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From:	➤ Ms. Rachel Woynorowski Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2006/07 Students' Council and General Faculties Council By-Election Results
Date:	October 2, 2006

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

The Students' Council and General Faculties Council Election was held September 28 & September 29 in compliance with Bylaws 1500, 2200, and 2500. I am satisfied that the election was fair and that the results reflect the will of the electorate. There have been no appeals of any of my decisions or rulings, and no recounts have been requested.

More detailed results, including breakdowns of each round of preferential voting, are available upon request. A final version of these detailed results will be published on the SU Elections website and as well as in the Elections Office year end report submitted to Students' Council.

Students Union Council

- *Arts*
 - Mr. Mike Shaw
 - Mr. Shad Thevenaz

- *Education*
 - Mr. Raynor Look
 - Mr. Keith Vandersluis

- *Engineering*
 - Ms. Elisha La
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (1)
Mr. Justin Bertagnolli
 - Councillor-in-Waiting (2)
Mr. Dustin Hayward

- *Nursing*
 - Ms. Amanda Tsui

- *Pharmacy*
 - Mr. Joseph Blais

General Faculties Council

- *Arts*
 - Mr. Naveed Bandali
 - Mr. Chris Jones

- *Medicine and Dentistry*
 - Ms. Erika Dempsey

- *Faculte St. Jean*
 - Ms. Libriel Padilla

1 September 2006 By-Election

1.1 Students' Council Results

1.1.1 Arts

Round	Mike Shaw	Shad Thevenaz	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	50	24	7	1	81	41	82
2	WIN	60	16	6	76	39	82

Elected (1): Mike Shaw

Elected (2): Shad Thevenaz

1.1.2 Education

Round	Keith Vandersluis	Raynor Look	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	8	16	2	1	26	14	27
2	20	WIN	2	5	22	12	27

Elected (1): Raynor Look

Elected (2): Keith Vandersluis

1.1.3 Engineering

Round	Justin Bertagnolli	Elisha La	Dustin Hayward	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	28	54	12	3	1	97	49	98
2	54	WIN	24	9	11	87	44	98
3	WIN	WIN	62	16	20	78	40	98

Elected (1): Elisha La

Councillor-in-Waiting (1): Justin Bertagnolli

Councillor-in-Waiting (2): Dustin Hayward

1.1.4 Nursing

Round	Amanda Tsui	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	48	3	0	51	26	51

Elected (1): Amanda Tsui

1.1.5 Pharmacy

Round	Joseph Blais	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	16	1	0	17	9	17

Elected (1): Joseph Blais

1.2 General Faculties Council Results

1.2.1 Arts

Round	Chris Jones	Naveed Bandali	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	27	43	8	4	78	40	82
2	58	WIN	13	11	71	36	82

Elected (1): Naveed Bandali

Elected (2): Chris Jones

1.2.2 Medicine and Dentistry

Round	Erika Dempsey	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	24	0	0	24	13	24

Elected (1): Erika Dempsey

1.2.3 Faculte St. Jean

Round	Libriel Padilla	None of the Above	Spoiled	Valid Ballots	Needed to Win	Total Physical Ballots
1	124	3	7	127	64	134

Elected (1): Libriel Padilla

1.3 Turnout Statistics

1.3.1 Overall Turnout by Faculty

Faculty	Turnout	# Eligible Voters	% Turnout
Faculte St. Jean	134	618	21.7%
Pharmacy	17	507	3.4%
Nursing	51	1561	3.3%
Engineering	98	3496	2.8%
Medicine and Dentistry	24	924	2.6%
Arts	82	6195	1.3%
Education	27	3244	0.8%
Overall	433	16545	2.6%

1.3.2 Comparable Voter Turnout by Faculty

Faculty	2004 By-Election	2005 By-Election	2006 By-Election
Ag/For	1.2%	1.9%	-
Arts	1.0%	0.9%	1.3%
Augustana	n/a	-	-
Business	-	2.6%	-
Education	0.7%	-	0.8%
Engineering	-	-	2.8%
Law	-	-	-
Medicine and Dentistry	12.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Native Studies	-	13.7%	-
Nursing	-	0.7%	3.3%
Open Studies	-	0.6%	-
PhysEd and Rec.	-	-	-
Pharmacy	-	-	3.4%
Rehabilitation Medicine	-	-	-
Faculte St. Jean	13.9%	-	21.7%
Science	1.5%	2.9%	-
Overall	2.1%	1.9%	2.6%

President's Report –October 3rd, 2006

Campus Campaigns –

On October 5th we will hold a forum in the Alumni Room on “The Alberta We Need: Education in Alberta’s Future?” It will be a discussion on where post secondary sits in the future of the province. Dave Taylor, the minister, Raj Pannu, Bill Moore–Kilgannon and Elaine Ho are being invited to attend.

Studentcare.net/works –

I have been advised that a statement in my June 13th report to council on the Federation of Canadian Student Leaders conference was untrue. The information I presented is damaging to the reputation of Studentcare.net/works and I have been advised to remove it, which, with the permission of council can be done by removing AND making a note in the original report. I wish to withdraw my comments and apologize to Studentcare.net/works for the mistake. However, I wish to stand by my view that corporations, including Studentcare.net/works, and other corporations at the lunch should not have been invited to the FCSL conference.

APC – The Academic Planning Committee, of which I am a member, met with the Committee on the Learning Environment and all of the Deans to discuss the Academic Plan. There is going to be a new draft of the plan released sometime this week. We have two more meetings of APC to discuss the concerns. Amanda, myself and Alan Cliff raised concerns about the lack of time spent addressing the need for physical space, there was no attention to affordability’s impact on academics, and we raised concerns about the University’s “Top 20 in 2020” goal.

Website – We have hired a web content editor for our website. All website content changes will now be handled centrally through the content editor, instead of left to the hands of individuals. We’re hoping this will improve the immediacy of information presented on the site.

RSS – October 10th – Severn Cullis–Suzuki will be speaking on in her words: “[No other generation has had such big global responsibility, nor such incredible opportunity. Our fault? No. Our problem? Yes. Our opportunity? Absolutely. We are a generation who can choose our revolution.](#)”

Tickets are \$9 for students in advance.

Meetings Coming up:

Oct 2nd – CAUS Conference Call

Oct 3rd – Board of Governors

AUFSJ meeting

Oct 4th – Budget Advisory Committee meeting

UASUS and Rehab Med meeting

Oct 5th – Forum

Oct. 6th – ASA meeting

Oct 11th – Academic Planning Committee

Oct 13th – BEAC and BFPC

FCSL – REPORT TO COUNCIL JUNE 13, 2006

As I mentioned numerous times in council I had my doubts as to the benefit of attending a conference, which several former executives have deemed a “waste of time”. My decision to attend was based on the fact that the University of Alberta was a member of the Steering Committee for the conference, as well I wanted the opportunity to connect with other student representatives.

This conference was organized by six schools who had complaints with the former national conference – CCSA. The conference ended up replacing CCSA and there were over one hundred student associations in attendance. Previous to the conference I wrote out several questions and issues I would be pursuing. The sessions were broken up into open sessions where you could choose the issue to discuss and planned sessions with presenters.

Open Sessions

I proposed two sessions which were adopted:

- How to develop businesses ethically, provide for student needs, and balance profitability.

This session was attended by the University of Manitoba, Ryerson, Red River College, University of Windsor, myself and University of British Columbia. The discussion was productive in discussing the balance between a service and a business, and connecting with members who had developed their own ethical buying policies and engaged the assistance of third watch parties to research the ethical background of companies.

- Corporatization on campus – where is outsourcing hurting students? How do we combat it? What have students done before?

This session was attended by several schools, the University of British Columbia, Ryerson, Grant MacEwan College, and the University of Toronto. The most valuable part of the conversation was learning that the University of British Columbia Alma Mater Society is working on creating a political policy, which will direct their engagement with corporations on campus. I hope to keep in contact with their President, Kevin Keystone on this issue.

Planned Sessions

For the planned sessions I missed several of the ones I had planned on attending due to the release of the Learning Alberta report and the University of Alberta’s participation on the Steering Committee of the conference.

Due to the Learning Alberta release I missed Monday afternoon’s sessions and the Steering committee took me away from several sessions. I did end up attending the session on council relations, which I was extremely disappointed in as it did not focus at all on relationships with council but instead was an hour and a half long session on networking. It was awful.

The second session I attended was the session on “Maintaining positive relationships with senior administration”. It was presented by the former president of the Brock Students’ Union (Bryan Hicks) and the VP Finance of Brock University. The planned presentation turned into a group discussion from participants on the various methods by which lobbying senior administration can happen and the various issues that will either divide students and senior admin, or areas where they can work together. It

was fascinating to hear other student association's perspectives on lobbying senior administration, the experiences that they have and the issues they've worked on. For example, the Ryerson Students' Union recently had its student space annexed by their senior administration. The Carleton Students' Union had a similar problem with their bar, and it was interesting to learn that at some universities the senior administration chooses the students who will sit on committees, where at our university the Students' Union is always asked to provide names for committee membership. Seeing the strengths and weaknesses of our students' union through the experience of others was very beneficial.

National Perspectives

This speaks to perhaps the greatest benefit I received from attending this conference: the ability to view our organization's strengths and weaknesses through the experiences of other organizations. Since the Students' Union is unaffiliated it is not often we can connect with student associations outside of Alberta. This conference provided several benefits in that regard. I benefited from connecting with CFS and CASA schools and coming to understand their perspectives. It was fascinating to hear from Ontario schools on their struggle for post-secondary funding. They are in a similar situation to ours with a recent review of post-secondary education and the highest tuition in the country. The difference is our province has a substantial surplus. It was interesting to hear how their schools made the battle public, tactics they used in lobbying the provincial government and dealing with the Rae Review. These are conversations that can only be had at a national conference.

Off-Line Conversations

I connected with several individuals in sessions and continued conversations with them off-line. The VP Finance from Carleton and myself discussed Aramark and the Coke contract, we'll remain in contact in that regard. The VP Education from York and myself connected on the Revolutionary Speakers Series. She has connections with film festivals in Toronto and has many ideas on documentaries and speakers we could bring to Edmonton.

Alberta Connections

One final positive was the ability of our school to connect with the other schools in Alberta. For myself I found it beneficial to meet the executives from NAIT, SAIT, MRC, and to reconnect with the UofL and UofC. We had the opportunity to discuss Alberta initiatives and Edmonton initiatives such as the UPass and relationships with city council.

The Learning Alberta report was released by the provincial government while we were at the conference it was an opportunity for CAUS members to connect with ACTISEC on issues within the document.

A Few Negative Notes

The planned sessions were not as productive as I had hoped, as I mentioned earlier. As well the keynote speakers were downright awful. The involvement of corporations in the conference was also concerning. Studentcare, a health insurance provider, was at several of the social events, and even threw one of their own < At the request of Studentcare.net

I am amending this statement to make clear that it was not Studentcare who held the event, but an NGO of which Studentcare is a part, Meal Exchange.> which the conference organizers provided transportation to, no other social event was offered that night. As well at one of the lunches, businesses including Studentcare were given a venue to provide information.

The involvement of Studentcare was particularly concerning because there are several student associations present who are currently engaged in lawsuits with Studentcare, this created an uncomfortable environment for those representatives. <The writer wishes to withdraw the underlined statement because they are inaccurate and to apologize for the mistake.> The reason it's concerning to me though, is that this conference was purported to be apolitical, if that's so then it should also be free from corporate influence. The business fair where several businesses provided information, could have easily been a venue for political organizations, CFS, CASA, political parties, NGOs to share information with student representatives.

Next Year

At the plenary session it was decided that a steering committee composed of representatives from each province would create the next conference. I believe this to be a very positive step in the creation of the conference as it used to be six schools who were interested, and previous to that it was just the host. I believe this will provide a lot of diversity in the creation of the conference and I look forward to participating.

RECOMMENDATION

It was very positive to meet with executives from across the country, hearing their perspectives and issues allowed me to see our strengths and the similarities in our problems. If anything it is rewarding to know there are many groups dealing with the same issues and that we are dealing in our own way to battle against many negative influences on university campuses, but also to provide positive services for students. Since we are unaffiliated there are few opportunities to connect with student associations across the country and this conference provided an unbiased opportunity to do so.

For these reasons and several of the ones I listed above, I recommend the president attend this conference again next year. With the changes to governance I believe the conference will be even better in it's acceptance of diversity and creation of dialogue.

Things to look for in a good conference would be the existence of open space sessions, these allow you the opportunity to have your issue addressed and discussed among other representatives interested in the same issues. They also allow you to identify schools who may be dealing with similar issues and to talk with them off-line about it further.

The presence of free sessions and open time spaces also allows you the option to gather interested members and simply dialogue with colleagues on issues you see as important. Many of the most productive conversations I had were outside of the sessions with members who simply wanted to talk about issues affecting their schools.

With all this in mind I did discuss with the executive the benefits they gained and they were not as great. One recommendation may be to send the VP External, the President and the VP Academic as they seemed to benefit the most in engaging with their

counterparts. The VPSL has COCA at which they have the opportunity to do the same thing with more sessions related to their portfolio. The VP Operations and Finance may need to attend any conference, but may want to connect with their counterparts on issues they deal with. I do see a great deal of benefit in bringing the entire executive as it does broaden your own perspective on the organization in a national context as well the ability to connect with your executive is invaluable. My recommendation to the next President would be to attend, and like this year with all the information provided to each executive, allow them to decide if they see the conference as beneficial.

Report to Council on other issues that are not FCSL

Council Retreat:

Occurred on June 10th. We had Chris Samuel, Steve Smith, Catrin Berghoff, Justin Kehoe and Jason Morris present on a number of issues, including SU history, development of bylaws and policy, Robert's Rules of Order and issues carrying over from last year. We had about 10 councilors show up, many of whom are new to council. Because we didn't get to everything that was planned I'll be proposing several workshops on policy development, and presentations on issues such as the UPass and external lobbying. Thanks to those who came!

Meeting with Aboriginal Students' Council President – Dave and I met with Derek Thunder. The ASC has made amazing movement in providing student space for their students and organizing their student representatives. We hope to work with Derek on a number of different issues, including development of academic programs and advocating to the provincial government on aboriginal issues.

Upcoming meetings:

June 19th – VP Research Search Committee

June 2st – Meeting w. VP External from NAIT re. FCSL

June 22nd - CAUS AGM

June 23rd – BOG Meeting

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Report to Council

October 3, 2006

Greetings Council,

It's only been a week, but there is some really neat info for you to digest!

- ❑ Recreation Action Committee: Some of you may remember this committee as being chiefly concerned with the Physical Activity Complex question in last year's election. This year, the new chair is interested in working with GAC to formalize a working relationship with regard to the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, and to also take a comparative look at facilities across the nation.
- ❑ Security Advisory Committee: This committee deals with a broad overview of security on campus, and includes the GSA rep and myself as student representatives. The main issue at their meeting was to go over the Auditor General's audit of Campus Security Services, and the follow-up with the Solicitor General. Basically, the Auditor General felt that there was an issue with CSS having holding cells. CSS believes otherwise, as this holding cell adheres to the necessary legislature, and made an appeal to the Solicitor General. This issue has been ongoing for months now, and CSS is looking to get some kind of resolution in the near future, where the holding cells are included as a service of CSS.
- ❑ Lister Hall: There was an outbreak of a gastrointestinal infection since Friday, resulting in 26 new cases on Friday to Saturday, and more over the weekend. However, of those infected, approx 80% have recovered. It has now been confirmed as a norovirus. Although this outbreak was contagious, it is a mild disease resulting in nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Because of the Olive Yonge, the Vice Provost (Academic Programs) and Chair of the Public Health Response Committee had done so much work with pandemic planning, the mobilization of University resources from the plan significantly improved the expected campus response. This included activation of the Emergency Operations Centre and following a plan of action within the University and with partnerships with Capital Health Authority.
- ❑ Service Interviews: Positions have been filled here and there. Our new Orientation Volunteer Coordinator is Amissa Jablonski, whom some of you may remember as the Safewalk Director from last year.

On the horizon!

Oct 3: Alcohol Policy Review Committee
Orientation Programs Coordinator

Oct 4: Inter-Fraternal Council

Oct 5: Transition to University

Oct 10: Exec/senior manager breakfast

Oct 12: Panhellenic Council