

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2007-19)

2007-19/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2007-19/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 5, 2008

2007-19/2 PRESENTATIONS

2007-19/2a Legal Opinion Presentation- Presented by Amanda Henry. Sponsored by Bobby Samuel

2007-19/2b APIRG- Presented by Brooke Leifso and Debrah Bergin. Sponsored by Terence Fung

2007-19/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2007-19/3a Executive Committee- January 8, 2008

Please see document SC 07-19.01

2007-19/4 QUESTION PERIOD

2007-19/4a **NAVEED-** For Councillor Eruvbetine:
Councillor Eruvbetine, I was wondering if you could update Council on the progress made at the 16 January 2008 Global Citizenship Curriculum Advisory Board Meeting and your impressions as the Students' Union representative for the Global Citizenship Curriculum Development initiative?

2007-19/4b **AL-AMYN SUMAR-**For Executives:
Can you please provide Council with an update on the progress you've made on your campaign goals since the beginning of your term?

2007-19/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-19/5a External Policy Committee- Report

Please see document SC 07-19.02

2007-19/5a(i) **CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend the "Student Loans" Political Policy by: ---

- Adding to the final BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
g.) adjust monthly living allowance to more accurately reflect costs of living determined by a market-basket method
- Amend all WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED THAT and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to capital letters

Please see document SC 07-19.03

- 2007-19/5a(ii) CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend the "Tuition Policy" Political Policy by:
- Removing point b) and adding the words *stable and* to point c)
 - Re-letter the policy
 - Remove "and ultimate" in point a) from BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT clause

Please see document SC 07-19.04

- 2007-19/5a(iii) CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend the "Income Contingent Loans" Political Policy by:
- replacing all WHEREAS and BE IT RESOLVED THAT to capital letters

Please see document SC 07-19.05

- 2007-19/5a(iv) CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, rescind the "Post-Secondary Learning Act" Political Policy

Please see document SC 07-19.06

- 2007-19/5b** Council Administration Committee-Report

Please see document SC 07-19.07

- 2007-19/5c** University Policy Committee

- 2007-19/5c(i) SAMUEL/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, adopt the Academic Materials Political Policy (2nd Reading)

Please see document SC 07-19.08

- 2007-19/6** GENERAL ORDERS

- 2007-19/6a PROKOPIUK MOVES THAT** Students' Council read Bill #9 a first time

Principles Bill #9:

That the number of grants per student group not be limited to a fixed number per academic session.

- 2007-19/6b GAMBLE MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Grant Allocation Committee

- 2007-19/6c ERUVBETINE MOVES THAT** Students' Council read BILL #10 a first time

Principles Bill #10:

- a) The University Policy Committee and the External Policy Committee shall be able to make editorial changes to all political policy assigned to them.
- b) These editorial changes shall include changes to expiration dates of Political Policies.

2007-19/6d**GAMBLE MOVES THAT** Students' Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding between "Dub5 Networks Inc." and "The University Of Alberta Students' Union"

Please see document SC 07-19.09

2007-19/7**INFORMATION ITEMS****2007-19/7a**

Ryan Payne resigns from Students' Council

Please see document SC 07-19.10

2007-19/7b

Paul Chiswell, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative-Report

Please see document SC 07-19.11

2009-19/7c

Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 07-19.12

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 22, 2008

1. The following motions were passed at the January 8 Executive Committee meeting:

a. DOLLANSKY/JANZ MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a request for an expense not to exceed \$367.00 for three SU staff to attend a one-day CAUS meeting in Calgary, January 17, 2008.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

b. GAMBLE/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$2,824.00 for the General Manager to attend ACUI in New Orleans March 15-19, 2008.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

c. GAMBLE/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expense of \$252.00 from 519 8173-100 for travel to and from Augustana on Thursday January 11, 2008.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007/EPC/6

External Policy Committee

September 12, 2007 meeting

Hello Council,

***Here is what you missed by not attending EPC
Summary of Proceedings:***

- New Transit Policy still needs second reading to be passed by council if we ever get to it
- Affordable Universal Transit Pass Policy still needs to be rescinded by council for the second time if we get to this too
- Discussion regarding the Housing Awareness Week, CPAC and EAS
- Fall meeting schedule changed to off council Thursdays at 4pm
- Discussion of possible goals, to be sent to me by next meeting so EPC has some guidance in its actions this year

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to ask!

Lindsey Campbell

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number: **7**

Effective Date: **November 28, 2006** Page **1** of **2**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2010**

Responsibility for Policy:

External Policy Committee

Subject Matter - *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Student Loans

- *Topic:*

Whereas education must be viewed as a public good due to the benefits it brings to the tax system and social structure;

Whereas there exists an opportunity cost for those individuals who choose to pursue an education and be away from a job;

Whereas in order for education to be viewed as affordable and accessible the costs of living and the costs of education must be addressed as separate burdens;

Whereas the current student loan system affects students disproportionately by penalizing those who work to pay their way, the diverse costs of living must be recognized;

Whereas the debt load of students has increased dramatically over the past ten years, with the rising cost of tuition eating away the living allowance.

Be it resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate for a financial aid system that:

- a.) includes a greater proportion of non-repayable assistance, including but not limited to grants and bursaries;
- b.) is accessible to all Albertan students attending not-for-profit post-secondary institutions and addresses the real financial need;
- c.) recognizes the complete overhead costs of education to the learner including, but not limited to: rent and utility costs, textbook costs, transportation costs, food, personal care, internet and computer costs;
- d.) includes adjustments to all forms of financial assistance to reflect changes in market realities as they affect students;

Be it further resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate to make immediate changes to the student loan system to include:

- a.) the complete exemption of part-time earnings;
- b.) the enhancement of scholarship exemptions and spousal working exemptions;
- c.) the removal of the parental contribution requirement;
- d.) to improve the remission program to become more transparent, consistent and accessible;

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Create 2006-12

Board/Committee

EPC

Date of Council Approval

November 28,2006/SC 06-15/5a(i)

- e.) to lower interest rates on the Alberta portion of all new and outstanding student loans;
- f.) the removal of accommodation requirements.

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

<i>Policy Number:</i> 19	<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>Page 1 of 2</i>
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30,2009	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	External Policy Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i> - <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i> Tuition Policy	
	- <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;

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Created 2006-24/4/0/0

Board/Committee

EPC

Date of Council Approval

April 10,2007/SC06-25/5e(i)

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

Board/Committee

Date of Council Approval

Created 2006-24/4/0/0

EPC

April 10,2007/SC06-25/5e(i)

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POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:***8**

Effective Date: **November 28, 2006** Page **1** of **1**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2010**

Responsibility for Policy:

External Policy Committee

Subject Matter - *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Income-Contingent Student Loans

- *Topic:*

Whereas the Alberta Student Loan Program is intended to ensure no financial barriers exist to Albertans receiving a post-secondary education;

Whereas income contingent loan repayment schemes are a method of shifting the cost of post-secondary education away from the government and on to students;

Whereas income contingent loan repayment schemes result in those with lower incomes paying substantially more for the cost of their education;

Whereas jurisdictions such as New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom that have income contingent loan repayment schemes have seen a corresponding and dramatic increase in tuition fees and other education costs;

Be it resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union oppose the introduction of an income contingent loan repayment scheme for the Alberta Student Loan Program, and oppose any income contingent loan repayment scheme that:

- a.) will directly result in further increases of tuition at Alberta universities;
- b.) through the use of annual interest rates ensures that lower-income Albertans will pay more for their education than higher-income Albertans;
- c.) erodes the commitment of government to funding public post-secondary education or transfer the responsibility for funding from government to students and their families.

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POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:

Effective Date: **January 11, 2005**

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2008**

Responsibility for Policy:

External Affairs Board

Subject Matter - *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

- *Topic:*

Post-Secondary Learning Act

WHEREAS the Students' Union of the University of Alberta is a corporation organized and existing under the Post-Secondary Learning Act;

AND WHEREAS the fulfillment of the mandate of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta requires financial and political independence from the Government of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the ability of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta to fulfill its mandate may be seriously compromised as a result of provisions of the Post-Secondary Learning Act relating to the intervention of the Minister of Learning in cases of financial irregularity;

AND WHEREAS the assets of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta rightfully belong to its members;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Students' Union of the University of Alberta opposes the authority of the Minister of Learning to intervene in the management of its business and other affairs, as set out in the Post-Secondary Learning Act;

The Students' Union of the University of Alberta believes that the ability of the Minister of Learning to suspend and terminate the office of members of Students' Council breaches the political independence of the Students' Union; and

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	2004-19/9a	External Affairs Board	January 11, 2005

The Students' Union of the University of Alberta most strongly opposes the authority of the Minister of Learning to dissolve the Students' Union under section 102(5) of the Act in the absence of a dissolution agreement between the Students' Union and the Government of Alberta as to the disposition of assets and liabilities of the Students' Union.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	2004-19/9a	External Affairs Board	January 11, 2005

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007-09-18

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council:

Here are my updates for Council:

- CAC has made a change to Standing Orders - from now on, attendance at Council will be included in the Votes and Proceedings.
 - This was primarily done to satisfy the request made by the Gateway, but was also thoroughly discussed for its merits.
- Council has instituted new rules for the disbursement of Council Pay. Below are the highlights. We are just working right now on getting the wording right.
 - reducing the yearly freebies to one (instead of two).
 - adding trimester reporting requirements as a condition for receipt of pay
- We also hashed out the procedures for a Councillor Mentorship Program and Council has adopted it. We have had 15 volunteers so far and are hoping to soon start receiving mentee requests.
 - Please spread the word out there. Get people to try the program!
 - We still need people to VOLUNTEER, so please sign up. It isn't too hard a job and it really only involves attending Students' Council meetings.
 - Let me know if you want more info.
- CAC has made a request to have the SU projector and computer available at every meeting of Students' Council for the purpose of presentations and working through amendments on the Agenda. The latter part will likely become a logistic issue.
- CAC has ratified a number of additions to the Students' Council website:
 - Addition of individual councillor spaces which will include:
 - A picture
 - Name, faculty and email
 - Optional letter to students provided by the councillor
 - Councillor reports
 - Updated Standing Committee websites to include member lists (with link-backs to individual councillor pages)
 - A system to easily update all important aspects of the SU website to ensure that material is no older than one week.
 - A councillor mentorship request form.
 - More conspicuous links (e.g. like those for the MP3 recordings)
 - Group photo of Council in rotation on the front page of the SU website.
 - PLEASE PREPARE A LETTER TO STUDENTS TO BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE.
- Council Retreat
 - Likely to take place on October 13, 2007 from 1pm – 7pm.
 - Please RSVP now, so we can see if the time works.
 - Sep 29 – open house, Oct 6 (thanksgiving). That's why they don't work

- Misc items.
 - Plans to take a group picture of Council before a Council meeting sometime. Will let you know.
 - Plans to take photos for Council website. More info to come.

I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Yours,

Prem Eruvbetine

Principles

2007-11/5b University Policy Committee

2007-11/5b(i) **SAMUEL/GELLER MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, adopt the following principles on Academic Materials as a Political Policy:

1) The Students' Union will pressure academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations and institutions to engage in practices designed to relieve financial pressures associated with the costs of academic materials.

2) The Students' Union will endeavor to educate professors as to the costs of textbooks and the alternatives available to them.

3) Furthermore, the Students' Union will advocate for peripheral academic materials to be standardized across the institution.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:***7**

Effective Date:

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2010**

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

- *Topic:*

Academic Materials

WHEREAS the true cost of being a student is composed of many factors, such as tuition, fees, foregone wages, and academic materials;

WHEREAS the real cost of academic materials has risen dramatically in the last 15 years;

WHEREAS students are increasingly required to purchase peripheral academic materials and other equipment to succeed in their courses;

WHEREAS these peripheral materials are not standardized across courses and faculties, which often leads to the mandatory purchase of several versions of the same equipment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will pressure academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations, and post-secondary institutions to engage in practices designed to lower the costs of academic materials to students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will educate professors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate for peripheral academic materials to be standardized across the institution to avoid needless expenditures.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote
Created 2007-11/5b(i)

Board/Committee
UPC

Date of Council Approval
September 18 '07 1st reading

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

DUB5 NETWORKS INC., hereinafter referred to as “the Company”

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS’ UNION, hereinafter referred to as
“the Organization”

WHEREAS the Company and the Organization (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”) agree that the primary goal of their collaboration is to provide a valuable scheduling service to the University of Alberta students;

THE ORGANIZATION therefore agrees as follows:

- 1.1 The Organization agrees to work exclusively with the Company to promote a peer-to-peer scheduling network for the Organization’s student services, as well as in promoting peer-to-peer scheduling for students at the University of Alberta.
- 1.2 The Organization and Company both hereby agree that clause 1.1 does not preclude the Organization from using third-party schedulers to book meetings, appointments and other events.
- 1.3 The Organization agrees that it will not engage in any other promotional activity with companies providing the same type of online service for the duration of this agreement without the consent of the Company.
- 1.4 The Organization agrees to promote and/or assist the Company in a manner agreeable to the Organization.
- 1.5 The Organization agrees to allow the Company to promote its relationship with the Organization in a manner agreeable to the Organization.
- 1.6 The Organization agrees that it will not claim any ownership in the Company, and agrees that it will not claim any ownership of the intellectual property developed in the course of its collaboration with the Company.

THE COMPANY therefore agrees as follows:

- 2.1 The Company agrees to accept any and all legal liability associated with the Company’s scheduling network, and agrees to indemnify as harmless the Organization in the event of any legal action taken as a result of the operation of the Company’s operations.
- 2.2 The Company agrees to protect the privacy of students in accordance with Alberta law and Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection (FOIPP) legislation.

2.3 The Company agrees that no monetary support will be offered by the Organization in the development or operation of the scheduling network.

2.4 The company agrees to share with the Organization 10 per cent of the revenue generated from the University of Alberta portal, with the other 90 per cent to be retained by the company as payment for operating the network on campus.

THE PARTIES therefore agree as follows:

3.1 The Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding will be in effect from February 1st, 2008 to January 31, 2010.

3.2 This Memorandum of Understanding and its accompanying schedules, if any, may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both Parties.

SIGNATURES

Each of the undersigned parties represents and warrants that it has the full authority to sign and enter into this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the company or Organization that each purports to represent.

Signed by the Company

Per: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signed by the Organization

Per: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dear Council,

Now that I am done my degree, please accept my formal resignation from the Students' Union. I thought I had done this before, however, I realized I just left all the different committee's and not actually council. Tuesday nights will never be the same.... now I can go to the cheap movies.

Ryan W. Payne

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
Report to Student Council
January 8, 2008

Fellow Councilors,

I attended the Board of Governors meeting held on Dec. 7, 2007. Of interest was the approval of an increase to the amount of the Admission Confirmation Deposit for entry into the Faculty of Law and the Doctor of Dental Surgery Program to \$300 and \$1,000 respectively. The change was in order to put these programs in the range of similar programs across Canada and to ensure that those who accept the University's offer of admission actually plan to attend this University. The Board discussed the affordability of these increases for potential students in light of the fact that deposits are typically paid prior to the disbursement of scholarships, bursaries and loans. The Provost reassured the Board that potential students who could not afford the deposit would be able to seek assistance from the faculty, or failing that, the Provost's office.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25, 2008.

On Dec. 6, 2007, I had a private meeting with the Provost, Dr. Amrhein. We discussed some of the issues I campaigned on, including professor teaching evaluation and having the University focus on undergraduate teaching. It was a productive meeting and I am looking forward to seeing some results.

Since my last report, I also attended the GFC meeting on Nov. 26, 2007 and the Board Christmas Diner on Dec. 6, 2007.

I unfortunately was not able to attend the Board Educational Affairs Committee (BEAC) meeting on Dec. 14, 2007 as I had a final exam at the time. However, the committee lacked quorum and the only action item was moved to an online vote. Minor changes to the Doctor of Medicine program quota were passed by the Committee.

The next BEAC meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2008.

The next Board Community and Government Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14, 2008.

As always, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Chiswell
Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

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- ❑ **Anti-Freeze 2008:** This was one of the best weeks of my life! To see a large number of students having fun together on campus and putting in a tremendous effort was very encouraging. In the Avalanche division, the winner was the Pike All-Stars. In the Iceberg division, the winner was the Retro Narwhals. The Spirit Award went to a hilarious team named 780! Abominable! Party! Squad!
- ❑ **VPSL 2008-2009:** Interested in running for my position? Come talk with me or check out the VPSL section on the SU website. It's updated! Yay!
- ❑ **U-Pass Administration Committee:** Winter Term distribution has gone very smoothly. We distributed 13 231 before 31 December 2007 and have distributed 25 100 as of 17 January 2008. In the Fall Term, we distributed 30 885 U-Passes. As a reminder for students, the U-Pass program applies only to the Fall and Winter Terms. Students registered in the Spring or Summer Term can purchase a post-secondary education bus pass.

We also discussed students on practicum or co-op who wanted to opt into the U-Pass program but couldn't come onto campus during Info Link's hours of operation. Info Link is open on Saturdays. If that doesn't work, then students can contact Info Link or the ONEcard office to make alternative arrangements; those offices are quite accommodating.

- ❑ **Interuniversity Athletics Committee:** The VPSL sits on a committee with other people in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation to discuss "issues related to the planning, management, and operation of the Golden Bears and Pandas' varsity athletics programs." The major topic of discussion was prioritizing services to the programs in each funding tier.
- ❑ **Access Fund Committee:** While the Access Fund Committee still existed, we gave feedback on an Access Fund staffing structure proposal. As there have been two Access Fund Directors in the last three years, Jane Lee, the Director of the Student Financial Aid Information Centre, proposed to make the position more competitive to improve retention.
- ❑ **VPSL's Winter Term Plans:** My year is not done! I still want to work on Campus' Got Talent, microwaves, the Health Services Advisory Group, Student Group Services granting/funding, and Student Group Services infrastructure changes. Ask me questions!
- ❑ **Paper Clip Animals:** Do you think you can make a better paper clip animal than me? You have until the end of today's Council meeting to prove it.