

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-22)

2006-22/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-22/1a Announcements- The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 27,2007.

2006-22/2 PRESENTATIONS

2006-22/2a Student Groups Services Review:Draft Document, presented by VP Student Life, Omer Yusuf

2006-22/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2006-22/4 QUESTION PERIOD

2006-22/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-22/5a Budget and Finance Committee

2006-22/5a(i) **CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed Budget Principles.

Please see document SC 06-22.01

2006-22/5b Bylaw Committee- February 27,2007

Please see document SC 06-22.02

2006-22/5b(i) **Bill 10 a – *Audit Committee Mandate***
Principles (second reading)

Audit Committee's mandate shall be edited such that:

1. Audit Committee shall:

- a. Shall monitor the use by AUFSJ of the funds allocated to it by the Students' Union;
- b. Shall investigate breaches of Contract made by the Students' Union;
- c. Shall review for compliance funding agreements and contracts between the Students Union and any Dedicated Fee Unit or Faculty Association;
- d. Have the authority to require before it, in a reasonable period of time, any members of the Executive.

- e. Not oversee the Students' Union External Audit but shall:
 - i. Review the Auditor's final report and cause to have it tabled on the Council agenda;
 - ii. Be able to contact the SU External Auditor with any questions and/or concerns and shall report important communications to Council;
2. The number of organizational units that the committee is required to review monthly shall be removed;
3. Bylaw 100(16)(2) shall be edited and condensed for sake of clarity and conciseness while not changing any principals other than the ones listed above.

Please see document SC 06-22.03

2006-22/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2006-22/6a

BLAIS MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a political Policy based on the following principles:

1. Teaching evaluations are an important resource for students to help them select courses taught by excellent instructors.
2. Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) provide students with the opportunity to provide anonymous, confidential, and helpful feedback to instructors.
3. Date(s) of USRI distribution and other teaching evaluations (if any) must be included on the course syllabus. If this date is changed, instructors shall notify students a minimum of two weeks in advance. This would allow students to prepare their comments before the date of the teaching evaluation.
4. Numerical results of USRI must be made viewable to students in written and electronic format within 6 weeks of the end of a course.
5. Instructors are encouraged to solicit mid-course feedback from their students. This allows the instructor time to react to such feedback before the completion of the course and the subsequent formal assessment of the instructor's performance.
6. Teaching evaluations are an important component for determining promotion, tenure and rewards for faculty and the University should endeavour to ensure that they are considered as such by all University units and personnel.
7. The University should encourage faculties to include additional USRI questions when the addition of these questions is appropriate to further the purpose of USRI.

2006-22/6b

POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principle:

Attendance at the U of A should be based on academic merit alone, and not the financial status of a prospective student. Currently, the maximum allowable tuition increase is the annual average of Alberta July-June CPI – decision to increase tuition lies with the BoG. The Students' Union holds that the current

level of tuition is too high and will advocate to the Board of Governors that tuition be rolled back to a level based on what students can earn, on average, in the summer months. Furthermore, the Students' Union holds that increases serve as ever mounting barriers to beginning and completing an education, and will not vote in favor of any increase in tuition.

2006-22/6c

COURNOYER MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles:

That the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate to the Government of Alberta to:

1. Provide provincial funding to pay residence property taxes to municipalities, or close the loophole allowing municipalities to assess those taxes, and diverting those funds (some \$900,000 per year at the U of A) to preserving affordability.
2. Provide a large-scale one-time infusion of capital funds to address deferred maintenance in existing residence facilities.
3. Provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing stock.

2006-22/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2006-22/7a

Votes and Proceedings- March 6, 2007

Please see document SC 06-22.04

BUDGET PRIORITIES OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2007 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2008.

This document is intended to serve as an outline of the fiscal priorities of the Students' Union.

1. General

The four key focuses of the Students' Union are

- Undergraduate Student Representation (Advocacy)
- Providing Student Services
- Operating the Students' Union Building
- Operating businesses for the purpose of funding Students' Union activities

Total operating and capital expenditures will not exceed the amount of total operating and fee revenues.

All departments must work within the mandate of the Students' Union.

External entities such as dedicated fee units shall be managed as per existing Students' Union bylaw and any applicable contracts.

Capital expenditures shall be incurred based upon the following criteria:

- Replacement due to wear and tear
- To ensure continued operations of a particular unit
- To enhance the security or functionality of a particular unit

In the event that one section of this document conflicts with any other section, BFC shall identify such a conflict and propose any necessary changes in the presentation of the final budget.

Unless otherwise noted:

- Operating and fixed costs increase at a rate, relative to the previous fiscal year, commensurate with inflation.
- Activity of the Students' Union will continue in a manner consistent with the precedent set in previous fiscal years.

2. Staff

Staff costs shall increase as specified in the CUPE collective agreement. Managerial staff are entitled to a merit increase of *up to* 4%. Unionized staff are eligible for a merit increase of up to 4%.

3. Fees

Operating, dedicated and capital fees shall increase in accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 3000. The consumer price index will be calculated as 3.9%. Tuition increases will be calculated as 3.3%

Operating and capital fees shall account for between 15%-25% of overall revenues.

4. Advocacy and Representation

The Advocacy and Representation units of the Students' Union are:

- The Executive Committee and each individual executive member
- Students' Council
- Advocacy department
- Elections
- Awards night

5. Services

The service units of the Students' Union are:

- Info Link
- Orientation and Transition Programs
- Ombudservice
- Student Financial Aid and Information Center and Access Fund
- Student Group Services
- Safewalk
- Student Distress Center
- Handbook
- ECOS

6. Business

The business units of the Students' Union are:

- SUBmart
- SUBtitles
- Print Center
- Cue
- Cramdunk
- Postal Outlet
- Room at the Top
- Powerplant
- L'Express and L'Express Catering
- Juicy
- SUB Rental Operations

All reasonable attempts to maximize the profitability of these business units, consistent with the mandate of the Students' Union as a service provider, shall be made.

7. Entertainment and Programming

The Entertainment and Programming units of the Students' Union are:

- Week of Welcome
- Myer Horowitz Theatre
- Dinwoodie Lounge
- Antifreeze
- High School Leadership Conference
- SU Kid's Christmas Party
- SUB Programming
- Other Entertainment and Programming

For the purpose of the budget principles discussion, programming that takes place in an SU venue that is not specifically mentioned in the above list shall be considered as separate from the entertainment and programming units.

Where possible, all entertainment and programming units should plan to recoup all costs. Either admission sales or sponsorship are acceptable sources of revenue. Exceptions shall be made clear in the presentation of the final budget.

8. Administration, Operations and Support

The administrative, operational and support units of the Students' Union are:

- Marketing
- Sponsorship
- Facilities
- Administration

Any expenditure relating to marketing will be outlined in each individual unit's marketing plan, to be submitted to the executive committee or designate for approval .

9. Changes from 06/07 Budget Principals

- Info Link shall include a Job Posting Registry. This Registry is intended to provide a central access point to a Part-Time Job Database.
- Myer Horowitz and Dinwoodie Lounge will be considered units of "Entertainment and Programming" instead of "Business".
- ~~ECOS (Environmental Coordination Office of Students) will cease to be a student service funded by the Students' Union Operating budget.~~

- The Consumer Price Index shall be calculated as 3.9% and Tuition increases will be calculated as 3.3% when calculating increase in Operating , Dedicated and Capital Fees.
- ~~Councilors will not be paid.~~
- ~~The Students' Union may sell tobacco products.~~

Summary of Proceedings

2006-12

Bylaw Committee

Tuesday February 27, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - The meeting was called to order by BUGLER at 5:40 pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

NEARINGBURG/BUGLER moved that the Agenda be approved.

Motion to add items 5 (a) and (b) to New Business 3/0/0 CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3/0/0 CARRIED

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Bill 10A – Audit Committee Mandate
 - i. Change July 31 to August 31 of each year and points to 16 (2) (f) from Bylaw 6000.
 - ii. Amend Bylaw 6000, Section 2 (3) to “four (4) weeks of compliance, whichever is later”.
 - iii. In Bylaw 100, Section 16 (2) (6) strike out on or before July 31 of each year.

TIEMAN/BUGLER moved that Bylaw Committee recommend to Students' Council the second reading of Bill 10 A. 3/0/0 CARRIED
 - b. Tabled due to Amanda's absence.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. BUGLER/NEARINGBURG moved that Bylaw Committee recommend to Students' Council the removal of Councillor Mathewson from the Committee and that Students' Council appoint a new member to the Committee. 3/0/0 CARRIED

6. **NEXT MEETING**

TBA

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

BUGLER/TIEMAN moved to adjourn at 6:44 pm 3/0/0 CARRIED

Bylaw 100

17 (2) The Audit Committee

- (a) ~~has authority to select the Students' Union auditor;~~
shall review any DFU or Faculty Association for compliance with any funding agreements and contracts held with the SU;
- (b) ~~shall select the Students' union auditor annually;~~
shall investigate breaches of contract made by the Students' Union;
- (c) ~~Shall oversee the Students' Union external audit;~~
shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership;
- (d) ~~shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;~~
shall monitor the use of funds allocated by the Students' Union to the AUFSJ;
- (e) ~~shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purposes of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;~~
shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund and the Refugee Student Fund;
- (f) ~~shall each month review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of at least two Students' Union organizational units;~~
shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursement of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- (g) ~~shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;~~
has the authority to approve disbursement of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- (h) ~~shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;~~
shall annually select the Students' Union auditor
- (i) ~~has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee;~~
shall oversee the Students' Union external audit and include it with the Committee's report on the audit to Council;
- (j) ~~Shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursement of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;~~
shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
- (k) ~~has the authority to approve disbursement of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;~~
shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purposes of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
- (l) ~~shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund and the Refugee Student Fund;~~

Shall review for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of the Students' Union organizational units;

~~(m) shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership;~~

shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;

(n) shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;

(o) has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee and/or member of the Executive;

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday March 6, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-21)

2006-21/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-21/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday March 27, 2007.

2006-21/1b

The Administrative Assistant to Council, Jennifer Serafin will be leaving the SU effective March 9, 2007. Jenn is moving on to a new position within University Hall. We will all miss Jenn but we know she will do well in her new position. The new administrative assistant to council will be Astra Aqui. Many of you will be familiar with Astra as she has been the SU receptionist for the past 18 months. Astra is excited by the new challenges and is looking forward to working closely with Students' Council.

Point of Order: Lewis "At the last meeting you said we would deal with Bill 21 at the beginning of this meeting"

Speaker: The point of order is not well taken.

2006-21/2

PRESENTATIONS

Point of Order: Chapman "If we do this presentation we cannot vote on Budget Principles"

Speaker: The point of order is well taken.

TIEMAN/PAYNE MOVED TO suspend Standing Orders.

Speaker's List (sus): Lewis, Schneider, Shamanna, Chapman, Lewis, Yusuf, Cunningham

Motion: FAILED

LEWIS/BLAIS MOVED THAT item 2a be removed from the order paper.

Speaker's List (remove): Lewis. Bugler

TIEMAN APPEALS THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR (Chapman's Point of Order)

Shall the decision of the chair be upheld?: **DEFEATED**

LEWIS WITHDRAWS HIS MOTION.**2006-21/2a**

ECOS Development Task Force, presented by VP Student Life, Omer Yusuf

Point of Order: Lewis "We do not allow debate during presentations"

Speaker: I cannot rule on this.

CHAPMAN/LEWIS MOVED TO add item 5d (i) from Late Additions to the main Agenda Package.**LEWIS/BLAIS MOVED TO** amend the motion by making item 5d (i) a Special Order following item 5b (i)**Amendment: CARRIED****Motion: CARRIED****TIEMAN/LEWIS MOVED TO** postpone item 2b to the next meeting of Students' Council.**Motion: CARRIED****BUGLER WITHDRAWS ITEM 5c(i)****2006-21/5c (ii)****BUGLER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Bylaw Committee.MATHEWSON nominates COURNOYER: accepts
LEWIS nominates SHAW: declines**TRAYNER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED TO** close nominations.**Motion: CARRIED**

Vice President Cournoyer acclaimed to the Bylaw Committee.

BUGLER/NEARINGBURG MOVED TO add item 5f (i) from Late Additions to the main Agenda Package.**Motion: CARRIED****2006-21/4****QUESTION PERIOD****LEWIS/TIEMAN MOVED TO** suspend Standing Order 25 (1) requiring a recess.**Motion: CARRIED****2006-21/5b (i)****CHAPMAN/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council read Bill #21 a first time.**Bill #21 – Remuneration Repeal**

Principle (first reading)

1. Councillors and the Board of Governors Representative will not be remunerated financially.

Speaker's List (mm): Tieman, Trayner, Schneider, Shamanna, Bugler, Kirvan, Payne, Nearingburg, Tieman, Thevenaz, Sumar, Counroyer (Greg Harlow), Tsui, Cunningham, Tieman

PAYNE MOVED THE Previous Question.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: DEFEATED (11/2/14)

2006-21/5d (i)

CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Budget Principles.

Speaker's List (mm): Chapman

NEARINGBURG/TIEMAN MOVED TO AMEND the main motion be striking "Powerplant" from Section 6 (Business) and to add "Powerplant" to Section 7 (Entertainment and Programming) and under section 9 add new point "The Powerplant will be considered a Unit of Entertainment and Programming instead of Business".

Speaker's List (am): Nearingburg

NEARINGBURG/ TIEMAN MOVED IN-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

CHAPMAN/PAYNE MOVED EX-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: DEFEATED

LEWIS MOVED TO AMEND THE main motion by striking "Councillors will not be paid" in Section 9

Amendment: CARRIED

SCHNEIDER/TIEMAN MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking "The Students' Union may not sell tobacco products" in Section 9

Speakers list (am): Schneider, Yusuf, Tieman

Amendment: CARRIED

YUSUF/ BUGLER MOVE TO amend the main motion by striking "ECOS will cease to be a student service funded by the Students' Union Operating budget." In Section 9

Speakers list (am): Yusuf, Lewis, Shamanna

CHAPMAN MOVED TO amend the amendment by adding "ECOS" to Section 5

Amendment to Amendment: CARRIED

Speaker's List (am): Schneider, Bugler, Chapman

TIEMAN MOVED THE previous question

Motion: DEFEATED

Speaker's List (am): Kehoe, Cunningham, Kirvan, Bugler, Cournoyer, Power, Ye, Blais, Schneider

COUNCILLOR MOVED THE previous question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: CARRIED (15/4/8)

CHAPMAN/ TRAYNER MOVED TO suspend standing order #16(3) and that the current motion "Budget Principles" be referred to BFC, to report a week before the next council meeting.

SAMUEL MOVED TO separate the motion

Motion: CARRIED

CHAPMAN/ TRAYNER MOVED TO suspend standing order #16(3)

Motion: DEFEATED (14/9)

NEARINBURG/BLAIS MOVED TO recess and reconvene in another location

KEHOE/CUNNINGHAM MOVED TO adjourn to a council meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6 PM

Motion: CARRIED