

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (LA 2007-10)

2007-10/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2007-10/6d

DOLLANSKY MOVES THAT the August 7th, 2007 Votes and Proceedings of Students' Council be amended as follows:

Please see document LA 07-10.01

2007-10/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-10/7b

APIRG General Information re: Item 6a

Please see document LA 07-10.02

2007-10/7c

"Text of proposed amendment to Item 6c:

DOLLANSKY MOVES THAT the text of item 6c be struck and replaced with the following:

DOLLANSKY/GAMBLE MOVED TO amend the Bear Scat Political Policy to take out language preventing the Students' Union from pursuing options that would see support of Bear Scat become a burden on either students or the Students' Union."

2007-10/7d

Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 07-10.03

2007-10/7e

Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 07-10.04

2007-10/7f

Bobby Samuel, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 07-10.05

2007-10/7g

Michael Janz, President-Report

Please see document LA 07-10.06

2007-10/7h

Councillor Gauthier's Bear Scat Thoughts

Please see document LA 07-10.07

University of Alberta Students' Union
STUDENTS' COUNCIL
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, August 7, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-08)

- 2007-08/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2007-08/1a Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
- 2007-08/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2007-08/2a **ERUVBETINE/PAYNE MOVED THAT** the Council Outreach presentation be presented.
- 2007-08/2b **CHISWELL/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** the Council Remunerations presentation be presented.
- 2007-08/2c **JANZ/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** the Elections presentation be presented.
- 2007-08/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2007-08/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2007-08/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2007-08/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2007-08/6a **LEWIS/SAMUEL MOVED TO** make item 6a a special order item.
- LEWIS/SAMUEL MOVED TO** make item 6b a special order item.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- Speaker's List: Janz
- PAYNE/ERUVBETINE MOVES TO** amend general order item 6a and 6b to read as follows:
- LE/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint two (2) members to the Health and Services Advisory Group.
- LE/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Food and Services Advisory Group.
- Motion: CARRIED**

Speakers List: Eruvbetine

Eruvbetine nominates McKinney; accepts

Gellar nominates Gauthier; accepts

Janz nominates Braga; declines

DOLLANSKY MOVED TO close nominations

Nominations closed

McKinney appointed to the Heath Services Advisory Group

Gauthier appointed to the Heath Services Advisory Group

2007-08/6b **LE/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member be appointed to the Food Services Advisory Group.

Eruvbetine nominates Campbell; accepts

DOLLANSKY/GAUTHIER MOVED TO close nominations

Nominations remain open

Payne nominates McKinney; declines

COUNCILOR MOVED TO close nominations

Nominations closed

Campbell appointed to Food Services Advisory Group

2007-08/6c

JANZ/GAMBLE MOVED THAT Students' Council pass a motion endorsing the formation of the Tribune Selection Committee.

Out of Order: Speaker "...no point in endorsing item 6c because it will go to DIE Board."

2007-08/6d **JANZ/GAMBLE MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint two (2) councilors to the Tribune Selection Committee.

Speakers List: Janz, Janz sponsors Henry

Dollansky nominates Chiswell; accepts

Gamble nominates Nicol; accepts

Gellar nominates Payne; accepts

COUNCILOR MOVED to close nominations

Nominations closed

Chiswell appointed to Tribune Selection Committee

Nicol appointed to Tribune Selection Committee

2007-08/6e

GAMBLE /CAMPBELL MOVES THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Negotiation Committee ratify the Collection Agreement between the Students' Union and CUPE Local 1368.

GAMBLE/ERUVBETINE MOVED IN-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

LEWIS/NICOL MOVED EX-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

ERUVBETINE/CAMPBELL MOVES TO amend the motion to state as follows:

GAMBLE /CAMPBELL MOVES THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Negotiation Committee ratify the Collection Agreement between the Students' Union and CUPE Local 1368 effective May 1,2007 to April 30,2009.

Motion: CARRIED

2007-08/6f

EASTHAM/McKINNEY MOVES THAT Students' Council adopt the proposed substantive changes to Bylaw 5600.

Out of Order: Speaker "Bylaw 5600 is not phrased in the appropriate way...feel free to amend it and bring it back."

2007-08/6g

[ERUVBETINE/DOLLANSKY MOVED TO suspend standing orders](#)

[Motion: CARRIED](#)

Point of Order: Lewis "item 6 (g) should appear as a Bill"

Speaker " Point well taken"

[ERUVBETINE/ GAMBLE MOVED TO](#) a mend item 6(g) to be divided into (2) two motions to read as follows:

[6g\(i\) ERUVBETINE MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Council Administration Committee that Students' Council remove all references to Council Remuneration from Bylaw,](#)

[6g\(ii\) ERUVBETINE MOVES THAT Students' Council direct Council Administration Committee to review Students' Council procedures and incorporate them into the Students' Council Standing Orders,](#)

Point of Order:Nicol " Isn't there debate?"

Speaker: "Point well taken"

Speakers List: Eruvbetine, Nicol

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Amendment: CARRIED

NICOL/LEWIS MOVED THAT item 6g (i) and item 6g(ii) be an omnibus motion

Students Union 9/7/07 3:46 PM
Deleted: Motion

Motion: CARRIED

ERUVBETINE/McKINNEY MOVED TO amend item 6g(1) by adding "except Bylaw 100 Section 7(1)" to the end

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Point of Order: Councillor "Councillor just posed an amendment"

Speaker: "Point well taken"

Amnedment: CARRIED

Speakers List: Eruvbetine

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CHISWELL/PAYNE MOVED TO amend 6g(ii) by adding "submit them for approval" to the end

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Objection on the floor

Speakers List: Eruvbetine

Students Union 9/7/07 3:52 PM
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Amendment: CARRIED

Main Motion (Bill #2): CARRIED

Item 6g(i) referred to Bylaw Committee for drafting

Item 6g(ii) referred to Council Administration Committee

LEWIS/GAUTHIER MOVED TO adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm



The Alberta Public Interest Research Group

What does an APIRG board member do????

- APIRG, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group is a student funded, student directed non-profit organization that exists to provide students with the resources to be active citizens.
- Membership on our board is comprised of nine undergraduate students elected in general elections every March, and the SU appointed rep.
- The APIRG board is responsible for overseeing all of APIRG's operations. Board member duties include organizing events, creating publications, setting annual priorities, reviewing funding applications, developing and maintaining policy, doing community outreach, and hiring staff to manage the resource centre. Board decisions are made using a consensus-based decision making process.
- APIRG currently has an attendance policy in place to which you will be expected to adhere. Meetings are generally bi-weekly and can be expected to last approximately 2 hours. There are fewer meetings during the summer months. Meeting times/days will be set by the board at board retreats so as to accommodate everyone's schedules.
- There are three board retreats per year which we request the SU rep attend: the transition retreat usually at the end of April, a Fall retreat (this year to occur Friday September 21st and 22nd) and one at the beginning of Winter term. Retreats are considered one meeting. The dates for these retreats are set by the board.
- The attendance policy works like this: you can miss up to 6 meetings/year with some sort of indirect representation (proxy or sending in your comments) and up to 3 meetings/year without any sort of representation at all. Board retreats are counted as one meeting and the board has some discretion as to how to enforce this policy.
- As the SU rep you would be the primary channel of communication between the APIRG board and the Student's Union. We rely on you to keep us apprised of any events or activities that would be of relevance to APIRG or its operations. Likewise you would be able to keep Student's Council aware of APIRG activities. This would entail getting acquainted with some historical knowledge about APIRG, with which myself, and other APIRG staff and long term volunteers would assist you and wouldn't take that long to get a handle on. As the SU rep you would be expected to work in the spirit of and towards fulfilling the APIRG mandate.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch.

In solidarity,

Ariel Bowering

Board Coordinator

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VP Operations & Finance Report

September 11, 2007

Apologies for the late report, I was in the office for a total of around a half hour last week due to WoW, and I would like commend Chris Le for an outstanding job on that front.

Dewey's

While its only been around for one week, I have seen some very promising things from Dewey's (having been there at least once every day since its opened). Food service is fast, prices are low, and the atmosphere is very relaxing and conducive to conversation. There was a packed house on Friday night for the improv performance. If anyone has suggestions on how to make it better, or wants to give feedback on their visit, feel free to email me. If this space has a spotless reputation right off of the bat, it will help down the road a lot.

SUB Kiosks

There are two brand-spanking-new Macs by the fireplace on main floor SUB that should provide for some handy-dandy express terminals. The internet problems in the lower level Mac lab were due to university technology problems, and have been sorted out.

Plans for September

Since school is back in full swing, it is the first opportunity for myself to see our businesses and services running under full pressure. There are a number that I will be going to visit to see if there are any improvements that can be made to help students or our bottom-line. I have already received suggestions for the Print Centre and RATT, and I would encourage councilors to be my eyes and ears on the street, letting me know if there are any other problem areas, or room for growth.

Bearscat

Bobby will be giving a presentation at council, there is also a motion with respect to the policy, I'm sure we'll discuss this in council.

Conferences

As per request from Audit Com, and in keeping more strictly with operating policy, reports will be required from delegates of conferences in the future. This is to ensure that said delegates find these conferences useful from year to year, and to make sure that conferences aren't just budgeted because it was done last year.

BIG SHOUT OUT to all of those councilors that either volunteered at Orientation or at Week of Welcome (or both). Your efforts really prove this body's dedication to student interests.

Cool Beans
Eamonn Gamble

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

Council Report 08

11 September 2007

Hello Council,

I hope you enjoyed the first week of school. I certainly did!

- ❑ **Choose Your Own WoW:** The entire week went very well. Lots of students came to the events. The Exec mingled with new and returning students. The free food drew out many people. The pins were in high demand. The new inflatable activities – sumo wrestling and jousting – were well received. I am the undefeated jousting champion against the Exec. Students packed themselves into SUBstage to watch *Blades of Glory* and *300*. The sponsors provided a lot of free stuff to give away. I got to shoot t-shirts out of a t-shirt cannon!

I was especially happy with the WoW volunteers. Many people were very willing to help out where we needed it, and many first year students got involved with WoW right after Orientation. I want to thank the Councillors who stepped up and helped with Beer Gardens security when we desperately needed help: Lindsay Campbell, Terence Fung, Jacqueline Geller, Scott McKinney, and Scott Nicol.

- ❑ **Meeting Student Leaders:** In preparation for the school year, many groups had training sessions for their student leaders. Michael Janz and I attended a Resource Fair at Lister Centre. We made students aware of the services from the SU. Bobby Samuel and I met with members from the Lister Hall Students Association and encouraged them to continue in student governance and to push for student issues.
- ❑ **U-Pass:** The U-Pass focus is now on service delivery and student satisfaction, which is why the U-Pass is shifting into my portfolio. The ONEcard and InfoLink offices have handled the influx of students very well. They've distributed over 26 000 U-Passes. The lines moved quickly and there weren't many complaints.
- ❑ **Microwaves on Campus:** I'm still working with the University to secure locations on campus. I've presented a bursary to the Council of Faculty Associations that, upon receiving the bursary, would make the faculty association responsible for maintaining the microwaves.
- ❑ **Pharmacy Subsidy:** Kevin Friese, the UHC's Administrator, met with Chris Henderson and me to explain the history of the pharmacy's drug prices. The current practice is to have the same dispensing fee for students and non-students and to charge 100% of the drug cost. For more details, read my UPC report.

- ❑ **Sustainability Stakeholder Input Interview:** Keith Hollands met with Lisa Dockman, the ECOS Director, and me to have preliminary talks about sustainability from the SU's perspective. We adhered to the points outlined in the Environmental Planning political policy.
- ❑ **Transition Programs Manager:** Dranna Andrews-Brown has decided to continue her education at another school, so we interviewed for a new Transition Programs Manager. Amissa Jablonski was the successful candidate. She has served in the SU in many capacities and will do a great job in the CSD.
- ❑ **University Governance and Advocacy Advisor:** Since Chris Henderson was hired as the Advocacy Director, we interviewed for a new University Governance and Advocacy Advisor. Catrin Berghoff was the successful candidate. She was an active member on Students' Council and her experience will be valuable in her position.
- ❑ **Campus Food Bank Retreat:** The directors of the CFB Board of Directors met in the evening in SUB for a retreat. A facilitator guided us through team building activities. Afterwards, we brainstormed some goals for the year. We have many ideas and on-going projects; we hope that we'll follow through with more of them.

Bobby Samuel
Vice President (Academic)
September 11, 2007

Hello Council! Hope the day is treating you well as school starts:

Goals:

Textbooks – Out of the ashes rises the phoenix. Our Book Store is working with us on the National Academic Round Table (NART). As it stands now, we have 7 Book Stores, 6 Student Associations (with more to come), and the large publishers converging on Toronto to discuss issues associated with academic materials.

Reward Involvement – More to come at a later date, possible presentation to CoFA.

Scholarships & Bursaries – We are researching comparative distributions of scholarships and bursaries at other schools. As well, we are presenting to the Vice Provosts on this idea in the coming weeks.

Technology – Still working on it.

Teaching & Learning – Michael and I discussed revising the way teaching is evaluated on campus and making it equal with research with Carl Amrhein. He's lending us an ear at the upcoming Vice Provosts meeting, wait and see for now.

Emerging Issues:

Bear Scat/Bear Tracks – It's all in the presentation, I've answered nearly all of the e-mails. We will also conduct sandbox testing on PeopleSoft 9.0, stay tuned for details.

Faculty Associations – The CoFA retreat was incredible, I give an incredible amount of thanks to Pamela Aranas for writing notes and Brittney Bugler for organizing the entire thing. Currently, we will be working with the FAs on their various advocacy goals.

GFC – It's governance time baby! All the committees are starting up again, the first being ASC SOS and Exec. Thus far, nothing too controversial has come up but I'll keep Council posted on all developments.

Exam Registry – The policy was changed this year to allow professors to either place exams on our exam registry or on their individual website. Currently, we are trying to determine how many classes actually abide by this policy and see where we can move from here.

UGAA – This is the University Governance Advocacy Advisor (previously known as UAO). We spent a fair amount of time hiring a new one, congratulations to Catrin Berghoff.

Professor of the Week – Brittney is spearheading this initiative. Posters are up and we could really use nominations for any professor you feel has done an outstanding job in teaching. First publications will occur in the first week of October.

President Report
Students' Council: Sept 11/07
Michael Janz
president@su.ualberta.ca

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all of the councilors who are attending council for the first time.
Welcome back to all of the students to our campus!
Welcome back to all of the university officials that we will be meeting with over the next few weeks to make our campus the best possible!

Thank you to all of the Orientation Volunteers.
Thank you to all of the WoW volunteers.
Thank you to all of the SU staff who put the past few weeks together.

Above all, 'Mad Props' to Chris Le for a job very well done. Mazeltov!

Life in the hot seat:

I am off to the Board of Governors retreat on Friday to discuss the "Big Picture" plans for our University. It should be exciting.

Deweys is fricking awesome. Well done Jerry! From crisp cold Guinness pints to mouthwatering menu items, you have to go see what lies behind the red door!

My SU/University Monthly Newsletter Idea is coming to fruition and is being supported by the Dean of Students office as a way to increase our communication with students.

WoW was a smashing good time and It is great to have the students back to campus. Orientation was a blast, but I made sure to stay true to my roots and go check out Rezfest. Excellent Job LHSA on another fine event!

Please encourage your friends and family to run for Council and GFC. I can't wait to see the campaigns starting up! I feel we have been doing pretty good about building council community outside of Council with our frequent coffee and bar outings. I hope that council continues the discourse and dialogue outside of the chamber.

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

Janz: Christine Rogerson. She is our newly promoted Senior Manager of Programming and licensed activities. She has been ran off of her feet over

the past few weeks helping promote WoW shows and Rezfest. She will be promoting great shows here at the Dinwoodie and “My-Ho” (that’s what the cool orientation kids call it) over the next few weeks so check’em out!

Councilor Gauthier's Bear Scat Thoughts – Part 1

The issue of whether or not the SU should be paying for Bear Scat has two aspects. One is “*should*” *we, in principle?* The other is, regardless of whether we “should” or not, is *determining if the deal we would strike with Kirkham going to be acceptable?*

1. The moral reason. I think VP Samuel addressed this pretty well, and people generally have a pretty good understanding about the issue once it's explained to them, although they may or may not personally agree with the principle. I think it's relatively easy to understand this moral reason. But, as it's a moral kind of issue, it will be a challenge to convince someone to change their opinion on it... that's just the nature of moral issues. I don't know exactly where I stand on that, and it's hard to know for sure what negative consequences there will be for us in the future should we continue to support this academic-related service. And that brings me to the other reason.

2. The business side of it. This is the argument for or against the deal strictly in terms of business. In short: **Does the deal that Kirkham wants make sense?** This side of the issue is really much easier to make a good decision about, and effectively debate. Either it makes good sense, or it doesn't. In our case, we should look specifically at what we're dealing with. Questions we need to ask:

- *What kind of business arrangement is Kirkham trying to get into (contracting of service? what terms does he want? for how long? does it make sense to do it like that?)?*

- *For what purpose is Kirkham asking for money (do these reasons make sense? are they necessary?)*

- *Is the amount reasonable? (maybe not)*

- *Have reasonable offers already been put forth to Kirkham that a reasonable person might have accepted?*

- *Is Kirkham the kind of guy who is easy to deal with and work out a mutually acceptable agreement, or is he stubborn and unwilling to agree to anything but his own terms? If he is the latter, is it wise to make deals with such a character?*

To me, it doesn't seem wise to enter into a serious deal with someone who is so stubborn and unwilling to negotiate, whose requested costs are questionable, and also to provide support for Kirkham's Bear Scat for an indefinite time.

By that, I'm referring to the fact that Kirkham wants funding from us that would secure sustainability of Bear Scat for several years. In contrast, the original SU offer that Kirkham rejected wanted an automatic plug-pulling date set in Nov. 2008. **Neither of these options is good.** If we are to negotiate terms for Bear Scat support, we can't blindly assume that we will need Bear Scat for years to come. What if the upcoming Bear Tracks upgrade is excellent? We'd be wasting our money after Nov. 2008. At the same time, if we assume Bear Tracks will meet all our students' needs before we even see it, and predetermine to cut Bear Scat, we will be in a terrible situation if Bear Scat still turned out to be superior. My point? We can't assume anything, so we must remain flexible, by offering support on a year-by-year basis, assessing the need each time.

Councilor Gauthier's Bear Scat Thoughts – Part 2

In relation to Kirkham's requested funding, I can see why an assessment would lead to the conclusion that he may be asking for too much. These requested upgrades are from Kirkham's Bear Scat presentation he gave, under the Upgrades slide:

- **Bring Bear Scat up to date with new features now on Bear Tracks.** Is this necessary? Bear Scat is phenomenal as it is. It's a supplement to the deficient areas of Bear Tracks -- not meant to be complete replacement. Upgrade unnecessary.
- **Desperate need of updated user interface?** Why is this necessary?? It's great the way it is. Upgrade is superfluous and unnecessary.
- **Server upgrades to handle increased load?** Server upgrades might make the service potentially faster, but the rate-limiting step is usually the Bear Tracks side of it anyways. When you're waiting 10 seconds for Bear Scat to add or drop a class, that's Bear Track's fault.
- **Preparation for PeopleSoft upgrade?** I don't know if it's possible to technically prepare for an unreleased product in this case, but even if it is, I've already explained my concerns about paying for Bear Scat beyond PeopleSoft 9. If we fund Bear Scat, we can't fund its operation beyond the Bear Tracks upgrade. Once that time comes, then we'll see if it's necessary.

I do see a very worthwhile upgrade and that is modifying the code to accept CCID authentication rather than "W" ID's. But as anyone with programming experience, that would be practically no effort at all.

It was the "business side" of the issue that allowed me to come to terms with this issue. Morals aside, it doesn't make sense to do it on Kirkham's terms. And if a party of a negotiation is stubborn and unwilling to move at all from his terms, what do you do if the terms are unacceptable to you? Do you just give in to those unacceptable terms? Or do you move on, and find a better deal, perhaps letting that party realize that such playground attitudes are NOT the way to success. Bear Scat is a great tool built by a talented individual, and I see value in it. A better deal must be struck.

I cannot support the SU funding Bear Scat on Kirkham's original terms.

However, I would not be opposed to providing modest support to keep Bear Scat running for another year, **provided that it is a good deal.** After the year, re-assess.