

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

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University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007-11-05

University Policy Committee

Hello Council:

UPC has met a total of four times over the course of the Fall semester, and has generally proved to be productive.

Some updates:

- The VPA and VPSL have continued to keep UPC up-to-date on their activities through regular reports.
- Last meeting, the VPs also gave the committee a status update on the progress of the political policy implementation plans that were set out in the summer. The exercise proved to be useful, as it gave committee members the opportunity to track the activities of the Exec.
- We've had brief discussions about the usefulness of a political policy dealing with student ambassadors.
- Still waiting on the Academic Materials political policy to be drafted, though Bobby has assured me that it will be ready for the next UPC meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Al-Amyn Sumar

November 5, 2007
Vice President Academic
Bobby Samuel

Hey Council, sorry this report is late but with the last Council meeting being a week ago, it would have been weird to submit a report the day after. Anyhow, here's what I've been up to in the last week:

GOALS:

Enhance Technology – more to come.

Improve Teaching – We met with AASUA to discuss faculty development and how to incorporate teaching in there. This will probably be a discussion point of GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) along with student evaluations.

Increase Bursaries – I met with Gerry Kendal, the interim Registrar, to discuss scholarships and obtaining data.

Reward Involvement – So out of the 10 volunteer groups that we contacted, only one expressed interest in obtaining CSL credit. Currently, we are working on trying to raise the profile of CSL to implement the "Involvement" political policy.

Reduce Textbook Costs – The conference is progressing nicely, we'll be sending out information to the other Student Associations to prepare them for Toronto.

EMERGING ISSUES:

Exam Registry – The letter should be sent out soon, currently in the process of gathering numbers.

Online Fees – This is getting more attention as an issue from both administration and students. Currently, we are "tasked" with identifying cases of students paying online fees for graded assignments.

Augustana Visit – The Exec ventured to Augustana campus in Camrose. We got a tour and discussed various issues that were coming up.

General Faculties Council (GFC) – There were two committees, ASC SOS and Exec. Currently, we're trying to deal with a new Practicum Intervention Policy that gives Deans the power to withdraw students from their practicums, currently we still do not feel students' rights are being met and continue to advocate for students on this issue.

Faculty Associations (FAs) – We are working on offering some services to FAs in order to make their lives easier as executives. Currently, we are gathering data to find out costs. As well, we met with AUFSJ and in the next couple of weeks, I hope to meet as many of the FAs as possible.

Professor of the Week – Congratulations to the current winners, remember to submit nominations to Brittney at avpa@su.ualberta.ca!!!!!!

Bear Scat/Tracks – we're securing hardware, still have other issues to hammer out.

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

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- ❑ **Wall of Gold Wall Calendar:** The feedback about the September Wall Calendar was positive, so I will continue with another one for January. As with any first-time project, there are some areas that need improvement. Once everything is figured out, I will give student groups the opportunity to submit their events.
- ❑ **Chillin' For Charity:** This event in Quad was a lot of fun! I raised \$270 in pledges for the United Way and jumped into a pool of cold water. Though I arrive at the event dressed warmly, I wore just my Speedo from France when I took the plunge. Apparently, I was on Global News. Cool.
- ❑ **Antifreeze:** The Antifreeze Planning Committee is finalizing details for the different team events. Gather a group of students to sign up for Antifreeze, which runs on 7-11 January 2007!
- ❑ **Augustana Visit:** The Exec visited the Augustana Students' Association. The SA gave us a tour of their lovely campus. They, too, have on-going construction on their campus. We sat down to listen to their issues. In particular, we discussed their classification as a "faculty association" and their source of funding.
- ❑ **High School Leadership Conference:** I volunteered with Khanh Nguyen, the SU's Communications and Media Coordinator, as group leaders for Group 5, the "Bunicorns." The delegates came from schools all over Alberta. The students were really engaged in our discussions about leadership, and I hope that they feel better equipped to work in their high schools. Pamela Aranas, the Associate Vice President (External), did a great job organizing the event and coordinating a solid group of volunteers.
- ❑ **SU Carpool Registry:** With the partnership of the City of Edmonton with Carpool.ca, CTV News stopped by the SU to hear about the SU Carpool Registry. It's a service that we continue to offer for students who choose to drive to campus. Check it out at <http://carpool.su.ualberta.ca>.
- ❑ **Alena Manera in Concert:** Alena Manera, a longtime volunteer in the Student Life portfolio, played a chilled acoustic set at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on 1 November as the opening act for Craig Cardiff. She has a sweet voice and charming songs. Encourage her to make a CD!

VP Operations & Finance Report

November 6, 2007

Augustana Visit

While I assumed that I would have the least to do with any problems the Augustana Students' Association might have, it turns out I'm working on about four different things that affect them. I will be working with them in the coming months on issues related to off-campus student fees, the long-term viability of student relaxation space on their campus, working with Coke to obtain sponsorship money, and dealing with the fact that they are considered a faculty association, as opposed to a separate student body. Yay

Wireless

University wireless is now live in SUB. It seems to work just fine. Since that transition freed up some equipment for us, I am now pleased to announce that wireless is fantastic in both Dewey's and RATT. To ensure that this remains true, we have set up a maintenance checklist that our tech support will go through each week.

Print Centre

I had a meeting today with a few key decision makers about making the SU print centre more useful to all of our different student groups and associations. There were a number follow-up items that I will be able to report on next time, such as the feasibility of debit/credit card machines, coil binding, among other things. More to come.

Athletics

The SU will have a closer relationship with varsity athletics in the coming year, as we are in the middle of hammering out a sponsorship agreement for cross-promotion. This may also include special events for SU leadership (including councilors) at Bears and Pandas games. Kudos go to our new Communication & Media Coordinator Khanh Nguyen for spearheading this one. Relationships with all groups on campus are critical to promoting student interests, and adequately representing all different sectors of students on campus.

Other

Includes preparing new operating policies about the 'Wall of Gold' and next, Conferences, that will be coming to you soon, communicating with hostelbookers.com to explore any chances for partnership, operational goal setting with P Janz, making informational signs to accompany the security cameras that will be installed (I still don't know exactly when), and straight west coastin'.

In solidarity
Eamonn Gamble