier Rudd w/ Jeremy Fisher @ Myer Horowitz Theater
June 29	Public Health Response Committee
July 5	Neko Case w/ Sonny Smith @ Myer Horowitz
July 5-11	Wedding in Toronto

As you can see, I will be away for a few days at the beginning of July for a wedding in Toronto. These dates include the next council meeting. Depending on the flight, I might not see you at the July 11th meeting of council.

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
Report to Students' Council
June 22nd, 2006

Things I've Done Since you last cared:

In May:

1. **24/7 SUB** – is, for all intents and purposes, a go. Yes, you may bask in my reflected glory now. If you want*, you may even read the report we submitted to the University, which I have attached, minus the appendices, to save paper.
2. **Academic Plan Submission-** Got where it needed to go, with much kudos to the Advocacy Department for their efforts and a job well done. If you want*, you may even read the final draft of our submission (by asking me for it or requesting that it be made available online). If you ask with a sufficient degree of hauteur (just now, I decided to include a word of the day in my report and... that's it), I will in all likelihood be moved to provide you with said document. That way, I get to feel good for being democratically accountable.

Either way, you still don't get the honour of being the biggest unpaid academic keener. A member of a certain faculty association executive has already requested a copy. Ha!

In June:

1. **Attended FCSL and STLHE:** Don't know what that means? Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll (It makes COCA look like a kiddy camp). If you want*, see the attached reports. They have been edited for sexiness, etc.
2. **Meetings** – Someone from the portfolio (either me or the AVP) went to our usual assortment of committees, meetings and appointments (and disappointments). Since I can't think of anything else to report, I have decided to list them, in chronological order since June 1st:

University Cup Selection Committee, Lunch with the Vice-Provost Academic Programs and the Associate Secretary to the GFC, Meeting with the SU Director of Student Groups, a smattering of Council committees including the Council retreat, Lunch with the Chaplain's Office, GFC Executive Committee, more Council stuff, GFC Facilities and Development Committee, Meeting with the Nursing Undergraduate Association, Lunch with the Director of University Governance, the President's Advisory Committee on the Search for a VP Research, more

* Of course, you don't actually want to. No one *wants* to actually read these things. The reason I include them is best summed up in my current web board signature. Except, of course, for the part where I'm not really suffering because I enjoy my job and especially, the part where I get to inflict the paperwork I generate on everyone else in the name of democratic accountability. Boo-vah.

Council stuff and a smattering of other meetings with faculty associations, the Director of Student Groups and other noted personalities that the AVP attended (she also attended FDC on my behalf).

There are also a number of meetings that I intend to attend between this report being submitted and Council, including the official opening of NINT, a meeting with the Communications Officer for the office of Dean of Students, a follow-up meeting with the Associate Secretary to the GFC, possibly a meeting with the Acting Director of University Teaching Services, another possible meeting with some managers in AICT and more Council committees.

Wow, did you actually just read all that? I'm impressed.

Stay tuned 'til next time for more Academic Adventures...

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**24/7 Study Space in SUB Ongoing Project – 2005-06:
Review, Evaluation, and Future Directions**

Office of the
Vice-President (Academic)
Students' Union, University of Alberta
2005-06

April 2006

REVIEW OF 24/7 SUB ONGOING PROJECT

Funding & Actual Costs

In December 2004, the University of Alberta's Executive Planning Committee (EPC) approved the implementation of a Pilot Project to provide 24-hour study space to students on the main floor of the Students' Union Building on a daily basis from January 10 – April 30, 2005 at a projected cost of \$180,000. EPC agreed to pay \$20,000 of that cost as well as the cost of 2-way radios, contingent upon receipt of a year-end report from the Students' Union. The Students' Union in turn agreed to cover the costs associated with advertising, utilities and cleaning services. On September 6th, 2005, EPC approved an expenditure of \$8,933 for the Winter 2005 Pilot Project to reflect the actual costs of the project after receiving the Students' Union's report. The Dean of Students covered the costs of the radios.

On September 6th, 2005, EPC approved the continuation of the project for the 2005-06 year at an expense of \$28,272 in staff and supplies. A provision was also included to cover any increase in utilities cost; however, as best as can be determined there has been no increase or only a marginal increase in the use of utilities in the past year. Therefore, no money has been explicitly budgeted.

In summary, the University Administration agreed to assume financial responsibility for the costs associated with staff, supplies, utilities and security related to keeping SUB open on a 24-hour basis while the Students' Union has assumed the costs related to advertising the 24/7 space as well as running its usual operations during regular business hours. The University shares the costs of maintenance with the Students' Union and Facilities and Operations has been asked to monitor the costs of this arrangement. The budget approved by EPC is outlined in Appendix III; the increase in utility costs has been minimal and there have been no additional security costs.

It is with this scenario in mind that the Students' Union has crafted this review of the 2005-2006 operations of the 24/7 SUB project with the hopes of having the project approved for the 2006-2007 academic year as per Budget #2 in Appendix III.

Logistics

Although it is not possible to restrict students' access to the lower and second floors of SUB due to fire regulations and the operation of one bar (RATT) and two venues in the building (Dinwoodie Lounge and Myer Horowitz Theatre), it was agreed that the main floor of SUB would be the focal point for 24-hour study space. Accordingly, students were only given access to the corridors of the lower and second floors of SUB, although this was not advertised, and the main floor.

Although students have been increasingly expressing a need for 24-hour access to computer labs, the possibility of opening the computer lab in the basement of SUB has as of yet not been satisfactorily investigated. There are certain considerations that must be resolved if this is to be pursued and, as such, it was felt that a proposal of this nature would be better left to be revisited at a later date.

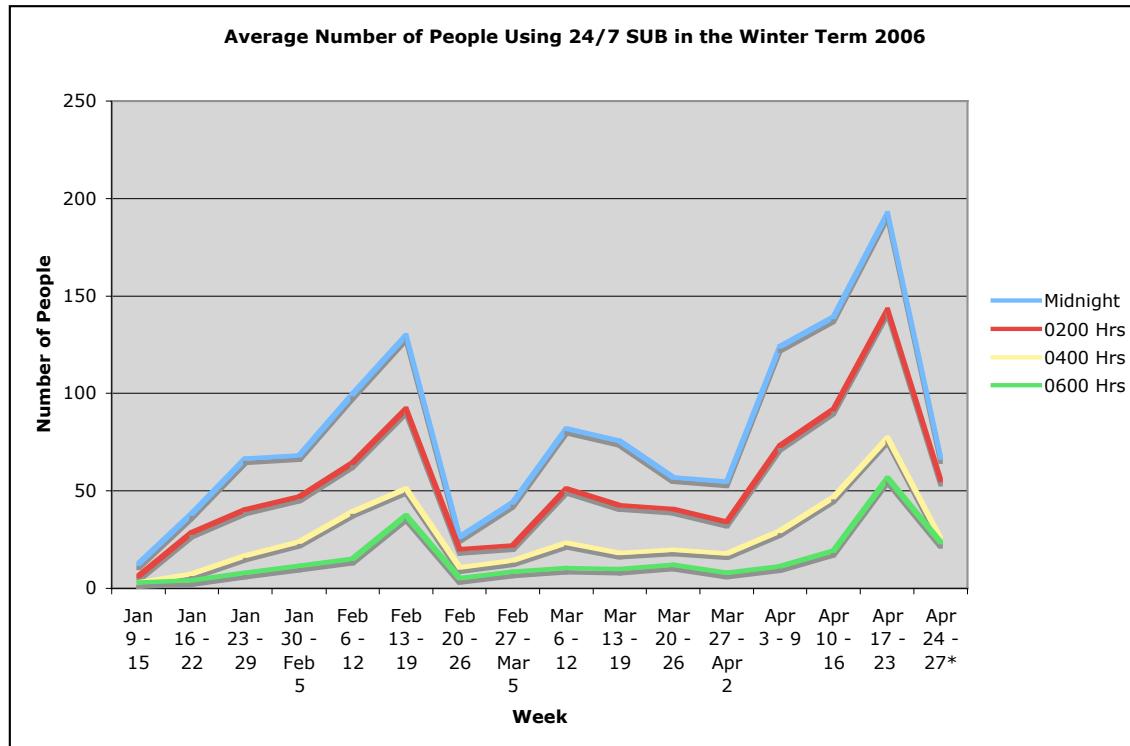
Additionally, the SUB food court did not operate on extended hours to coincide with its 24-hour opening. However, it has long standing practice to ensure that Java-Jive remains open 24-hour basis during midterm exams and Cram Dunk remains open on a 24-hour basis during finals.

Although the Students' Union Building remained open 24-hours the vast majority of the semester, the building did close on some statutory holidays when University buildings were also closed. This was communicated to students via notices posted on doors in advance.

PROJECT EVALUATION

Usage

Students' Union night facilities staff have been tracking usage of SUB during late hours on a nightly basis for the past year as well as for previous terms that saw SUB operating on a 24-hour basis. Head counts were taken at midnight, 0200 hours, 0400 hours, and 0600 hours every day that the building was open for 24-hour operation. Please refer to Appendix I for data on the number of individuals in SUB at these times of night, as well as for weekly averages for 2005-06. Figure 1 below summarizes the use of SUB throughout the 24/7 Project '05/06 in the Winter Term.



*Data for the week of April 24 is only recorded to April 27th, marking the end of 24/7 SUB for 2005/06.

Figure 1

From this chart it is clear that the usage of SUB increased substantially as exam periods approached and the usage is similar to that documented in 2005. The 2005 data is attached in Appendix IV for reference.

Although exams are peak periods for use, it must be noted that a large number of students made use of SUB throughout non-exam periods as well, particularly until midnight and, often, until 0200 hours.

Student Feedback

To aid in the evaluation of the value of 24/7 SUB, the Students' Union developed a comment form that students could access from our web site during the 2004-2005 Pilot Project. This form allowed students to submit their comments directly to the Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) via e-mail. Throughout the Pilot Project, the feedback was very positive. We have continued to receive feedback this year; generally speaking, it has continued to be supportive of the decision to open SUB on a 24/7 basis. Appendix II contains all comments received via the online feedback for this year.

Safety and Security

During earlier discussions, concerns were raised about the safety of students walking home from SUB early in the morning and about the potential for 24-hour operation of

SUB to attract individuals who are not members of the University of Alberta community. The Pilot Project concluded with very few incidents. The continuing project has noted some incidents that raised concern. However, Campus Security does not consider the 24-hour operation of the building to pose a significant increase in risk to members of the campus community and continues to support the project.

One concern that was raised with the Students' Union by Campus Security is the potential risk of operating the silent study space located behind Subway restaurant (the "Crash Room") on a 24-hour basis. In response to these concerns, the Students' Union has opted to close the space from 11 pm to 7 am in non-peak periods. This change has not garnered significant negative feedback.

Advertising

To advertise 24/7 SUB to students, the Students' Union created laminated notices that were posted in all entryways into SUB, as well as 200 posters that were put up around campus. In addition, two banners were printed to hang in CAB for the entire semester and in HUB for a total of four weeks, two in late January and two in late April. In total, these promotional methods cost \$242.53. Unfortunately, advertisements in the Gateway were planned for but not run this year. This oversight will be rectified in the coming year if funds are made available to do so.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Continuation of 24/7 SUB

It is the recommendation of the Students' Union that the Students' Union Building continue to be open for 24-hour operations on a daily basis for the long-term. At the least, the building should continue to operate on a 24-hour basis for the entire 2006-07 academic year. We believe that this initiative has proven itself to be valuable to students and logistically feasible. We also feel that the numbers are showing a growth pattern suggesting that the concept of studying on campus is proving increasingly appealing to students. This growth is reflected in Figure 1 by the steep slope in advance of the April exam period and the significantly higher numbers of students studying in SUB during March.

Student comments (please refer to Appendix II) reveal that 24/7 SUB is valued for its ability to provide students with a space to study any time of day regardless of their other commitments and for its safe and comfortable environment, among other things. As one student indicated, "I found that I could only really study late at night. It was wonderful to have a safe and comfortable place I could go to. Also, I found that I could be much more productive at a place away from my apartment and its distractions. The 24/7 study space provided me with this at no extra cost; something that is very important to me" (Appendix II).

Students face numerous competing demands for their time and having study space available 24/7 accommodates this reality by affording students the opportunity to study when it most suits them. According to the Students' Union Undergraduate Survey 2004, 48% of students work during the school year, making it difficult to complete all schoolwork within the constraints of current library and building hours. SUB offers a much-needed alternative study space for students who face these kinds of challenges. It is clear from the comments that students value the flexibility that 24/7 SUB offers them. Comments such as, "SUB open 24/7 is great. It allows people with different schedules to study late," and "I study until 12 am and there are still people at every table in the [Alumni] room and outside that room" (Appendix II) attest to this.

In addition to providing flexible study hours, SUB is able to accommodate a variety of studying preferences, from very loud in the food court to nearly silent in the Alumni Room (separated from the rest of the building by a glass wall). SUB also offers space for both group and individual work. Due to its wireless network, students are also able to access numerous online resources if they have a laptop computer. However, the Students' Union Undergraduate Survey 2004 indicates that less than 30% of students own a laptop computer, making a commitment to providing access to computer terminals on campus essential. It is for this reason that we will continue to pursue the possibility of making the downstairs computer lab available on a 24-hour basis in order to meet at least some small part of the demand for computer access on campus. We would also recommend that the University look into to providing alternative 24-hour access to computer lab space, as our lab is relatively small (~10 stations) and only offers Mac systems. As one student commented, "now all we need is a 24 hour computer lab for students to use" (Appendix II).

SUB is a logical space in which to continue to offer 24-hour study space. It is recognized and treated as a building of and for students and has fostered the development of a unique culture and sense of community that does not exist anywhere else on campus. As well, the logistics of cleaning SUB have been worked out and are clearly manageable with Students' Union staff. It is highly unlikely that such an arrangement could be facilitated in equivalent University space.

It is essential that 24-hour study space on campus be made available to students throughout the academic year. Offering this space in SUB has been successfully implemented in the past and would no doubt continue to function effectively in the coming years.

RECOMMENDATION: Given that there appears to be a continuing demand for 24/7 study space as provided in SUB, the Students' Union Executive Committee asks that the EPC contribute \$28, 719 to cover the increase in staff, supplies, utilities, security and shared maintenance costs required to keep SUB open on a 24-hour basis for the 2006-07 year.

The First Annual Federation of Canadian Student Leaders Conference

June 3rd to 7th, 2006

After blissfully skipping the pre-conference wine-tasting, we rolled into Centennial College just in time for some R & R and then the opening banquet. Since my usual rant about airports is only vaguely relevant, I will start my report from there....

Pre-Conference Expectations and Such

- 1) Network with other VPs on big-ticket issues. I had been warned by the former VP Academic that the diversity of portfolios in the academic/university spheres of student associations presented a challenge in terms of gaining traction on issues of common interest. I wanted to see if I could drum up some interest in some issues that I feel have are fairly universal (such as student spaces and academic materials) or lend my interest to some issues near and dear to other associations, especially those outside of Alberta.
- 2) Learn from the Conference. I wanted to get what I could out of the professional development workshops, though, as it turned out, very few of them were geared towards things that I do as VPA (one, not counting the one that should have been but was not).
- 3) Learn from other Execs. Basically, I wanted to plagiarize good ideas from other student associations and avoid bad experiences they were willing to discuss.

Post-Conference: Success or Failure?

1) Network with other VPs on big-ticket issues – **Indeterminate**
Other than a couple of open discussions I had with other VPs from inside Alberta, I had trouble connecting with other execs on my priorities and theirs. Some VPs “Academic” (aka University Affairs, Advocate, Education, etc) actually approach our Ombuds Service in terms of role more than they mirror my own. That means that the former VP Academic, was, of course, right. This makes it difficult for us to connect on common ground in terms of action plans. However, there were a couple of things that I chatted with (especially Albertan VPs) that will probably go somewhere. In particular, some of the open space sessions that we planned (textbooks, faculty review, student centres/SUBs and an “Academics Roundtable”) may yet bear fruit. If we do send a VPA next year, I highly recommend skipping sessions that are completely irrelevant to you and arranging to have coffee with other VPs who find such sessions irrelevant. Great conversation ensues. Ironically, the best conversation I’ve had with a VPA from another university was by email with the University of Regina when I got back and totally unrelated to the conference.

2) Learn from the Conference – **Well...**

Very few of the sessions at the conference have direct implications in my portfolio, and of those that did (2), one ended up being an info-mercial for community service learning (as opposed to the session on supporting student initiatives that it was supposed to be). The other was interesting, but didn't really cover much that our transition process doesn't (it was on managing relationships with senior administration).

While I see the value of plenary sessions in terms of bylaws and things, I think that an attempt should have been made to try and provide alternate activities for the delegates present who were not voting members of the plenary.

3) Learn from other Execs. **SUCCESS**

Of all the things I set out to do, I count this one most successful. In conversations conducted outside of formal sessions (or while in plenary), I had a lot of great chats with delegates from other associations across Canada. They helped me gain some valuable perspective on what we do here as well as some valuable insights into past issues and structures of organizations similar to ours. I came away with a couple of good ideas that I will probably pillage for COFA. I also learned some fun facts about things like bookstores on other campuses and how some eastern universities deal with being a multi-campus university. Unfortunately, I will probably not speak with many of these execs during my term.

Other thoughts and take home impressions

Food

What the VPSL said in his report. I'm not kidding. It really was that bad.

Exec Bonding

I will refrain from inundating you with the details. Suffice to say that we bonded, and we saw that it was good. The board game Risk may have been involved.

Yay Advocacy Department, Services, Council, and basically every other part of our SU

The way we're set up (especially the plethora of staff we have) is amazingly helpful in terms of allowing us to be effective as an organization. We've always known that, but it becomes apparent at conferences like this. All in all, my excitement with regards to the new wing of the Advocacy Department is redoubled. As far as I can tell, this addition to the department makes it an even more unique addition to our SU than it was (and it was pretty unique to begin with). Sweet.

Conclusion

I do not recommend sending the VPA to this conference in future. Instead, I would suggest that we send more than one person to STLHE.

The Society on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE)
2006 Conference
June 14th to 17th, 2006

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Post-Conference: Success or Failure?

- 1) Learn from the Conference – **SUCCESS**

Random facts and highlights

Food, 3M, Benta, Alan Blizzard, 560 registered participants, which sessions Calgary attended, etc.

Other thoughts and take home impressions

Not enough Students Union Not enough people go to the pre-conference and we should do what we can to make sure this thing goes well next year.

Conclusion

Send more people to this conference! Even after I exchange notes with Calgary, we'll be lucky if we managed to cover a 6th of the value of the conference. I highly recommend sending at least two people (probably the VPA and the UAO) to this conference, especially next year (as it will be in Edmonton).

I also recommend doing what we can to encourage other student associations to send delegates. They'd be more than welcome at STLHE. I'm sure the conference would be relevant to most of them somehow. And getting more student associations involved would solve my regrets about the lack of students at the conference.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday June 13, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-04)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

2006-04/1
(Trim File SCo4-01)

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday June 27, 2006.

2006-04/1a

2006-04/1a (i)

Theresa Chapman resigns from the RSS committee.

LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO add Late Addition item #2a onto the Order Paper.

Motion: CARRIED

2006-04/2
(Trim File SCo4-02)

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation given by the President, Samantha Power on the Executive Goals.

2006-04/2a

2006-04/6a
(Trim File SCo4-03)

CHAPMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Revolutionary Speakers Series Committee.

Henry nominates Le; Le declines
Chapman nominates Hussein; Hussein declines

LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO close nominations.

Motion: CARRIED

CHAPMAN/PAYNE MOVED TO suspend Standing Order #4 (5).

Motion to Suspend: DEFEATED

2006-04/5
(Trim File SCo4-04)

QUESTION PERIOD

PAYNE/KUSTRA MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Attendance (2006-04):

President	Samantha Power	Y
VP Academic	Amanda Henry	Y
VP External	David Cournoyer	Y
VP Operations & Finance (& Executive VP)	Chris Cunningham	Y
VP Student Life	Omer Yusuf	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Chris Samuel	Y

Faculty Representation (42 voting seats)

Argic/Forest/HomeEc	<i>vacant</i>		
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Arts	Chandler, John		N
Arts	Janz, Michael		Y
Arts	Lewis, Cam		Y
Arts	Richardson, Brock		N
Arts	Schneider, Tim		Y
Arts	Sumar, Al-Amyr	Kustra, Bryce	Y (p)
Arts	<i>vacant</i>		
Arts	<i>vacant</i>		
Arts	<i>vacant</i>		
Augustana (Faculty)	<i>vacant</i>		
Business	Payne, Ryan		Y
Business	Cook, Michael		N
Business	Gamble, Eamonn		N
Education	Semenuk, Harold		N
Education	<i>vacant</i>		
Education	<i>vacant</i>		
Education	<i>vacant</i>		
Engineering	<i>vacant</i>		
Engineering	Eruvbetine, Prem	Peterson, Avis	Y (p)
Engineering	Kirvan, Paul	Hansen, Rebecca	Y
Engineering	Mathewson, Kory	Hill, Dan	Y
Engineering	Nearingburg, Ben		Y
Law	Tieman Jonathan		N
Medicine & Oral Health Sciences	Ye, Carrie		Y
Native Studies	<i>vacant</i>		
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>		
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>		
Open Studies	<i>vacant</i>		
Pharmacy	<i>vacant</i>		
Physical Education	Gray, Darren	Hamilton, Jill	Y (p)
Rehab Medicine	<i>vacant</i>		
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Bugler, Brittney		Y
Science	Chapman, Theresa		Y
Science	German, Greg		N
Science	Hussein, Bayan	Hussein, Nassrein	Y (p)
Science	Kehoe, Justin		Y
Science	Le, Christopher	Jablonski, Amissa	Y

Science	Shamanna, Sylvia		Y
Science	Singh, Alamjit	Singh, Jagjit	Y
Science	Trayner, Brendan	Leitch, Brandon	Y

Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)

Speaker	Morris, Jason		Y
General Manager	Smith, Bill		N