

2006-18/5b Bylaw Committee –January 14, 2007

Please see document SC 06-18.03

2006-18/5c Audit Committee

2006-18/5c (i) **ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, read Bill #19 a first time.

Bill #19– Audit Committee Mandate

1. External DFUs (as defined in Bylaw 6000, Section 1) must provide Audit Committee with:
 - a. Evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union;
 - b. Evidence that they are filling their mandate as described in Bylaw 6000.
2. Audit Committee may postpone its disbursement decision if any inconsistencies or breaches, not previously dissolved/resolved, are found in the required documents (Bylaw 6000 – 2-b) from previous years.
3. Bill 19 will come into effect May 1, 2007.

2006-18/5d Grant Allocation Committee

2006-18/5d (i) **DOLLANSKY/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council read Bill #18 first time.

Bill #18 – Eugene L. Brody Fund

Principle (first reading)

1. The Grant Allocation Committee's mandate shall be amended such that the Grant Allocation Committee has the authority to make grants of not more than \$3,500 from the Eugene L. Brody Fund.

2006-18/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2006-18/6a **KIRVAN MOVED THAT** Students' Council repeal the Tobacco Ban Political Policy

Please see document SC 06-18.04

2006-18/6b **CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council draft a plebiscite question based on the following:

Do you support an extension of the Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement between the Students' Union, the University and Coca-Cola, subject to the following conditions?

1. The Existing Agreement, due to run from June 1, 1998 to May 31, 2010, will be retroactively terminated as of May 31, 2005.
2. A New Agreement will be retroactively implemented to operate from June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2015.

3. The New Agreement will eliminate the two-year period (June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2010) provided for under the Existing Agreement, during which no student support payments will flow.

4. The New Agreement would provide an average of \$524,377 annually for scholarships, bursaries and student services during the ten years between June 2005 and May 2015 (compared with an average of \$333,261 annually during the last five years of the Existing Agreement - June 2005 to May 2010)

5. The funds received by the University under the New Agreement will continue to be applied to scholarships and bursaries, and the funds received by the Students' Union will continue to be applied to student services.

6. Vending Prices will remain in line with those at other Edmonton post secondary institutions.

2006-18/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2006-18/7a

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) – Report

Please see document SC 06-18.05

2006-18/7b

David Cournoyer, Vice President (External) – Report

Please see document SC 06-18.06

2006-18/7c

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student life) – Report

Please see document SC06-18.07

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 23, 2007

- 1. The following motions were passed at the January 8, 2007 Executive Committee meeting.**
 - a. POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT the executive committee approve the operating policy relating to the Revolutionary Speaker Series.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
 - b. POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$2740.00 for the General Manager to attend the ACUI conference March 24/07-March 28/07 in Atlanta Georgia, USA.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- 2. There were no motions were passed at the January 10, 2007 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 3. There were no motions were passed at the January 15, 2007 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 4. There were no motions passed at the January 17, 2006 Executive committee meeting.**

Access Fund

A non-repayable bursary for students in financial need



Bylaws and YOU!

By Omer Yusuf

What's the point of this Presentation?

- What is the Access Fund?
- A brief history.
- Student need vs. Endowment Fund.
- Briefing council on the current options to deciding philosophically on a conclusion that best meets student needs now and in the future regarding the spirit of the Access Fund, and the direction of a multi-million dollar enterprise.

What is the Access Fund?

- A students-helping-students initiative providing need-based bursaries from SU fees.
- Support for students who have exhausted all other means of financing their education.
- Governed by bylaws 100 and 4000, which legislate operation of the glorious Access Fund Committee.

What is the Access Fund?

- \$15.75 in each Fall and Winter terms and \$7.88 in each of the Spring and Summer terms.
- 5% to administration fees, 10% to an endowment fund, 85% available for granting.
- Opt out available (Dec 22 and Apr 27).
- Budget for the 2006-07 year is \$950,760

A brief history

Do you support the University of Alberta Students' Union's (SU) establishment of an ACCESS FUND to provide financial need-based bursaries subject to the following to the following four (4) conditions:

1. An increase in the SU fee of: \$10.00/term for Fall/Winter semesters, and \$5.00/term for Spring/Summer (Intersession) semesters.
2. Students shall be able to opt out of this fee after the fact, for philosophical or financial reasons.
3. The fee shall be indexed to the percentage increase in tuition and non-tuition fees charged by the University of Alberta.
4. The attached bylaw shall be adopted by the SU to regulate the administration of the Access Fund.

A brief history

- Ungranted funds in initial start up.
- Amount available $>$ student need.
- Turning point in 2004-05 (the Million Dollar Giveaway!)
- Amount available $<$ student need.
- From 2004-2006 (and now), a proration scheme has been adopted to limit funding to students.

Student need vs. Endowment Fund

- Since 2004, the Access Fund could not keep up with student need.
- In 2005-06, the AFC explored reducing the investment to the endowment fund to increase money available for disbursement.
- Endowment fund purpose = self sustaining Access Fund of the future.

Student need vs. Endowment Fund

- The endowment fund currently represents approx \$1.3 million in a University reserve.
- 5-8% interest on investment, which is put back into the endowment fund.
- Currently, it's on pace to mature for use in 20-30 years.
- What will student need look like in 30yrs?

Options to address the need

- Should it continue to grow?
- Should we use it now to address the need?
- Should we decrease or increase the money put in (the annual contribution)?
- AFC has been dealing with the question of “what to do with the endowment fund” since 2005.

Things to think about

1. Because current need is not met, the Access Fund fee should be increased (it decreased in 2001-02).
 - But...
 - It's counter intuitive to raise fees to meet the needs of students.
 - It doesn't answer the endowment question.

Things to think about

2. Increase the contribution to the endowment fund to allow it to mature faster.

- But...
- It marginalizes the needs of students now for the sake of future students.
- It's difficult to speculate the financial need of students in 20-30 years (ie. tuition was approx \$3000 in yr 2000).

Things to think about

3. Reduce the annual contribution to the endowment fund.

- But...
- It slows down the endowment fund to an unrealistic pace, depending on the reduction, and questions the purpose of this fund.

Things to think about

- The AFC will be asking council to reduce the annual contribution to the endowment fund (ie. 10% of the fee).
- This money will move into disbursement for the following year.
- The endowment will continue to generate interest, which will feed into the fee, and will not mature for 50-60 years.

Things to think about

- If council approves, then all is good.
- If council refuses, then there is the option for AFC to come back for a fee increase, or to remain with the status quo.
- In the end, it's a philosophical decision that councillors need to make.

MINUTES

2006-10

Bylaw Committee

Call to Order 2:12 pm

Interim Chair - Jon

HENRY nominates TIEMAN - accepts and acclaimed.

Agenda - see above.

TIEMAN/NEARINGBURG move agenda as approved

3/0/0

1. BearScat referendum

Rachel gave the committee an overview of the referendum petition process.

Amanda gave a brief overview of her correspondence with Steve since 8 January and her position as an executive officer and a member of bylaw

Discussion on the question ensued.

Do you support the establishment of a dedicated fee reserve at the University of Alberta subject to the following conditions?

1) The fee would be dedicated to the maintenance and ongoing support of Bear Scat.*

2) The fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at a rate of \$0.75 per student per term.

3) Students would be able to opt out of this fee, subsequently forfeiting their access to Bear Scat, on a per term basis.

4) This referendum would expire on 30 April 2009.

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BUGLER/NEARINGBURG moved to recommend that Council approve the following petition for referendum.

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1.2 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday January 30th, 5:30 pm, Room TBA.

4/0/0

2.1. Motion

HENRY volunteers to draft the non-profit bill.

Stay tuned for Coca-Cola

2.2 Committee accepts resignation of Chair

4/0/0

TIEMAN nominates BUGLER as Chair. BUGLER accepts.

TIEMAN nominates NEARINGBURG as Chair. NEARINGBURG declines.

Nomination cease. BUGLER acclaimed.

2.3 Coca-Cola discussion

A plebiscite is coming.

Amanda and Rachel explained that it would be well within Bylaw's powers to draft a question for Council to debate on this issue.

Not today. If applicable, it will be the first item of business on our 30 January meeting.

TIEMAN/BUGLER moves to adjourn.

4/0/0

Adjourned at 3:53 pm.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> September 23, 2003	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2007	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Student Life Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i>	
	- <i>Topic:</i> Tobacco Ban	

WHEREAS smoking is currently prohibited in all campus buildings;

WHEREAS tobacco products are addictive and potentially harmful to both the user and those who are around second-hand smoke;

WHEREAS students who currently live in campus residences would not be able to smoke near their home;

WHEREAS the large size of campus would make it prohibitively difficult for students on campus to smoke;

WHEREAS a smoking ban will have negative effects on the mental health of tobacco smokers while on campus;

WHEREAS a campus wide smoking ban does not contain provisions to accommodate student smokers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union oppose a total ban on smoking on all University of Alberta property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union supports both awareness campaigns highlighting the dangers of tobacco use and cessation support.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Updated	January 10, 2006	Students' Council	January 10, 2006
Created	September 23, 2003	Students' Council	September 23, 2003

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
Report to Students' Council
January 18th, 2007

Time Does Fly...

AWARDS!!

If you're reading this any time before 5 pm on Tuesday, January 23rd (which I doubt, but you never know) you will be happy to know that the deadline for SU Awards is, believe it or not, on Tuesday, January 23rd at 5pm. Councilors are eligible to apply for **Coca-Cola Achievement Awards** and to nominate instructors for **SALUTE Awards**. Other students, in addition to the Coca-Cola Awards and SALUTE, may also be eligible to apply for **SU Involvement Awards** and the **SU Award for Excellence**. Application forms are available at <http://www.su.ualberta.ca/awards>.¹

January...

- TLEF – We're meeting with our advisory committee/proposal team in the near future to get the ball rolling on acquiring ethics approval.
- AAS: UA Teaching and Learning Committee – It was a most rewarding meeting. We shall be reconvening in February.
- Bear Scat, Bear Tracks and Wireless – Much work I have been doing has been on this stuff. See other agenda items for more details.
- Academic Materials – There was a presentation at the Council of Student Affairs (COSA). This was also a most rewarding meeting.
- GFC ASC SOS – SU Exam Registry. Due to scheduling conflicts, this has been pushed back to ASC SOS's February agenda.
- campuses, chatting with GMs, Councilors, and other SU and non-SU types, as well as making a guest appearance at one Lethbridge Board of Governors meeting. The trip was very useful for us in terms of gathering information about how the different Albertan university environments work as well as for some planning this year.
- VP Research Search Committee – this continued to meet. As a result, I missed GFC ASC SOS and CLE.
- GFC CLE – Committee talked about Library quality (positive) and the findings of the Task Force on the Graduate Experience.²
- I have been meeting with/about the Arts Students Association for the last little while. There may be updates on that front by the time Council rolls around. Then again, there may not.
- AUFSJ – I had a meeting with the President and the VP Academic of the AUFSJ. It was très bon. I have a tonne of things to follow up with them on, and we will probably be meeting again in the very near future.
- More email than usual.³

¹ Please be advised – if you or anyone you know comes to me at any point on January 23rd asking for a reference letter, pretty please, I will not be happy. I may do it anyway, but if you want me to be happy, come talk to me at some point *before* the due date.

² This meeting wasn't as boring as it sounds. I swear. Cookies were served.

³ Just thought you ought to know.

Stuff you Expect to See

- Meetings! Ad Nauseam.
- Professor of the Week! – Started again in last Thursday's *Gateway*. Don't forget to nominate your professors...

Upcoming Engagements

- AAS: UA Teaching and Learning Committee – Sometime in early February. We will be talking about much academic awesomeness
- Society on Teaching, Learning and Higher Education (STLHE) Steering Committee – again with the early February.
- On a related note, ARG will be meeting, hopefully to draft a proposal for the STLHE round tables.
- TLEF – We're meeting with our advisory committee/proposal team in the near future to get the ball rolling on acquiring ethics approval.
- TLAT subcommittee or another – This is the Teaching, Learning And Technology Council and its associated bodies. I'm not sure which associated body is meeting, or am I certain that I am in fact attending.
- COFA – January meeting coming up. I think we're talking transitions (though I have to double check). Also, the SU Audit Committee will be sending a guest. Most excellent news.
- More tours with FAs! Rehab Med and Nursing. Should be good times all around.
- Monthly meeting with the Vice Provost Academic Programs. That's right, we have monthly meetings now. We'll be discussing strategic indicators and other sundries.
- The usual GFC meetings.⁴

... Fine. My secret ulterior motive is that this is a really easy way to imply that I'm apologizing for not answering all emails with my usual obsessive compulsion without actually sending you an email to apologize. If you're still reading the footnotes, I consider myself caught red-handed.

⁴ Yeah, yeah, I'm sure there's a secret game of acronym bingo going on out there somewhere that's just devastated that I didn't list them all. A thousand almost-sincere apologies.

UPDATES

U-PASS: SU Advocacy Director Don Iveson and I are continuing to meet with the University Administration regarding **U-PASS** contract negotiations. The next meeting is on January 18.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGNS! We will be holding a **rally on February 7** – the **National Day of Action**. We will be calling on the provincial government to enshrine affordability by rolling back tuition we re-legislating the tuition policy. We will also be shining light on the issue of student debt! We need volunteers, so contact Sam or I to volunteer!

Our **Postcard Campaign** is continuing! All Councillors should get involved by picking up postcards from me and having your friends and family sign them. When we collect enough, we will be delivering them to the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology.

As well as loading my schedule with tones of classroom speaking over the next month, I'm going to be setting times to do **one-on-one campaigning** to get our members on campus to sign the **awesome postcards** as part of our postcard campaign. I did this last semester with the Wall of Debt bricks and was very successful.

If anyone is interested in joining me in one of my expeditions, here is my schedule:

January 23: 12 noon-1pm in CAB, CEB
January 24: 3pm-4pm in the Education Building
January 25: 1pm-2pm in the Tory/Business/HUB area
January 29: 10am-11am in ETL, NREF, Ag-For
January 30: 12noon-2pm in BioSci, CAB, HUB, etc

I'll be leaving SUB 2-900 a couple of minutes before each time, so it wouldn't hurt to let me know if you're coming.

(This is great practice for anyone thinking of running in the upcoming SU elections, wink wink nudge nudge...)

On **January 13**, we held **"Organizing for Action,"** a day of advocacy training for our members and student groups. The day was a great success with over 40 members attending and great sessions presented by Shannon Phillips, Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Aaron Chubb, and Desiree Schell.

We have released our **Student Action Handbook**, a resources for our members and student groups interested in being advocates. Kudos to the members of our Advocacy Department, who been working hard on this handbook. It will soon be online in PDF form.

We've re-launched **The Wall of Debt** and it continuing to grow. We now have collected over 800 bricks. The Wall will run until January 26.

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

PROVINCIAL SCENE: Sam, Don Iveson, and I met with **MLA Raj Pannu**, NDP Advanced Education & Technology Critic to discuss PSE issues on January 15.

CAUS will be meeting with Advanced Education & Technology **Minister Doug Horner** on February 5.

CAUS will be holding a conference call on January 22 and will be meeting on **February 5** at the U of A. CAUS will be holding a **lobby conference** and meeting with MLA's in March after the Legislature reconvenes for the Spring Session on **February 26**.

FEDERAL SCENE: I will be attending a meeting with Federal NDP leader **Jack Layton** on January 19. Also, Amanda Henry and I attended the U of A Conservative Club Pub Night on January 17 where I was able to talk PSE with MP's **Laurie Hawn** and **Mike Lake**.

PUBLIC INTEREST ALBERTA: Sam and I are working with PIA's PSE Taskforce in developing a whitepaper on PSE in Alberta. The next PIA meeting is set for January 18.

ENHANCING EXTERNAL ADVOCACY: We are continuing to meet with external groups and organizations to discuss the importance of PSE. Our three main advocacy points in these meetings focus on the need for a **tuition roll-back, increased funding for undergraduate education, and the creation of more non-repayable grants in place of student loans.**

We will be continuing to meet with groups over the next couple months.

OTHER:

- Over the past week, I've met with Councillors Bugler, Dollansky, and Janz to discuss various VP External and SU related issues and ideas.

Upcoming:

- January 16 - Grant Allocation Committee
- January 18 - U-PASS Administration Meeting
- PIA PSE Taskforce Meeting
- January 19 - Jack Layton in Edmonton
- January 22 - CAUS Conference Call
- Student Senator Caucus Meeting
- January 23 - Senate Executive Meeting
- January 24 - CPAC Meeting – 5pm in SUB 606
- January 26 - BOG Meeting – Tuition & Rent Increase Decision**
- February 1 - Meeting with President Samarasekera
- February 5 - CAUS Meeting at U of A
- Meeting with Minister Horner
- February 7 - National Day of Action Rally**
- February 9 - Senate Plenary Meeting
- February 15 - U-PASS administration Meeting

- Student Finance Board Meeting

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Let me know in person (2-900 SUB), by phone -492.4236, or by email vp.external@su.ualberta.ca.

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Report to Council

January 23, 2006

Greetings Council,

This will be a brief report, since most of last week was all things AntiFreeze.

- Rent increases: We were asked by the Residence Hall Association to help draft a petition question for distribution, which is all done and being circulated. As I mentioned in my last council report, we are trying to separate the 10% increase into predictable increases (such as inflation, 3.6%) and the other, extraneous increase of 6.4%. This will go to the Board of Governors, and we would like to forward a message to the province for provincial funding of residences.
- ECOS: Written report still being worked on, but the priority issues are dealing with the budget timelines for Council.
- Access Fund: Our AF Director, Kaelan, will be moving on to greener pastures. Interviewing beings next week.
- AntiFreeze: It was a blast, despite being horribly stressful and leaving me a broken, sick man. Final rankings should be up on the web soon. In first place from Iceberg, we have Chinook, and from Avalanche we have Insurgency Emergency.
- COSA: Meeting was has, where the cost of academic materials was discussed as it pertained to the bookstore and cost margins. Coming up in Feb will be a discussion of the Athletics and Campus Rec Fee, continuing on the role of COSA as a fee review body.
- Responsible Hospitality Panel: I've been offered a seat, and plan on taking it to look into policy and regulation of Edmonton's hospitality industry (bars, restaurants, etc).
- Reference Letters: Way to many!

If you're thinking of running for an exec position, like mine, come on in and chat with me!

On the horizon!

Jan 22: AF Interviews
Jan 23: Public Health Response Ccommittee
Reception Honoring NASA, AAS:UA, SU and GSA at the Indira's house
Jan 26: Board of Governors Meeting
Jan 31: Security Advisory Committee
Feb 1: CaPS job fair (we have a booth!)
Meeting with Indira