

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday August 22, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2006-09/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-09/1a (i)

Forms for Councillor Remuneration available. Please fill out completely, sign, attach a void cheque and return to 2-900. For more details please speak with either the Speaker or VPOF Chris Cunningham.

2006-09/1a (ii)

Nomination Packages for the September By-Election are now available online at www.su.ualberta.ca, in 2-900 SUB and outside 302K SUB.

2006-09/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-09/5b

Bylaw Committee – Report

Please see document LA 06-09.01

2006-09/5c

University Policy Committee – August 17, 2006

Please see document LA 06-09.02

2006-09/5c (i)

HENRY/ERUVS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "General Election Forum" (second reading).

Please see document LA 06-09.03

2006-09/5c (ii)

ERUVS/JANZ MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Access to Co-operative & Internship Programs" (second reading).

Please see document LA 06-09.04

2006-09/5c (iii)

HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Add-Drop Deadline" (second reading).

Please see document LA 06-09.05

2006-09/5c (iv) **YUSUF/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees" (second reading).

Please see document LA 06-09.06

2006-09/7 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2006-09/7e Samantha Power, President – Report

Please see document LA 06-09.07

2006-09/7f Chris Cunningham, Vice President (Operations and Finance) – Report

Please see document LA 06-09.08

REPORT

2006-August-22

Bylaw Committee 1st Report

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2006

The Spring/Summer of 2006 was filled with a lot for the Bylaw Committee. Two members have already left their post (Cam Lewis and Theresa Chapman), one seat has been refilled, (Brittney Bugler). Currently the membership is Chair: Kory Mathewson, VP Academic Amanda Henry, Councilor Ben Nearingburg, and Councilor Brittney Bugler.

We have had 4 official meeting and have accomplished a great deal. Bills 1, 2, and 3 are back for a second reading and Bill 5 is currently under review, to be presented to Council by the following meeting.

As well, we have compiled a presentation on the combination of the election bylaws (the 2000's), and are currently looking into modernizing the faculty association bylaws (the 8000's). Today we will present 2x00 ideas, and look forward to the 8x00 in the future.

We are constantly learning in the Bylaw committee due to the rookie nature of many of the committee members and are currently looking into speakers to come and present at our meetings.

If you have any questions please bring them up in Question Period, or forward them to Chair: Kory Mathewson at korym@ualberta.ca.

Respectfully submitted,
I remain,

Councilor Kory Wallace Mathewson

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Student' Council

2006-07

University Policy Committee

2006-07 Thursday August 17, 2006

The University Policy Committee held its seventh meeting on August 17, 2006. The meeting was called to order shortly after 5:00 p.m., with all members present except for Councillors Kehoe, Le and Sumar. Yusuf was nominated and approved to chair the meeting.

In Executive Committee reports, Vice President Henry met with the University Architect about study space and explained that the current focus is planning and gearing up for September. She is working with the President and the Vice President External on the advocacy campaigns for the upcoming year. It was mentioned that the Vice President Operations and Finance was mostly occupied with the Powerplant.

In New Business, the Fall Meeting Schedule was tabled until all members could be present to discuss.

In Old Business, the Standing Orders revisions were tabled. The SU Election Rally Political Policy was drafted and recommended for second reading following some lengthy discussion. The Co-op and Internship Program was the next Political Policy to be drafted and recommended for second reading, and it was decided that the expiration date should be removed. There was residual confusion from the previous meetings of Students' Council and UPC regarding the repeal of the former Add/Drop Deadline Political Policy, but the Chair's report on this matter was tabled until his return. The new Add/Drop Deadline Political Policy was drafted and recommended for second reading. The Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Political Policy was drafted and, pending proper formatting, recommended for second reading.

The Discussion Items were collectively tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Policy Committee will take place at 6:00 p.m. on August 31.

University Policy Committee

Thursday August 17th, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
ERUVS/JANZ moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 4/0/0 CARRIED
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
4. **PRESENTATIONS**
5. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
 - b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)
 - c. Other Executive Activities
6. **QUESTION PERIOD**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Fall Meeting Schedule - Tabled
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Standing Orders Revisions – Tabled
 - b. Political Policy: SU Election Rally
HENRY/ERUVS moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval. 4/0/0 CARRIED
 - c. Political Policy: Co-op and Internship Programs
ERUVS/JANZ moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval. 4/0/0 CARRIED
 - d. Political Policy: Add/Drop Deadline (repealed) – Tabled pending report back from the Chair.
 - e. Political Policy: Add/Drop Deadline (new)
HENRY/YUSUF moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval. 4/0/0 CARRIED
 - f. Political Policy: Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees
YUSUF/JANZ moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval (once it's been properly formatted). 4/0/0 CARRIED
9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Committee Strategic Planning - Tabled
 - b. Teaching and Research Political Policies - Tabled
 - c. Health and Wellness – tabled
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
JANZ/YUSUF MOVED TO adjourn at 8:25 pm 2/1/1 CARRIED
11. **NEXT MEETING**
August 31, 2006 at 6:00 pm in 4-20 SUB

University Policy Committee: Strategic Planning Outline

August 3, 2006

POLITICAL POLICY

ACADEMIC

- Affordable academic materials: textbooks and coursepacks
- Student study space on campus (developments at Augustana and South Campus)
- Plans for South Campus and UDT: keep classes on Main (Riverview? Rutherford?) Campus
- Role of technology in the classroom
- Student computer access: labs, wireless, software
- Define quality of education and instruction (prof:student ratio, class size)
- Emphasize focus of University on teaching and students
- Improved evaluation of teaching with student input
- Proper training for instructors, especially TAs and English language proficiency
- Social responsibility in research
- Role of research and effect on students
- Accessibility and visibility of Faculty programs: co-op, internship, practicum
- Proliferation of satellite campuses
- Corporate influence over the University through sponsorship, grants
- Academic accessibility to Students' Council

NON-ACADEMIC

- Mandatory non-instructional fees and student oversight
- Student social space on campus (developments at Augustana and South Campus)
- ARAMARK and food services on campus: variety, healthy options and affordability
- Mandatory meal plans in Lister Hall
- Affordable residences and University Residence rent increases
- Student input into direction of University Student Services
- Improved physical fitness facilities and student involvement
- Support for varsity Athletics
- Student health and wellness
- Tobacco ban on campus (2006 SU plebiscite)
- Use of lawyers in student disciplinary appeals
- Student access to Smart classroom technology
- Environmental sustainability and waste on campus
- Human rights recognition in University business dealings

GENERAL

Identify time-sensitive policies

Review expired policies

Fix UPC Standing Orders

Fix the political policy process in the Standing Orders of Students' Council

Get more info from Ombuds

Review Dare to Discover

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>Page</i> 1 of 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2009	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	University Policy Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- Specific: <i>General Election Forum</i>	
	- Topic: <i>Class Consideration</i>	

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

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that one outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is "an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";¹

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

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

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between the fundamental right to be involved in their democratic process and their academics;

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

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

WHEREAS the Students' Union Chief Returning Officer has the discretion to change the format of the forum;

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support the cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 1:00 for the purposes of facilitating students attendance of the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process that ensures no student is penalized for attending the forum in lieu of class between 1:00 and 3:00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University to ensure that professors comply with the existing stipulation that classes be cancelled for the purposes of the election forum, as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar Academic Schedule (Section 11.1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the thethe50 minute block in which classes are cancelled.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created		UPC	

¹ University of Alberta General Faculties Council Policy Manual. GFC Policy 111.1 -*Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluations* (University of Alberta GFC 2000). http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID_page=39298

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POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Access to Co-operative & Internship Programs

- *Topic:*

Academic Opportunities

WHEREAS having access to relevant professional experience through co-operative and internship placements forms an integral part of an engaging educational experience and allows students to gain practical experience, as well as relationships with employers in their professional community, thereby better equipping them to be effective contributors to the workforce;

WHEREAS a number of other Canadian universities have already adopted measures to facilitate the participation of international students in co-operative and internship opportunities;

WHEREAS six (6) faculties at the University of Alberta offer some form of co-operative or internship opportunity to undergraduates, not including practicum placements that are mandatory for professional certification after graduation;

WHEREAS only three (3) of these opportunities are currently available to international students;

WHEREAS students with valid study permits who wish to take part in a co-operative placements or internship program are eligible to apply for a work permit under federal statute provided that the co-operative placement or internship:

- a. Forms an essential part of their program of study in Canada;
- b. Is certified as part of the academic program by a responsible academic official of the institution; and
- c. Does not form more than 50 percent of the total program of study;¹

WHEREAS off-campus work opportunities are not equivalent to co-operative placements or internships in University definitions nor according to federal regulation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with individual faculties to ensure that co-operative or internship programs are accessible to all students within the Faculty who are academically eligible to participate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University, the government and other significant bodies to ensure that there is equality in admission requirements to faculty-specific co-operative or internship programs at the University of Alberta.

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¹The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. "Work Opportunities for Foreign Students." <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-opps.html#coop> (8 August 2006).

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Academic Affairs Board

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POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Add-Drop Deadline

- *Topic:*

Appropriate Period

WHEREAS a student's decisions regarding course enrollment deeply impacts the course of his or her academic program, as well as, potentially, future intellectual and academic aspirations;

WHEREAS variables such as classroom environment, instructor teaching style, and method of information delivery also impact a student's likelihood of success in a particular course;

WHEREAS students often make careful, well-informed decisions regarding course enrollment, taking these and other factors into consideration;

WHEREAS the registration deadlines for the Fall and Winter terms were extended in February 2003 to allow ten (10) instructional days for changes in registration in recognition of the aforementioned arguments;

WHEREAS the registration deadlines for the Spring and Summer terms were extended in June 2005 to allow four (4) instructional days for changes in registration, to be effective in the 2006-2007 year, in recognition of the aforementioned arguments, and to make the Spring/Summer add/drop deadlines consistent with the Fall/Winter deadlines;

WHEREAS a student's assessment of a course and, consequently, their enrollment decisions cannot be adequately rendered without having the opportunity to attend several classes;

WHEREAS Spring and Summer course enrollment decisions are just as consequential to the course of a student's academic programs as Fall and Winter enrollment decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support a Fall and Winter registration deadline of no less than ten (10) instructional days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support Spring and Summer registration deadlines for 6-week courses of not less than four (4) and not more than five (5) instructional days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support Spring and Summer registration deadlines for 13-week Spring and Summer courses to be equivalent to those for 13-week Fall and Winter courses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support allowing changes in registration to 3-week courses offered in the second half of the Spring or Summer terms during the first three (3) instructional days after the start date of those classes.

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	- <i>Topic:</i>	Mandatory Non-instructional Fees			

WHEREAS services for students are a major resource to create positive undergraduate experiences;

WHEREAS students bear a substantial portion of the costs of these services through mandatory non-instructional fees;

WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fees present costs additional to tuition and other expenses associated with attending post secondary education;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of students to have general controlling input regarding services designed to benefit them;

WHEREAS operating a service relying on fee increases is more convenient and not preferable to pursuing efficiency and economy in the service;

WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fee increases are not regulated by any provincial statutes;

WHEREAS the University is a public institution and is therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness and good governance in the responsible management of financial resources¹;

WHEREAS a rise in fees in concert with the Consumer Price Index is necessary to sustain services on a year-to-year basis;

WHEREAS a referendum of a body of students is the most accurate available measure of student opinion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that students retain controlling interest on any body directing the general affairs and mandate of a service for which a fee is to fund;

¹ Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 4, §6-7.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that any service funded by a fee exhibit full budgetary disclosure to the general undergraduate student community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that any increase in a fee funding a service beyond that dictated by the Consumer Price Index be approved only through referendum from those student bodies for whom the fee concerns.

President's Report – August 22nd, 2006

Campus Campaigns – The campus campaigns planning is going really well. This year's campaign will start with information on our main lobbying points both academically and externally.

Our campaign approach is of course, multi pronged. The student focus is primarily getting out to the WOW events, Orientation and the first meetings of a lot of groups to get our materials and message out. The second approach is to put on media earning events, which are being determined for the fall. We know PIA will be doing an event in the first week of September that we assist. Dave has more info on that. I will make a more detailed presentation in updating our fall priorities at the next council meeting.

Advocacy Update – We have prepared a lot of our research to advocate for better quality instruction on a campus level and for more university resources to be dedicated to the undergraduate environment. We're working now on meeting with the right people to line up allies as people return from vacation.

On the external side there is the sitting of the legislature we're looking to take advantage of. With the provincial government essentially a lame duck we're going to be focusing our efforts on lobbying interest groups who will assist in making education the issue in the next election and during the Tory leadership debate.

RSS – Is progressing. Art Spiegelman is pretty much confirmed. We're looking at Carol Off, Severn Cullis-Suzuki and Cathy Jones as other possibilities.

Meetings had:

John Hoddinott, Ruth Kelly, New Professor Orientation, Exec Retreat.

Meetings Coming up:

August 21st – CAUS

August 22nd – Nolan Cruse, St. Albert city councilor re. UPass

August 23rd – VP Information Technology

August 23rd – Don Hickey, Art Quinney re: UPass

August 24th – Sandra Conn VP External Relations

August 26th – CoFA training

August 27th – MUGs training

August 28th – Meeting w. Augustana Exec

August 3st – Non-academic staff picnic, sessional instructors orientation

Sept 1st – International Student Orientation

Sept. 5th – President's Address Hawrelak Park

Sept 7th – Advisory Search Committee VP Research

Chris Cunningham, Vice President – Operations & Finance
Report to Students' Council
August 21, 2006

Good evening Council,

PowerPlant

There was a scare that we would not have the steam lines in place for the start of classes, this issue has been resolved and we are back on track for a first week of September start.

Our new kitchen manager has been hired and apparently he is really good, so expect great things.

We are currently looking in to the possibility of acquiring new furniture for the Powerplant that would be more conducive to student relaxation space.

Web Site

The new web site might not be ready in time for the start of classes. Whitematter is working around the clock to have this project done for the first week of September but it may be as much as a week behind schedule. Worst case scenario is that will have a new home page with the same old content for the start of classes.

Councilor Remuneration

Just so our receptionist doesn't get assaulted with a barrage of phone calls from disgruntled councilors.... your money will be directly deposited into your accounts once you have completed the forms available today. Remember you must fill the form out completely, sign it and attach a void cheque and hand them in IMMEDIATELY, or you will not receive payment until the end of September.