

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday June 12, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2007-04)

### 2007-04/5      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### 2007-04/7      INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-04/7i      Aidan Wawchuk resigns from Students' Council and Budget and Finance Committee

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2007-04/7j      Steven Dollansky, VP External-Report

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2007-04/7k      Michael Janz, President-Report

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## **University Policy Committee**

Hello Council:

We have met twice now. At our first meeting, we elected an interim-Chair and had a presentation about the Committee's past from Justin Kehoe, the Committee's Chair from the previous year. We also went over our mandate and started throwing around preliminary ideas and goals for the year.

At our second meeting, we went through our first Executive Committee reports. We got further acquainted with what to expect. At our next meeting, Chris Henderson will be giving a "Governance 599" presentation to help us become even better experts at University Policy.

We hope to have our Strategic Planning Document, consisting of our goals for the year, finalized before August.

Feel free to ask any questions.

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## **Council Administration Committee**

Hello Council:

Nothing much happened at our May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. We briefly discussed the CRO dilemma again. We recognized that we needed a more permanent solution to this problem. Perhaps a change to the contract of the position, i.e. student vs. non-student, or permanent staff vs. temporary? If you have any thoughts, please let me know. Also, if you know anyone that would be qualified, please nudge them to apply!

Also, we talked briefly about Council Retreat Evaluations. They will be handed out today at Council.

We briefly discussed the possible change to Votes and Proceedings of Council. The speaker will collaborate with the Admin Staff to investigate what should and should not be included. CAC will then make a decision.

Feel free to ask me questions.

Prem

Madame Speaker,  
Please accept this as my resignation from my seat on Student Union Council for  
the Faculty of Science and from my position on the Budget and Finance  
Committee.

Sincerely,  
Aidan Wawchuk

## VPX Report to Council June 12

Hello Council,

I have been out of town for the past week at the CASA conference for the past week, so I apologize for not getting my report into the main agenda... however, here it is.

1. Federal Lobbying Strategy – I have continued to do more research into the federal realm of post-secondary education issues. There are many reasons why it is critical to advocate on a federal level. A quick summary of the major topics include Millennium Scholarship Foundation, Canada Student Loan Program, and the dedicated transfers. To address our capabilities (or lack there of) on the federal level we attended the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) conference to assess the value of federal affiliation and are working to set up a meeting with our local MP Rahim Jaffer.
2. Sleep over in SUB / Camp out in Quad – our major event for housing issues is in the works. I hope to have a “housing awareness week” in late September with this event as a closer. My focus will be on making the event fun in order to keep students interested. We are floating ideas so give me your input. Some of the ideas are a bbq, volleyball tournament in Quad, movie night, pancake breakfast, etc.
3. CAUS – We had a teleconference since I last reported. We addressed were the roles and mandates document and began preliminary discussions of our campaign messaging. A deferred maintenance policy was proposed, but was tabled until the AGM next week when we will all be in the same room.
4. CASA – Janz and I went to Vancouver for six days to examine the Canadian Alliance of Associations. I found that the conference was extremely valuable. We were able to talk about textbook issues and income contingent costs of research in addition to the existing CASA priorities. The group has included both of our issues in their advocacy goals. To be honest, the goals of CASA this year now reflect the UASU priorities almost perfectly. From what I have seen, CASA appears to be extremely effective with their government relations and lobbying effort. However, I am concerned that there is too many resources focused on engaging the membership. This is the result of several schools (including us) leaving the group leading to a reduction in dispensable income in recent years, but a concern none the less. I hope to continue my examination of the group by attending the Lobby conference with Janz in November, providing they will have us. There is no doubt that the goals of CASA are in line with those of the UASU, the big question is whether or not we believe that our resources are best spent on expanding our lobby efforts to include the federal scene.

Upcoming meetings:

- June 13 – EPC
- June 13 – Kim Krushell (City councilor)
- June 13 – Secondary suites forum
- June 14 – Senate Office
- June 14 – Millennium Scholarship Foundation
- June 15 – Mike Selnes
- June 20 – Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology
- June 21 – CAUS AGM

Have a great meeting! – Steven (VPX)

## **President Report**

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(Submitted very last minute after CASA)

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### **Meetings Attended:**

BFPC

PAHC with Dean Mahon

Exec meeting with President Samarasekera

Meeting with Deputy Ministers

CBAS

Grant Mac

Royal Bank

Campus Sustainability Coalition

Exec

CAUS Confrence Call

SU Birthday party planning

NO COUNCILOR MEETINGS THUS FAR

### **Summary:**

I just returned from our CASA trip to Vancouver and I have not had a chance to properly document this council report thus I would urge you to meet me offline if you have further questions.

I'm really excited about the Student Group DFU I have proposed and I have received some excellent feedback thus far. But because we are not getting the same amount of councilors as the school year and after some consultation with the Exec I have decided I am going to motion to table it indefinitely and take it up again in September. Student Groups are something I am very committed to improving and I am very excited about how we can improve our campus community!

Other Hot Topics I'm working on: Powerplant (expect a council presentation soon), Listserve Proposal, Alumni, BOG Presentation reviews, SU Accountability, operating policy reviews, handbook promo document, and much more!

### **COUNCIL: WHO IS YOUR SPORTSCENTRE SU 'EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK'?**

**Janz: Anita Kuper, Senior manager Finance and Administration! Not only has she loyally worked for the SU for 15 years and is one of the key people behind the scenes making sure the production works. From fighting our city taxes, to managing all of our finances and accounting to having to put up with Gamble, she is always ready to help answer the myriad of questions about our budgeting, finances, operations, and services!**