

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

- 2006-25/5      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2006-25/5a      University Policy Committee-April 4, 2007  
Please see document LA 06-25.01
- 2006-25/5d      Audit Committee  
Please see document LA 06-25.02
- 2006-25/d(i)      **ERUVBETINE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, prevent the Executive from acquiring alcoholic products during the upcoming Executive retreat using SU Funds or through SU sponsorship.
- 2006-25/5e      External Policy Committee-April 5, 2007  
Please see document LA 06-25.03
- 2006-25/5e(i)      **COURNOYER/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Tuition Policy" (second reading).  
Please see document LA 06-25.04
- 2006-25/5e(ii)      **COURNOYER/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "International Student Differential Policy" (second reading).  
Please see document LA 06-25.05
- 2006-25/5f      Council Administration Committee  
Please see document LA 06-25.06
- 2006-25/6      GENERAL ORDERS
- 2006-25/6f      **YUSUF MOVES THAT** the Access Fund Budget be approved.
- 2006-25/6g      **YUSUF/HENRY MOVE THAT** Students' Council be censored.
- 2006-25/6h      **COURNOYER/SHAMANNA MOVE THAT** President Power direct the

Director of the Advocacy Department to direct the University Affairs Officer to place a \$500 deposit on the Windsor Park Plaza Park Room.

**2006-25/7**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2006-25/7c**

Amanda Henry, Vice President Academic- Report

Please see document LA 06-25.07

**2006-25/7d**

David Cournoyer, Vice President External- Report

Please see document LA 06-25.08

**2006-25/7e**

Samantha Power, President- Report

Please see document LA 06-25.09

**2006-25/7f**

U-PASS Contract Principles

Please see document LA 06-25.10

## **University Policy Committee**

The University Policy Committee met for the seventeenth time on Wednesday, April 4, 2007. Councillor Kehoe called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. with all members present (Councillors Dollansky, La, Sumar and Janz, and Vice Presidents Henry and Yusuf) and University Affairs Officer Chris Henderson in attendance as a guest.

After approving drafts of three political policies to be recommended to Students' Council one week earlier, the Committee had to approve two more drafts at this meeting: one being the teaching evaluation policy, the principles of which Council had approved a mere week earlier; and the other being the environmental advocacy policy, the principles of which Students' Council had approved only the night before. With an intensive consideration of several amendments to each policy, both were ultimately approved unanimously (with Vice President Yusuf absent for the latter vote). On behalf of the Committee, the Chair extends thanks to Mr. Henderson for accommodating the Committee's and Students' Council's meeting schedules by drafting these policies under such short notice.

Afterwards, the Committee entered into a discussion of the various University advisory groups that the Students' Union was party to, particularly the new Food Services Advisory Group and Health Sciences Advisory Group. Being that both the Vice Presidents had left the meeting early for other engagements, Mr. Henderson answered all of the Committee's questions and provided a good overview of how these advocacy activities would carry on in the near future. The final item briefly surrounded improving the transition to the next year's Committee, with recommendations being reviewed and general consent being given to the Chair's Year-End Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m., with no further meeting dates scheduled for the year. Please see the UPC Year-End Report for a summary of the year's business.

## **Summary of Proceedings**

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UPC 2006-17

### **University Policy Committee**

Wednesday April 4, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order by KEHOE at 4:15 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
KEHOE/YUSUF moved that the agenda be approved with the addition of University Policy on Teaching added. 7/0/0 CARRIED
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
HENRY/YUSUF moved to approve the minutes as presented. 7/0/0 CARRIED
4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
  - b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Teaching Evaluations  
HENRY/KEHOE moved that UPC recommend the adoption of the Teaching Evaluation Policy to Students' Council 7/0/0 CARRIED
  - b. Environmental Advocacy Political Policy  
KEHOE/LA moved that UPC recommend the adoption of the Environmental Advocacy Political Policy to Students' Council. 6/0/0 CARRIED
6. **ADJOURNMENT**  
Meeting adjourned by KEHOE AT 5:45

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**Annual Report to Student' Council**

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May 2006 – April 2007

## **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee (AC) met a total of 17 times throughout the past year, with:

- 5 meetings in the spring/summer,
- 5 meetings in the fall term, and
- 9 meetings in the winter term.

Towards November, the committee opted to have weekly meetings, each of 1hr + rather than have biweekly meetings extending over 2hrs. This was found to be convenient for the process but created extra overhead for the Chair.

The committee membership has been constant over the entire term: Eruvbetine, Chapman, Lewis, Eamonn and Sumar. However, the Chair position shifted from Chapman to Eruvbetine starting from the Nov. 17 meeting.

Throughout the year, we've reviewed SU credit card statements from May 2006 – Jan 2007 and reviewed the following SU Departments:

- Powerplant (Sep – Dec 2006)
  - Coffee House
  - Bar
  - Buffet
- Week of Welcome (Sep – Oct 2006)
- Antifreeze (Jan – Feb 2007)
- More..

We also reviewed and approved the disbursement of the following dedicated fees:

- Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG);
- First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA);
- Gateway Student Journalism Society (Gateway); and
- Student Legal Services of Edmonton (SLS).

And the following Faculty Association and Student Funds:

- Augustana Students Association
- Law FMF

Our major accomplishment has been the writing of our Standing Orders which is still a working progress. For a committee like Audit Committee which does the same thing year after year, our Standing Orders is a critical tool. We've managed to bring it up to shape over this year, and hope that it serves the next Committee well.

Prem Eruvbetine

**External Policy Committee**  
**Minutes**

Thursday, April 5 2007

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5:00pm

Attendance: Chris Samuel, Brock Richardson, Michael Janz, David Cournoyer

Guest: Prem Eruvbetine

Call to Order

New Business

1.) International Student Differential Policy

*[These minutes will not tell you anything. They are merely a formality.]*

**Richardson/Cournoyer move to recommend the policy entitled “International Student Differential Policy” to Students’ Council for adoption upon second reading.**

**Carried (4/0/0)**

2.) Tuition Policy

*[\*Waves hand\* These are not the minutes you are looking for.]*

**Cook/Richardson move to recommend the policy entitled “Tuition Policy” to Students’ Council for adoption upon second reading.  
(policy attached)**

**Carried (4/0/0)**

**Adjournment**

**Carried (unanimous) 6:00pm**

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

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<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	<b>POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)</b>
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<b>Tuition Policy</b>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has shown an increased awareness of the importance of post-secondary education in our province;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has the duty to fund the cost of a postsecondary education system that has the capacity for all eligible individuals to participate given the increased importance of an educated populace and the growing demands of an emerging knowledge economy;

WHEREAS the current tuition levels and costs of obtaining a post-secondary education are contrary to the values of a public post-secondary education system;

WHEREAS it is essential that the Government of Alberta craft a policy recognizing the need to alleviate the financial burdens borne by Alberta's students and families in accessing the post-secondary education system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students Union advocate for a tuition policy that:

- a.) Provides long-term, sustained base operating funding for our universities that will be protected from negative changes in our government's financial situation;
- b.) Protects tuition from increasing due to fluctuations in funding grants to the university from the government;
- c.) Ensures tuition levels are predictable;
- d.) Has as its primary indicator of affordability the ability of students to pay without having to accrue the burden of debt;
- e.) Provides for the fact that tuition is only one of the costs of pursuing a post-secondary education;
- f.) Ensures that no student will ever be denied the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education because of their inability to pay;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate that the Government of Alberta legislate a policy on tuition fees that:

- a.) Provides strict guidance to an institution's ability to set tuition, including annual and ultimate limits on the maximum amount of tuition fees that can be levied on students;
- b.) Requires post-secondary institutions to provide to the Board of Governors of the institution, the Auditor General of Alberta and the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology a detailed and verifiably transparent public plan on how additional tuition revenues will be spent.

**Policy History:**

**Reference/Vote**

4/0/0

**Board/Committee**

EPC

**Date of Council Approval**

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WHEREAS international student differential represents a serious threat to affordability and accessibility;

WHEREAS international students should not bear the burden of institutions' financial deficits;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta clearly recognizes the importance of international students;

WHEREAS the government of Alberta no longer requires educational institutions to charge international student differential fees;

WHEREAS the *A Learning Alberta* review of Alberta's post-secondary education system recommends Alberta "develop and implement an international education strategy";

WHEREAS international student differential decreases the geographic diversity of our international students;

WHEREAS a diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education;

WHEREAS international students act as ambassadors while in Alberta;

WHEREAS international students may work in Canada for up to two years after completion of their program and may also apply for landed immigrant status;

WHEREAS international students contribute to the Canadian tax base by paying taxes on all their world income;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students Union shall take the lead in representing all international students on discussions relating to the international student differential;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union use the International Centre as a resource to communicate with and access information regarding international students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union not support an increase in the international student differential;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate to the University for the reduction of the international student differential to a level that:

- a.) Does not exploit international students and only goes towards the cost of student services provided to international students;
- b.) Makes the University of Alberta competitive in recruiting and retaining international students based on academic quality, community involvement and the overall diversity they bring to our University.

**Policy History:**

**Reference/Vote**  
4/0/0

**Board/Committee**  
EPC

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## CAC Report to Council

Hello Council,

I was hoping to keep you all informed of what CAC has been up to in recent weeks. As I am sure you are aware, we have had difficulty finding applicants for the Awards Committee and Chief Returning Officer.

### The History

#### CRO

- We advertised the initial posting in the Gateway and online at the old salary and had no applications
- Council approves a new salary which is much more appealing
- We extended the application deadline for the position of CRO to April 13, 2007, and advertised (with the new salary) in the Gateway, online, and via internal list-serves.
- You should all be telling all your friends to apply!
- Rachel, who should be treated at council's favorite person, has expressed interest of helping us out by staying on no later than July 31.
- Chris will be drafting up a contract pending CAC and council's approval.

#### Awards Committee

- We advertised for the committee in the Gateway and online and received only three applications
- CAC established the selection committee, but it was deemed as unnecessary to interview the applicants. Instead the committee is reviewing the resumes.
- The deadline was extended to April 24, 2007 to try and find more applicants. Information was sent out via list-serves and advertised online.
- The selection committee is reviewing the applicants and will be moving a recommendation this evening.

#### Speaker

- We advertised the position in the Gateway, online, and via list-serves.
- The deadline for applications will be April 18, 2007.
- Selection will occur at the introductory meeting of the 07/08 Students' Council on April 24, 2007.

So there you have it. This has been a bit of a nightmare so I apologize to council for not getting this information on the agenda sooner. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Good luck with all you exams!

Sincerely,

Steven Dollansky  
Chair, Council Administration Committee

**Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)**  
**Report to Students' Council**  
*April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

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At last, the big finale...<sup>1</sup>

*'Twas AISSC, and the UAT chatter  
Did Beartracks Scat at 8 am:  
Eliminate the WebCT,  
And the bemoaned absence - FBICT(SC).*

*"Beware the GFC, mourn IIPS!  
The D2D, the questions pose!  
Beware the TLEF, KPIs, and CCIS  
The frumious ASCSOS!"*

*CLE took his FEC report in hand:  
ACAT, CAQC - GFCNC, & the AVPA's lot  
So internationalized by the Senate Task Force,  
Outline of Issue - there's a thought.*

*And Planning, Practice, Policy,  
The TLAT, technology subcommittee pain,  
Came after Budget, E-Learning advice, TESLAC, coffee  
Incubating Scholarship as it came!*

*VPR Search! PVPA Review! And VPOF, SU hirings... Agri-Food  
UPC, Bylaw, CAC went snicker-snack!  
The ASA - we left it dead. But success - NSSA, AUFSJ and Augustana too...  
8350, 8400, 8451, Arts - still to bring back.*

*"VPs A, have thoust slain Exec (times 2)?  
Come to ARG, COFA, see 52.8 and syllabi revised!  
O frabjous awards! Vargo selection! U-Cup, 3M, D2D2!  
Let's take a break, and redevelop Quad (WTF? Fie!).*

*'Twas brillig, what with twice-met BAG  
FCSL wash, STLHE gain, UTS;  
All newfound AAS:UA, TLC, PotW, AMDAG,  
And the mome: acronymus maximus.*

This is the VP Appointments (& Disappointments) signing out.

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<sup>1</sup> I would apologize to Lewis Carroll, but I think he'd think it's funny.

Council Report April 10, 2007  
Dave Cournoyer  
Office of the Vice President External

All good things...

As this is my final Report to Council as Vice President External, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure working with you all over the past 11 months. I look forward to continue working with some of you next year as an Arts Councillor and staying in touch with the many of you who are moving along.

### UPDATES

**CAMPUS CAMPAIGNS:** We held a successful final campus campaigns event at the Alberta Legislature on Wednesday April 4 at which point we unveiled our 500-feet of 1000 signed postcards calling on the Minister of Advanced Education to:

- *fully-fund a tuition rollback to affordable levels!*
- *create more grants in the place of student loans!*
- *increase Base operating funding to focus on undergraduate priorities!*

The event received **media hits from CBC TV, CBC Radio, CTV, Global News, CityTV, and Metro News**. Thanks to everyone who was involved in our campus campaigns this year – it was a great success!

**U-PASS:** Contract and administrative negotiations continue...

**ALBERTA LEGISLATURE:** I am attending the Provincial Budget presentation on April 19. I have meetings with Minister Ray Danyluk (April 10) and Minister Guy Boutillier in the upcoming weeks.

**CAUS:** CAUS Changeover is being held from May 10-13 in Canmore. Samantha, Michael Janz, Steve Dollansky, Advocacy Director Don Iveson, and myself will all be attending.

**PUBLIC INTEREST ALBERTA:** I will be attending PIA's Changing Alberta: Pursuing the Public Interest conference is on April 13 & 14.

#### **Upcoming of Interest:**

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| April 10 | - Meeting with Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing |
| April 11 | - Senate Interviews  |
| April 12 | - U-Pass Communications Meeting  |
|          | - Senate Dinner  |
| April 13 | - Senate Plenary Session   |
| April 14 | - Public Interest Alberta Conference                                     |
| April 19 | - Provincial Budget  |

## President's Report April 10<sup>th</sup>

"Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made."

Otto von Bismarck

I'm not sure if quoting Bismarck, a tyrannical monarchist, is really appropriate for Students' Council, but the sentiment of his statement applies to how we feel about council on most days. I'd like to thank everyone for putting up with the sausage factory and making students' lives just a little bit better.

Here's my report short and sweet:

U-Pass – final contract wording is being worked out. The wording follows the principles set out in our mandatory fee policy, as well as the referendum requirements. (see attached document) The final wording will be worked out over the next month for signing next term.

Coke Contract – Similarly, we are waiting on wording from Coca-Cola's people. The details will be worked out based on our policies and the plebiscite terms. Council must approve this document in the next sitting.

Transition – I'm in the process of planning council retreat, exec retreat, my transition documents, a year end advocacy report, and a new strategic document for the advocacy department. So, that's keeping me pretty busy.

Upcoming meetings –

April 11<sup>th</sup> is the University of Alberta's report to the community breakfast.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Board Educational Affairs Committee

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – BFPC

April 25<sup>th</sup> – APC

I'll leave you with these thoughts from the West Wing. On a particularly bad day in the White House Communications Director Toby Ziegler, puts it in perspective and I think his sentiments are particularly applicable to a student organization that doesn't see a lot of wins:

"One victory in a year stinks in a life of an administration. But it's not the ones we lose that bother me, Leo. It's the ones we don't suit up for!"

## U-Pass Contract Principles

The agreements governing the implementation of the U-Pass are nearing completion and will hopefully be signed before the end of April. The structure of the arrangements will be thus: the University will sign a 'Main Agreement' with the three municipalities and the SU and GSA will sign agreements respectively authorizing the collection of the \$75 U-Pass fee, terms for its escalation, opt-outs, entitlements of use. In our case, the terms of fee collection are dictated by the terms of the referendum, and subject to the provisions of our mandatory fee policy.

### **The mandatory fee policy principles apply thusly:**

- 1) Maximum annual increases: limited to Alberta CPI
- 2) Controlling interest: we retain the right to withdrawal via referendum or, under extraordinary circumstances, by act of Council
- 3) Transparency and Accountability: Seats on all working groups, committees, etc. established under the various agreements; copied on all correspondence and documents related to U-Pass

### **Referendum principles:**

1) The U-Pass would provide unlimited usage of Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, and Strathcona County Transit during the Fall and Winter Terms to undergraduate students enrolled in courses on the University of Alberta campuses located within the Edmonton City Limits. *[Pass-holders will be entitled to unlimited access to regular transit service (i.e. not contract, charter or special-event service) on the three named transit systems. The pass itself will take the form of a validation sticker applied to the one card each term, though at some point in the future the technology may be in place to use proximity card technology in place of a sticker.]*

2) The cost of the U-Pass to each student would be mandatory; and would

- be \$75.00 per Fall or Winter term for the 2007/2008 academic year; and *[this has been agreed by all parties]*

- increase annually at a rate less than or equal to the Consumer Price Index for the province of Alberta. *[will be equal to annual average Alberta all-items CPI]*

3. The U-Pass would be optional for the following:

- students not enrolled in courses located on a University of Alberta campus within Edmonton for the majority of a term; *[this will mean that co-op students, practicum students, those on exchange and students at Augustana will not be assessed the*

*fee, but it will be optional in the sense that these students will be able to opt-in if they so desire]*

- students unable to make use of ordinary transit services by reason of disability; *[students with valid DATS, St. Albert Handibus and Strathcona County Accessible Transit registrations, as well as those with valid CNIB memberships, will be assessed the fee but will be able to opt out]*

- students who are senior citizens; and *[will be assessed the fee by default but will be able to opt out]*

- students employed by Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, or Strathcona County Transit. *[will be assessed the fee by default but will be able to opt out]*

4. The U-Pass would expire upon

- the outcome of a subsequent referendum thereon;

- it being no longer practicable for the Student's Union to adhere to any of (1) through (3).

*[our agreement with the university is open-ended, but provides for termination in the case of breach or major reduction in transit service levels, as well as authority to terminate by duly-constituted referendum]*