

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday November 7, 2006  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-14)

- 2006-14/1            **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2006-14/1a            Announcements – The next meeting of students' Council will take place on November 28, 2006. Please note the November 14, 2006 meeting of Students' Council was cancelled.
- 2006-14/1a (i)        The 2nd annual UASUS "Everything's Better Shaven Head Shave" will be on Nov 24th on SUB Stage. All proceeds are going to the Kids with Cancer Society. Anyone interested in participating should email leitch@ualberta.ca
- 2006-14/1a (ii)       UASUS will be holding their general annual meeting on November 9th at 5 pm. Location TBA. Email UASUS@ualberta.ca if you have any questions.
- 2006-14/2            **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2006-14/3            **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2006-14/3a            Executive Committee – October 26, 2006  
  
Please see document SC 06-14.01
- 2006-14/4            **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2006-14/5            **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2006-14/5a            University Policy Committee – October 10 and 24, 2006  
  
Please see document SC 06-14.02
- 2006-14/5a (i)        **JANZ/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** the University Policy Committee recommends that Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to lobby the University for access to personal information of Students' Union members for the purposes of: conducting Students' Union elections; conducting Faculty Association elections; sending a new student Orientation letter; and sending a welcome letter in September regarding an overview and by-elections, SU elections and by-elections, Orientation letter, and a general welcome letter regarding an overview of the Students' Union and its activities, services, student groups, and invitations to join other listservs.
- 2006-14/5a (ii)       **HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of

the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Quality Instruction" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-14.03

**2006-14/5a (iii)** **HENRY/LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Study Space" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-14.04

**2006-14/5b** Council Administration Committee – October 25, 2006

Please see document SC 06-14.05

**2006-14/5b (i)** **TIEMAN/SEMENUK MOVED THAT** Bill # 14 be read a first time.

**Bill #13 – Joke Candidates**

Principle (first reading)

1. Joke Candidates Budget's to be increased to a full Executive Budget but limit SU Contribution to 50% of the normal candidate's budget. Any extra funding cannot be solicited from third parties. Fundraising cannot be allowed. Joke Candidates cannot parallel referendum sides.

**2006-14/5b (ii)** **TIEMAN/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Bill #15 be read a first time.

**Bill #14 – Slate/Slate Candidates**

Principle (first reading)

1. Change the distribution of funding to slate and slate candidates to so that the slate can determine the distribution of funds between slate and individual expenses, with the restriction that at least 10% of the expenses be spent on either slate or individual campaigns and that the breakdown be determined and submitted to the CRO prior to the start of campaigning.

**2006-14/5b (iii)** **SEMENUK/DOLLASNKY MOVED THAT** Bill #16 be read a first time.

**Bill #15 - Executive Candidate Budgets**

Principle (first reading)

1. Executive candidate's campaign budgets to \$550.

**2006-14/5b (iv)** **TIEMAN/HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the APIRG Board of Directors.

**2006-14/5c** Bylaw Committee – October 3, 2006

Please see document SC 06-14.06

**2006-14/5c (i)** **THE BYLAW COMMITTEE MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Bylaw Committee.

**2006-14/5c (ii)** **HENRY/BUGLER MOVED THAT** Bill #8 be read a second time.

**Bill #8 – School of Native Studies (sponsor; KEHOE)**

Principle (second reading)

1. All references to the School of Native Studies are removed from legislation.

Please see document SC 06-14.07

**2006-14/5d** Tribune Selection Committee – October 24, 2006

Please see document SC 06-14.08

**2006-14/5d (i)** **POWER/KEHOE MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify the appointment of Guillaume Laroche as D.I.E. Board Chief Tribune.

**2006-14/5d (ii)** **POWER/KEHOE MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify the appointment of Alan Cliff as D.I.E. Board Associate Chief Tribune.

**2006-14/5d (iii)** **POWER/KEHOE MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify the appointments of Sharon Ohayon, Sharon Riley, Jennette Fraser, Sarah Rossman, Mike Benusic, Vincent Kurata and Prince Ralph Osei as D.I.E. Board Tribunes.

**2006-14/6** GENERAL ORDERS

**2006-14/6a** **KIRVAN MOVED THAT** Student's Council Adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

In light of the fact that the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta will be the Premier of Alberta with a majority mandate lasting until 2009, and that he will have considerable influence on post-secondary education, the PC leadership election is of great importance to all students. Therefore:

-The Student's Union must lobby the leadership candidates to articulate clear policy on issues of concern to post-secondary students, such as university funding, tuition policy, and student faculty ratios.

-The members of the Student's Union should be made aware of the ongoing leadership process culminating in voting on November 25.

-The members of the Student's Union should be encouraged to participate in the leadership process by voting for the candidate who best reflects the individual members' views.

**2006-14/6b** **COURNOYER MOVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Council Administration Committee to recommend one Students' Union member for nomination to the University of Alberta Senate.

**2006-14/6c** **HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council remove Alexandre Rozmus from the position of Deputy Returning Officer.

**2006-14/7** INFORMATION ITEMS

**2006-14/7a** Student Life Advisory Committee

Please see document SC 06-14.09

**2006-14/7b** Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) – Report

Please see document SC 06-14.10

**2006-14/7c** Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life) – Report

Please see document SC 06-14.11

**2006-14/7d**

David Cournoyer, Vice President (External) – Report

Please see document SC 06-14.12

**2006-14/7e**

Votes and Proceedings – October 17, 2006

Please see document SC 06-14.13

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council November 7, 2006**

- 1. There were no motions were passed at the October 19, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 2. There were no motions were passed at the October 26, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**

## Summary of Proceedings

UPC 2006-10

### University Policy Committee

Tuesday October 10, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order by YUSUF at 5:05 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
ERUVBETINE/DOLLANSKY moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 7/0/0 CARRIED
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Full minutes of the September 19 UPC meeting were not available.
4. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - a. Presentation of Implementation Plan for Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Political Policy
5. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
  - b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)
6. **QUESTION PERIOD**
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Evaluation of University advocacy.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. SU Communications with Members (access to student email list)
    - i. JANZ/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT the University Policy Committee recommends that Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to lobby the University for access to personal information of Students' Union members for the purposes of: conducting Students' Union elections; conducting Faculty Association elections; sending a new student Orientation letter; and sending a welcome letter in September regarding an overview and by-elections, SU elections and by-elections, Orientation letter, and a general welcome letter regarding an overview of the Students' Union and its activities, services, student groups, and invitations to join other listservs. 7/0/0 CARRIED
  - b. Physical Fitness Facilities (PAC) - TABLED
9. **DISCUSSION PERIOD**
  - a. Academic Materials (course syllabi and student instructional support fees)
    - i. Uof A Book Costs Spreadsheet
    - ii. Access Copyright Information
    - iii. Ripoff 101 Textbook Report
  - b. General Tasks from UPC Strategic Planning
    - i. Janz requested that the Chair invite current or former student directors of the Student OmbudService to attend a future meeting to address issues surrounding the use of lawyers in University appeals hearings.

10. ADJOURNMENT  
ERUVBETINE/JANZ moved to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

6/0/0 CARRIED

11. NEXT MEETING  
Tuesday October 24, 2006 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

# ***THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA***

## **POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT**

*Policy Number:*

*Effective Date:*

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*Expiration Date: April 30, 2010*

*Responsibility for Policy:*

**University Policy Committee**

*Subject Matter*

- *Category:* **POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)**

- *Specific:*

- *Topic:* **Quality Instruction**

WHEREAS instructional quality is the single most decisive factor in the quality of undergraduate education;

WHEREAS outstanding undergraduate instruction reflects positively on every aspect of the University;

WHEREAS excellence in research requires a foundation of excellent undergraduate education;

WHEREAS excellence in undergraduate instruction promotes continuing educational endeavors by undergraduate students into higher levels of study;

WHEREAS initiatives designed to improve teaching make positive contributions to common pedagogical practice as well as legislation relating to the governance of teaching and learning;

WHEREAS interdisciplinary exploration and advances in technology influence the quality of education;

WHEREAS development of a culture that promotes excellence in teaching requires funding, attention and innovation on the part of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union actively support and facilitate programs that seek to improve pedagogical technique for professors and instructional quality for undergraduates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union foster conditions that promote the importance of teaching at an institutional level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union celebrate, support and facilitate any program aimed at rewarding excellence in the practice of teaching at an undergraduate level.

### **Policy History:**

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- *Topic:* **Study Space**

WHEREAS the University of Alberta lacks sufficient study space to accommodate the current student population;

WHEREAS current space planning has not sufficiently anticipated the needs of current or future students;

WHEREAS the size and importance of current and upcoming building projects requires that student space be actively considered in space planning;

WHEREAS student groups require the availability of space that appropriately meets their needs in order to flourish and successfully contribute to the undergraduate experience;

WHEREAS space planning in new and refurbished buildings will have cultural and experiential impacts on those who make use of the buildings;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will lobby the University of Alberta to provide adequate levels of common student study space as well as activity and administrative space for student groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will push to ensure that student space provided by the University of Alberta takes into consideration the needs of students for the purposes of gathering, studying and learning from one another;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will endeavor to influence space allocation and building development policies to ensure that demands of current and future demographics of students using the space are taken into account.

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## CAC Minutes

October 25, 2006

6:00pm

### Attendance:

- Semenuk
- Henry
- Tieman
- Dollansky
  
- Rachel W (CRO)(guest)

1. Call To Order  
(Semenuk/Henry)
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Addition of 6. d. Increase in Election Funding for Executive Candidates
3. Approval of Minutes  
(Semenuk/Henry)
4. Presentations
5. Old Business
  - a) CRAC
    - the chair provided a brief overview of a discussion with Rachel
    - Both Rachel and Greg Harlow are of the opinion that any change to the number of councilors should be a change to increase the number not decrease so as to be more proportional in representation. Any decrease in the number of councilors would disproportionately effect the larger faculties
    - Semenuk, was of the opinion that the number of council seats available is not the problem but the ability to attract effective new councilors through better advertising of running for council and available seats
    - Henry, agreed with the CRO as to if council is to be changed it should be increased. Council just needs to learn how to function better

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely  
(Henry, Semenuk)

## b) Councilor Retreat

- summary of council's summer activities
- how to put a motion before council
- presentation on using Robert's rules
- how to get backgrounder and other information
- how the S.U. and University Works
- how to be an effective councilor
- good governance

### Speakers:

- The speaker
- Chris Samuel
- The Executive
- Steve Smith

- meeting should reconvene to an alcohol based establishment
- look into refreshments

- Henry undertakes to get this done

## 6. New Business

- a) Double Standard in Bylaws for Joke Candidates v. Real Candidates
  - joke candidates currently get a 50% budget compared to real candidates
    1. joke candidates pull out voters

Motion to recommend to Council that the Election Bylaw be amended to allow for Joke Candidates Budget's to be increased to a full Executive Budget but limit SU Contribution to 50% of the normal candidate's budget. Any extra funding cannot be solicited from third parties. Fundraising cannot be allowed. Joke Candidates cannot parallel referendum sides.

Tieman/Semenuk (2/1(Henry)/1(Dollansky)

### Councilor

- b) Allotment of Campaign Budget for Slates and the candidates thereof
  - candidate/slate budgets are split  
375/125
  - recommendation to remove the stringent split and allow slates to decide how budgets will be allotted

Motion to Recommend to Council that the Election Bylaw be amended to change the distribution of funding to slate and slate candidates to so that the slate can determine the distribution of funds between slate and individual expenses, with the restriction that at

least 10% of the expenses be spent on either slate or individual campaigns and that the breakdown be determined and submitted to the CRO prior to the start of campaigning

Tieman/Dollansky (3/1(Henry)/0)

c) CAC Standing Order point 4

Motion to strike point 4 from CAC Standing Order

Unanimous

d) Increase in executive election spending allotment

- Candidates need more money
- Suggested increase of \$50 to \$550
  - a. poster printing is more expensive
  - b. 14 candidates in last election
  - c. 1 was disqualified for budget violations
  - d. 4 came within \$5 of total allotment

Move motion to council to amend Election Bylaw to increase Executive candidate's campaign budgets to \$550

(Semenuk/Dollansky) 3/1(Henry)/0

7. Discussion Items

8. Next Meeting

15 November 2006 6:00pm

9. Adjourn

7:45

Henry/Tieman(4/0/0)

# Minutes

\*Note: all motions are CARRIED unless noted.

2006-October-3

## Bylaw Committee 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2006

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: 2-900, SUB

1. Call to Order – 5:27 pm (MATHEWSON)
2. Approval of Agenda – (NEARINGBURG/HENRY)
3. Approval of Minutes – (BUGLER/HENRY)
4. New Business
  - 4.1. Send Bill #5 Back to Committee - Action: NEARINGBURG
  - 4.2. 8000's Done for COFA on Thursday – Action: HENRY
  - 4.3. Bill #8, Draft and Track Changes – Action: HENRY/BUGLER
  - 4.4. Open Spot on Bylaw Committee – Action: Add to Council agenda
5. Next Meeting – TBA
6. Adjournment (MATHEWSON/HENRY)

**Bylaw 100**  
**A Bylaw Respecting Students' Council**

**1. Definitions**

In this bylaw

- (a) "Councillor" means any member of Students' Council except
  - i. the President of the Students' Union,
  - ii. a Vice President of the Students' Union,
  - iii. the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
  - iv. the Speaker of Students' Council, or
  - v. the General Manager of the Students' Union;
- (b) "faculty" means
  - i. any entity designated by University of Alberta General Faculties Council policy as a faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Extension,  
~~ii. the University of Alberta School of Native Studies, or~~
  - ii. all undergraduate students registered at the University of Alberta in Open Studies;
- (c) "faculty population" means the average number of undergraduate students enrolled in a given faculty in a Fall term and the Winter term immediately following it;
- (d) "introductory meeting" means the annual meeting of those persons elected to serve on Students' Council for the coming year;
- (e) "legislation" means
  - i. Students' Union bylaws,
  - ii. Students' Union political policies,
  - iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
  - iv. general orders of Students' Council;
- (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of Students' Council or, in his/her absence, any individual designated as having the responsibilities of the Speaker of Students' Council;
- (g) "standing committee" means
  - i. the Access Fund Committee,
  - ii. the Audit Committee,
  - iii. the Awards Committee,
  - iv. the Budget and Finance Committee,
  - v. the Bylaw Committee,
  - vi. the Council Administration Committee,
  - vii. the External Policy Committee,
  - viii. the Grant Allocation Committee, or
  - ix. the University Policy Committee;
- (h) "Students' Council" means the Council of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as constituted by statute of the province of Alberta;
- (i) "Students' Union" means the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as incorporated by statute of the province of Alberta; and

Aug. 22/06

Apr. 10/06

Created Mar 21/06

## Tribune Selection Committee

The tribune selection committee would like to submit the following names for ratification for appointment to DIE (Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement) Board:

As tribunes:

- Sharon Ohayon
- Sharon Riley
- Jennette Fraser
- Sarah Rossman
- Mike Benusic
- Vincent Kurata
- Prince Ralph Osei

As Chief Tribune: Guillaume Laroche,

As Associate Chief Tribune: Alan Cliff

Respectfully submitted on Tuesday October 24, 2006

## Student Life Advisory Committee

As of May 1, 2004, the Student Life Advisory Committee (SLAC) has operated as a non-legislated body of students brought together to advise the Vice President (Student Life) (VPSL) on matters that pertain to non-academic University issues. Because it was not a legislated body of council, this group lacked the power to make recommendations to council to discussion, and operated more as a focus groups for topical issues in the non-academic realm. As such, it is necessary to further develop the mandate of SLAC, so that it may have the power to create positive change in student life on campus directly.

If the Students' Union were to be categorized in the broadest of terms, it would hold true to the three main pillars: as a business owner, as an advocacy organization and as a service provider. There are currently a large number of student-run committees that tie into the businesses and advocacy arms of the Students' Union, but there isn't a body that addresses student input in the services. SLAC, as a student-run committee charged with making recommendations to student life on campus, would be the obvious choice to fill this void as a service review and advisory group.

As a service review group, SLAC would be charged with the responsibility with working with service directors to address concerns within a service and to serve as a source of student input for the direction of services. Key tasks would include:

- Review 2-3 student services a year in their efficiency and accessibility as a service in coordination with the service director (or designate) of a service;
- Review current and future directions of a service, including implementation plans, priorities and goals, and provide constructive feedback on service initiatives and timelines;
- Advising holistically or specifically based on the needs of the service or specific areas of concern;
- Solicit feedback on student services from students throughout campus through the use of interviews, surveys, and questionnaires;
- Keep and maintain an ongoing and updated public report of all student service reviews, which will include key observations and recommendations; and
- Review past recommendations and reports made by student services and by SLAC.

The expected outcome of these reviews is to ensure a channel for students to voice concerns in a constructive manner to benefit services. Also, as a non-affiliated representation of the student population, the goal of this groups would be to provide an unbiased set of recommendations from a source external to service users and volunteers. Through the generation of opinions and user data,

this process would hope to raise awareness of services available to students. The degree of openness and transparency would be determined on a case by case by the service and VPSL in order to safely and responsibly deal with sensitive information.

The initial goal of this review process would begin as a voluntary resource for service directors interested in undergoing a review as a benefit for their service. The review would not need to look over a service in entirety, but can be a focused discussion on a specific issue within a service (ie: communications and messaging). While the director (or designate) of a service would be required to attend at least once as a resource of the committee, key stakeholders in the review process would be encouraged to attend (ie: SU executive, Senior Manager of Student Services, and service volunteers) if they desired to take part in the process. The scope of this committee may extend past SU services into the realm of joint services, or even University services. Although SLAC's ability to effect change in these services will be somewhat limited, there are no significant reasons to restrict SLAC's role as a service review group.

With these changes to SLAC's mandate, SLAC will continue to:

- Operate as a resource for the VPSL during WOW and AntiFreeze;
- Promote programs and events that enhance student life on campus; and
- Discuss issues as they pertain to student life on campus.

On these fronts, SLAC has usually been quite effective, and these points won't need to be developed any further. This isn't to say that work on these issues has reached a plateau, but the need for a service review process should be a priority of this group.

In short, SLAC will become a incorporate a new mandate for itself while adhering to its previous commitments. Although service review is the primary goal, the process by which it is defined will be an evolving mechanism that is directed by the efforts of committee members, services, staff and volunteers, and will remain an open to change.

**Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)**  
**Report to Students' Council**  
*November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006*

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**Updates Now That It's Winter**

**1. Professor of the Week! – STILL Important. So pay attention.**

Look for it in *The Gateway!* Tell your friends to look for it in *The Gateway!*  
Nominate professors by filling out the form (in *The Gateway!*) and also available at the front desk of 2-900 SUB, faculty association offices, SU Info Desks, and by request! Then email it to [avpa@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpa@su.ualberta.ca).

Past Winners – Dr. James Talbot  
Dr. Denis Lamoureux  
Dr. Clive Hickson  
Dr. Judy Gnarpe  
Dr. Yvette D'Entremont

**2. The ACADEMIC PLAN...**

Was discussed briefly at UPC. It should be voted on by the University on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. I will probably present to Council on the progress of the plan, how our submission impacted the final document and how it could potentially affect our advocacy efforts. I will not, however, promise anything to that effect. Unless you make me.<sup>1</sup>

**3. Website Announcement!**

Under the "About" section of the SU website,<sup>2</sup> there is a comments form. I, personally, need any comments about 24/7 SUB that people feel like sending (it helps us get funding). Also, questions shall be answered and solutions shall be sought if possible or necessary.

Anyone who is too shy/too busy/whatever to pose questions to Council or to the exec should use it. So tell them about it.<sup>3</sup>

On a related note the report I promised about **wireless Internet access** in SUB is hereabouts. If you're reading this before Council instead of while waiting for the food, *please* email me with questions ahead of time.

**Stuff you Expect to See**

Meetings! Ad Nauseam!

- GFC ASC SOS – SU Exam Registry – Was discussed on Thursday morning (the 2nd). Unfortunately, I have to turn this in just before I leave for the meeting, so I have no idea how it went.
- GFC CLE – this was mostly devoted to the Academic Plan. Good times were had via good discussion.

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<sup>1</sup> The proverbial gauntlet hath been 'thrown down,' I should think.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.su.ualberta.ca/about>. No, seriously. It really is.

<sup>3</sup> You guessed it: "outreach" again.

- Meeting with Indira on the 20<sup>th</sup> – Details are available. Probably from Sam.
- Also, meetings with GFC ASC, FDC, APC Executive and with Residence Services, a couple of students with academic-like concerns, the Registrar, the Gateway, TELSAC, the President of the ESS, a couple of Councilors, ARG, UTS, the AFHE internships office, COFA, the VP Research Search, some Professors of the Week, the Awards Committee Selection Committee (this should be done now), a working group being facilitated by UTS that's dealing with curricular development advising and support, Council-type things, and some internal things.
- In that list, I would draw your attention to a couple of students with academic-like concerns, the Registrar and a working group being facilitated by UTS that's dealing with curricular development advising and support.

### **Political Policy and Other Sundries**

More detail about these sorts of topics are available at UPC meetings. If you have questions about the following:

- The status of implementation for the policies on coops and internships, add/drop, or Meyer Forum
- Beartracks
- The University Calendar
- Outdoor site booking policies
- Etc.

I have dealt with such things in the last two weeks or so and would be interested to hear about your questions and offer what support I can.

Next time I shall give this name a sexier title (What I Dare to (try and) Deliver, perhaps?) and shall provide you another short list of issues that I seem to be "the" person on. Enjoy that.

### **Upcoming Engagements**

- FA road trip! – Continues. So far we've visited the NUA, ESS, ASA (well, Sam did), the Augustana ASA (in August), AFHE and ESA. And guess what? There were councilors at some of those meetings! It was pretty excellent. We tended to discuss the UPass and our Issues Advocacy Priorities (rather insightfully I might add). The different contexts coming out of individual FAs are really helpful, as is the chance to network with political student bodies outside of the SU. If you're reading this and care, here's a thanks to all the FAs who have had us out so far. It's great to have a chance to talk to you all individually.
- Review of the Provost- On the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. If you have any comments on our Provost's performance you can forward them to me (as always, by the way). Also, sneak announcement – if \$5000 is pledged to the cause, I will be shaving my head as a participant in the 2006 Engineering Head Shave on that afternoon (and you're absolutely right – burying that little gem this far into my report was an unabashed and diabolical scheme to see how many of you are still reading at this point. Mwahahaha).
- Information Exchange Agreement – There is a meeting that may be in late November, and then at least one more after that.
- University Key Performance Indicators and Evaluative stuff (still) = November.

And... it's been awhile since I listed them all out for you, so here's an overview of the committees I'll be at in the next three weeks, in all their bullet-pointed glory:

- STLHE Planning Committee – on the 8<sup>th</sup>
- Various SU-type things, on various dates, including but not limited to New Councilor Orientation
- Coffee with the Director of Residence Services to talk shop – the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with SU Marketing and Communications regarding advertising 24/7 SUB – also the 14<sup>th</sup>
- GFC Facilities Development Committee – the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Curatorial Facilities Academic Program Committee – the 21<sup>st</sup>. At 7:30 am
- TLEF Selection Committee – Psyche! I'm not actually sitting on that due to conflict of interest.<sup>4</sup> A student at large will be going instead.
- VP Research Searching – Again, over and over again.
- Provost's Review – see above
- GFC (the big one, with the Academic Plan and stuff)- the 27<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Actual conflict of interest – not the board game club kind.

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# Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

## Report to Council

November 7, 2006

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Greetings Council,

- ❑ Council on Student Affairs (COSA): COSA is a subcommittee of General Faculties Council, and has a mandate to improve student life on campus. If you remember, council passed a political policy regarding MNIFs. It was part of the implementation plan to include COSA as a part of a plan to entrench student driven processes in the U of A governing structure. Prior to COSA, I discussed this option with the Dean of Students, and the President of the University. If we count the Provost's comments from last year, that means we have the support of the senior administrators at the University, which is significant. At COSA, we changed the terms of reference to include "discussion of mandatory non-instructional fees and services and businesses that utilize a mandatory non-instructional fee". The vagueness of this statement allows any member to discuss any part of an MNIF, and doesn't narrow down the context for what we can discuss. This can therefore directly tie in to work on HSAG, and any recommendations coming from that.
- ❑ SLAC: I attached a document! Please read if you can, and offer any feedback.
- ❑ Services: The SGS Ad has been hired, so if you have a chance, stop by and say hello to Vicki Burt in the SGS office. The Orientation Program coordinator is also done, so go on and congratulate Blake Babcock in the CSD. We're still going through Safewalk AD and Campus Ambassadors Coordinator.
- ❑ CFB: If you didn't already know, the Campus Food Bank had a spirited turnout for it's annual trick-or-eat, and was able to raise A LOT of food through Oct 31 donations! I dressed up as "Commander Yusuf"! It was fun!
- ❑ ECOS: From the taskforce, the main focus is to decide how ECOS is to operate as an advocacy body within the SU regarding advocacy to students and within the SU, with the real goal to act as a sustainable model for University advocacy.
- ❑ RHA: This is the representation group for all residence students on campus. Lately, the main focus of this group has been to create a stance of proposed residence increases. A quick summary of the proposal is that the Residence Services is unable to keep up with levels of deferred maintenance of the residences, and requires money for a number of upgrades that residence students have been asking for. The proposal is to fund these renovations with an average 10% increase across all residences. It's an average because it will not be 10% for all residences. Either way, there are a huge number of issues surrounding this increase, but Residence Services has come forward indicating that they are looking for student input. Sam and I will be there to further investigate all other options.

On the horizon!

Mostly a bunch of meetings, council committees, and DIE board interpretations. Yeah, I went to DIE board for an interpretation! Awesome!

## UPDATES

**ALBERTA NEEDS STUDENTS:** We traveled to Peace River and Grande Prairie from October 23-25 as part of our "Alberta Needs Students" tour and discussed PSE issues with local community organizations. Groups we met with included the Aboriginal Women's Society, the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce, students and teachers at the Grande Prairie Composite High School and St. Joseph's Catholic High School, Trustees from the Grande Prairie Catholic School District, the Grande Prairie Council on Lifelong Learning, the AUPE Local, and the Grande Prairie College Students' Association.

We had some great discussions about access and affordability of PSE for students in that region and made some great contacts in northwestern Alberta.

Our next trips will be to Wetaskiwin on November 7, and to Fort McMurray from November 23-25.

**CAMPUS CAMPAIGNS!** We are building the **Wall of Debt** – come, raise awareness, and send a strong message about the growing levels of student debt at the U of A by filling out your expected level of student debt on a brick! Over 300 bricks collected in the first week!

**If want to volunteer to be part of SU campus campaigns (and I know you do!) – let me know!**

**CAUS:** Sam and I were at a CAUS meeting at the U of C on October 27. Topics of discussion included International Student Differential Tuition, accessibility, and provincial funding.

**CPAC:** The Campaign Planning & Action Committee is getting revved up with new ideas and plans for campus campaign actions in the coming months. This will be a great committee, so get involved!

**ENHANCING EXTERNAL ADVOCACY:** We've been meeting with external organizations to discuss PSE issues (focusing on public funding, high tuition, and rising student debt). We have had successful meetings with the Alberta Federation of Labour, the Alberta Chamber of Commerce, the Alberta Teachers' Association, and the Edmonton & District Labour Council. Upcoming meetings include the Alberta Home and School's Association, Alberta College of Social Workers, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, CUPE, Alberta College of School Superintendents, Alberta Council on Aging, and various Edmonton Rotary Clubs, advocacy groups, and Community Leagues.

**HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:** AVPX Pam Aranas is looking for **volunteers** to be part of this year's High School Leadership Conference on November 24 & 25 – contact Pam at [avpex@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpex@su.ualberta.ca).

**NEW TUITION POLICY:** **633 days** since the Tory Government promised Albertans the most affordable tuition in Canada. No action as of yet. New

rumours have the new tuition policy being released somewhere in the November 2006 to February 2007 range after the new PC leader is selected in. I will update Council as this develops.

**U-PASS:** As you know, the referendum principles passed first reading of Council at our last meeting. It's in By-Law committee's court now.

I am continuing to meet with the University Administration in contract negotiations and at BAC.

**Upcoming:**

November 1	Senate Nomination Committee Meeting
November 6	Budget Advisory Committee
November 7	Meeting with the Wetaskiwin Rotary Club
November 13	Meeting with the Alberta Home and School's Association Carol Off – SU Revolutionary Speaker's Series
November 14	Meeting with the Alberta College of Social Workers Campaign Planning & Action Committee Meeting (CPAC)
November 14-17	City of Edmonton Budget Hearings (U-Pass)
November 15	Meeting with the Health Sciences Association of Alberta
November 17-19	Parkland Institute Conference
November 20	Meeting with the Edmonton & District Labour Council General Meeting
November 23-25	Outreach in Fort McMurray
November 24/25	SU High School Leadership Conference
November 30	Meeting with CUPE
December 1	Senate Plenary Session

Questions about this report? Do you have an external issue? Ideas of an external nature? Let me know in person, by phone -492.4236, or by email [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca).



Oh yeah, Happy US Mid-term Elections 2006!

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday October 17, 2006  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-13)

2006-13/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-13/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday November 7, 2006.

2006-13/1a (i)      Please note that the October 31, 2006 meeting of Students' Council has been replaced with a meeting on November 7, 2006. Also the meeting scheduled for November 14, 2006 has been cancelled.

2006-13/4      QUESTION PERIOD

2006-13/6      GENERAL ORDERS

2006-13/6a      **JANZ/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to begin looking into other options, in addition to Coca-Cola, for a Single Source Beverage Agreement and present the findings to Council.

Speaker's List (mm): Janz, Tieman, Dollansky

**BLAIS/PAYNE MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding to the end "by the December 5 meeting of Students' Council".

Speaker's List (am): Blais, Payne, Henry, Lewis, Power, Payne

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (mm): Janz, Chapman, Power, Kehoe, Bugler

**TRAYNER/LEWIS MOVED THE** previous question:

**Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED, 18/8**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**HENRY/PAYNE MOVED THAT** item 6d from Late Additions be added to the Order Paper.

Speaker's List (add): Henry

**Motion to Add Item 6d: CARRIED**

**2006-13/6b**      **HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Alexander Rozmus to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2006/2007 academic year.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry (CRO)

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2006-13/6c**      **HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Tram Nguyen to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2006/2007 academic year.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2006-13/6d**      **HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Tim Smith to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2006/2007 academic year.

Speaker's List (mm):: Henry, Kehoe

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**COURNOYER/PAYNE MOVED THAT** item 6E from Late Additions be added to the Order Paper.

Speaker's List (add): Cournoyer

**Motion to Add Item 6E: CARRIED**

**2006-13/6e**      **COURNOYER MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the following referendum question:  
Do you support the establishment of a Universal Bus Pass program for undergraduates as of the Fall semester of 2007, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Pass would provide unlimited access to Edmonton Transit Service, Strathcona County Transit and St. Albert Transit for the duration of the Fall and/or Winter semester(s) in which a student is enrolled;
2. That the Pass would cost each student \$75 per semester for Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 semesters, said fee being assessed by the University each semester with tuition and other non-academic fees;
3. That in subsequent years, the cost will increase annually by no more than the annual average Consumer Price Index;
4. That participation in the Universal Bus Pass would be mandatory for all undergraduates except:
  - a.) Students, who are for an entire term, not attending courses at the University of Alberta's Edmonton campuses (i.e. excluding co-ops, Augustana students and students on exchange);

- b.) Students who, by reason of disability, are unable to make use of ordinary transit services;
  - c.) Students who are employees of any one of Edmonton Transit Service, Strathcona County Transit and St. Albert Transit; and,
  - d.) Students who are senior citizens.
5. That this program will proceed for undergraduates regardless of the outcome of the graduate student referendum.
6. That the SU Executive be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with the City of Edmonton and the University of Alberta; contingent upon the inclusion of appropriate transparency and accountability provisions.
7. That the Universal Bus Pass program for undergraduates would continue until such time as:
- a.) A duly constituted SU referendum is conducted to rescind undergraduate student assent to the fee and program; or,
  - b) In the case that either the University of Alberta or City of Edmonton terminate the agreement and/or funding sustaining the program

**KEHOE/BLAIS MOVED TO** amend the main motion by making it read: "**COURNOYER MOVED THAT** Students' Council refer the following referendum question to the Bylaw Committee:".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (mm): Cournoyer

**LEWIS/BLAIS MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding "City of St. Albert, County of Strathcona: after "City of Edmonton" in point 7 B.

Speaker's List (am): Thevenaz, Cournoyer, Ye, Thevenaz, Shamanna, Cournoyer

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

**BLAIS/ERUVBETINE MOVED TO** amend the main motion by replacing point 3 with "That in subsequent years, the cost assessed shall be tied to the annual average Consumer Price Index;".

Speaker's List (am): Blais, Samuel, Henry, Dollansky, Thevenaz

**Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED**

**LEWIS/COUNCILLOR MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "no more that" from point 3.

Point of Order: Chapman – " Shouldn't we be discussing principle, not grammar?"

Speaker: Point of order not well taken.

Speaker's List (am): Thevenaz, Eruvbetine, Cournoyer

**SHAMANNA/TRAYNER MOVED TO** postpone the motion to the November 7 meeting of Students' Council.

Speaker's List (pp): Shamanna, Power, Samuel, Tieman, Janz, Henry

**KEHOE/TIEMAN MOVED TO** limit debate to 2 more minutes.

**Motion to Limit Debate: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (pp): Chapman, Semenuk

**Motion to Postpone: DEFEATED**

**PAYNE/THEVENAZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council recess for 5 minutes.

**Motion to Recess: DEFEATED**

Speaker's List (am): Samuel, Power, Tieman, Thevenaz, Cournoyer, Payne, Samuel, Chapman

**Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED**

**SHAMANNA/TYRANER MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding "the majority" after "for" and before "an" in point 4 A.

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (mm): La

Point of Order: Tieman – "We should be debating the principles of the referendum question, not the question on having a U-Pass".

Speaker: Point of Order not well taken.

Speaker's List (mm)::; La (cont'd), Ye, Eruvbetine, Power, Shamanna

**TIEMAN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by amending point 3 to read "That in subsequent years, the cost for students will increase annually by no more than the annual average Consumer Price Index".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY**

Speaker's List (mm): Kehoe

Point of Order: Chapman – "Dequorum"

Speaker: Point of Order well taken.

**SAMUEL/THEVENAZ MOVED TO** amend the main motion by amending point 4A to read "Students, who are for the majority an entire term unable to access Edmonton Transit Services, Strathcona County Transit or St. Albert Transit no attending courses at the University of Alberta's Edmonton Campuses (i.e. excluding co-ops, Augustana students and students on exchange)".

Speaker's List (am): Samuel, Power, Ye, Tieman, Henry

**BLAIS MOVED THE** Previous Question.

**Motion to move the Previous Question: CARRIED**

**Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED**

Speaker's List (mm): Chapman, Samuel

**Main Motion: CARRIED, 20/12**

**CHAPMAN MOVED TO** suspend Standing Orders to add a nomination to the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**CHAPMAN/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee.

ERUVBETINE nominates LA; accepts  
KEHOE nominates BLAIS; accepts  
LEWIS nominates VANDERSLUIS; declines  
BUGLER nominates SHAW; accepts

**Councillor BLAIS appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.**

**SHAW/PAYNE MOVED TO** adjourn.

**Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED**