

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2007-20)

2007-20/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2007-20/5e University Policy Committee- Report

Please see document LA 07-20.01

2007-20/5e(i) **JANZ/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve a political policy based on the following principles:

The Students' Union should lobby the University of Alberta and its faculties and departments to strengthen their communications requirements for all instructors and teaching assistants, with a special emphasis on oral skills.

The Students' Union should lobby the University of Alberta and its faculties and departments to provide free support and resources for all existing instructors and teaching assistants who struggle with their language abilities.

2007-20/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2007-20/6d **CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the External Policy Committee

2007-20/6e **NICOL MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Audit Committee

2007-20/6f **WISHEU/GELLER MOVE THAT** VP Academic, Bobby Samuel be censured

Please see document LA 07-20.02

2007-20/7 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2007-20/7f Censure Letter from VP Academic, Bobby Samuel

Please see document LA 07-20.03

2007-20/7g Caitlin Schulz resigns from Audit Committee

Please see document LA 07-20.04

- 2007-20/7h** Bobby Samuel, VP Academic- Report
Please see document LA 07-20.05
- 2007-20/7i** Response to Question from Councillor Sumar
Please see document LA 07-20.06
- 2007-20/7j** Steven Dollansky, VP External- Report
Please see document LA 07-20.07
- 2007-20/7k** Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report
Please see document LA 07-20.08
- 2007-20/7l** Votes and Proceedings- January 22, 2008
Please see document LA 07-20.09

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2008-02-05

University Policy Committee

Hello Council:

UPC met for the first time this semester last week, and the meeting proved to be quite productive.

Some updates:

- The VPA and VPSL have continued to keep UPC up-to-date on their activities through regular reports.
- UPC will likely soon be making changes to its standing orders to come in line with changes in bylaw and with EPC standing orders. Councillor Bandali has termed this synergy...but since everyone except him dislikes that word, I'll call it UPC/EPC collaboration.
- Principles for a political policy on English proficiency were discussed and approved at the last meeting, and should be on the Late Additions for this meeting. Thanks to President Janz for bringing this forward.
- A political policy on scholarships and bursaries is also in the works. We're currently considering whether one single policy would be more effective, or if it's better have to have separate external and university policies that deal with the matter. Expect to hear more about this in the coming weeks.

The next UPC meeting will take place on Thursday, February 14th at 5:30 PM. Any councillors interested in discussing student issues on the university side are more than welcome to attend!

Al-Amyr Sumar

MINUTES

EXEC 07/45

Executive Committee

January 29, 2008

Attendance

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| Michael Janz | President |
| Bobby Samuel | Vice-President Academic |
| Steven Dollansky | Vice-President External |
| Eamonn Gamble | Vice-President Operations & Finance |
| Chris Le | Vice- Student Life |
| Bill Smith | General Manager |
| Catherine van de Braak | Executive Assistant |

- 1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by JANZ at 1:32 pm
- 2. Approval of Agenda** GAMBLE/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following additions:
6b. Pamphlet
7f. SPR
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- 3. Approval of Minutes** LE/GAMBLE MOVED THAT the January 22, 2008 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- 4. Action Summaries** Reviewed and updated
- 5. Old Business** There is no old business
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Conference Request** Smith tabled a conference request for the Christine Rogerson and Jon Lovell to attend the Facility Management and Canadian Music Conference. This is a valuable opportunity and is budgeted.

DOLLANSKY/JANZ MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$4560.00 for the Manager of Programming and Venues and the Operations Manger- Programs and Venues to attend the Facility Management and Canadian Music Conference March 4- 9, 2008 in Toronto.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
 - b. Pamphlet** JANZ: received this VPA outreach item, what is it? (see EXEC.45.BG.pamphlet.pdf.)
SAMUEL: it is an academic survey; outreach to students, lets them know what I have done in terms of my election platform from last year, what I am working on now, issues.
JANZ: what is the cost?

SAMUEL: paid for the printing out of my pocket, use of design came from my budget

JANZ: why did you pay for it yourself?

SAMUEL: not budgeted by Amanda

(see complaint filed regarding this statement by Samuel at the end of these minutes)

JANZ: there were 300 copies printed, what was the goal of this?

SAMUEL: to raise awareness of portfolio; let them know how I have been helping them

GAMBLE: was it to let them know that it was the SU or Bobby Samuel who was helping them?

SAMUEL: that it was Bobby Samuel

JANZ: you are hosting an academic session this afternoon, how are you distributing these?

SAMUEL: will distribute through student groups

JANZ: do you see how the average student could perceive these materials as campaign materials?

SAMUEL: no, see it as letting students know what has been going on

JANZ: why didn't you raise it in a communication meeting?

SAMUEL: just wanted to go with it myself

JANZ: there is a difference between an oral report on what you have been doing at Council and this. The SU flame was used; did you raise this with any of the exec?

SAMUEL: No

JANZ: the use of Genuine, Bold and Smart, will you use this as a campaign slogan?

SAMUEL: will probably use, those words describe the type of leader that I want to be; this pamphlet highlights traditional VPA issues. Teaching has always been a VPA issue, it doesn't look like campaign materials

JANZ: It says that you organized a historic national round table, Did you organize NART?

SAMUEL: no I did not create NART; Todd Anderson and Bill Smith did a lot of work

JANZ: this pamphlet deals with much more than your portfolio; do you remember how you raised the jurisdiction issue with us?

SAMUEL: the purpose was to get information out to students

GAMBLE: were you going to share any of the information that you collected?

SAMUEL: I would talk to you guys if you wanted the information, I want to go out there and be among the students, I want to step outside of the policy work and have a public image.

JANZ: is this is self-promotion?

SAMUEL: yes, I guess but student politics is about more than dirty politics, it is about getting out there and listening to students.

LE: found out that this was done with the marketing department, floored by this, a very thin line exists, so blown away that this was created by our design department

GAMBLE: why use marketing time but not organizations dollars to pay for the pamphlet? I know your budget and you are way under.

JANZ: it has the same look as all of the rest of the information designed by the SU. Can you not see how this compromises the election process? The whole thing floors me.

GAMBLE: this implies that the SU supports this

DOLLANSKY: it communicates that you are the SU candidate.

SAMUEL: its about academic outreach

JANZ: I am beyond disappointment that this document was conceived and produced for a variety of reasons.

GAMBLE: didn't you think that we would find out/see it?

SAMUEL: yes, I thought that you'd see it, but didn't think it would be a big deal

DOLLANSKY: my slide in the CASA presentation about textbooks being a federal issue resulted in you yelling at me for 5-10 minutes, that's how I feel but I am expressing it differently than you did at that time, I guess I'm just disappointed for your lack of respect to the Exec. Committee.

JANZ: last week you apologized to me and now I am not sure it was sincere.

GAMBLE: this could really discredit the SU in the upcoming election, if we use SU resources to boost a potential candidate. Do you have anything to say

SAMUEL: I'm sorry. Janz, my apology to you was sincere.

JANZ: who have you given these out to?

SAMUEL: just given them to student groups.

GAMBLE: Did you use your position as VPA to set up these meetings?

SAMUEL yes

JANZ: how many do you have and whom have you given them out to?

SAMUEL: Alpha Psi is the only one I have given them to, approximately 15 have been distributed. I have the rest.

SMITH: where has this been distributed?

JANZ: the issue is also that it happened

SMITH: I have to step away from the relationship aspect and look at the potential damage to the organization, is damage occurring and what are we going to do about it. How can we cleanse the discredit? I don't want be accused of playing fast and loose with our electoral process.

GAMBLE: any damage to the organization Samuel is expected to fix

SAMUEL: fine with that.

GAMBLE/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee censure Vice President Academic Bobby Samuel.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (abstention Samuel) CARRIED

LE: still floored that the design department was used, echo Smith's concerns, there are no hard rules about pre-campaigning but to use the design department sends mixed messages, very tough to swallow, abuse of resources

JANZ: where are the pamphlets and how many are there

SAMUEL: I have them in my bag

JANZ: do you have any more meetings with Student Groups

SAMUEL yes

SMITH: what proactive action should be taken?

SAMUEL: have spoken with the CRO, there are no rules about pre-campaigning

JANZ: you did this to us, didn't bring this up to us. You don't seem to see a problem with what has been done but paid cash. There is insincerity of action.

SAMUEL: I don't see why there is a problem

JANZ: then why did you pay in cash

SMITH: what can be done to fix this?

JANZ: the exec will write a letter and submit it to Council

SAMUEL: will not hand out pamphlets, will not meet with student groups about this

JANZ: it is more serious than that, you should seriously think about your future plans.

SAMUEL okay

7. Discussion Period

a. In Camera

JANZ/GAMBLE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee moves in camera.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/0 CARRIED

- b. Poll Clerk Swag** Request for CRO for swag for poll clerks tabled and discussed. Due to the high number, 100, it is very difficult to fulfill this request.
- c. SFAIC/ACCESS Fund** LE tabled a proposal from SFAIC for restructuring. There will result in a significant cost savings. Executive support this proposal.
- d. Feb 7 /Augustana** LE: would like to take Campus Got Talent to Augustana on February 7. Who can come from exec? Gamble and Samuel may be able to go.
- e. SPR** DOLLANSKY: there is 25 thousand in an elections reserve, would like to know what is left in SPR and if any of it can be used for the election campaign.
GAMBLE: can discuss at retreat on Friday

8. Reports

9. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Complaint received February 1, 2008 from Amanda Henry:

I would like to lodge a formal complaint regarding the January 29, 2008 minutes of the Executive Committee (UASU).

Part way through the proceedings regarding the pamphlet, this exchange is recorded (regarding the pamphlets recently published by Mr. Samuel, VP Academic):

"JANZ: why did you pay for it yourself?

SAMUEL: not budgeted by Amanda"

I take exception to being mentioned by name and for the inaccurate implication of Mr. Samuel's statement.

As the Executive Committee is well aware, it is impossible to budget for every foreseeable expense when creating the budget for your successor's year. As such, relatively large amounts of money are budgeted into discretionary lines. In this case, budget 519 (the department of the Vice President (Academic)) has internal, external and volunteer PR lines as well as a number of budget lines dedicated to specific 'academic outreach' in the form of committee expenses. Mr. Samuel had money allotted in each of these lines (as is the usual practice), and, though I don't remember what the money in each line was 'earmarked' for, I do recall that the external PR line in particular was very open-ended. Furthermore, any 'earmarking' of funds done by myself (other than salaries and conference expenses) are suggestions at best, leaving Mr. Samuel with quite a bit of discretion to change or amend the nature of his expenditures to better reflect his year.

Lastly, there is a mechanism in place within the Students' Union (as I'm sure you are well aware) that allows individual departments to transfer funds between budget lines as appropriate. There are also mechanisms for members of the Executive to request special, one-time project funding - this is how the 2005 Academic Survey was paid for, if I recall correctly.

In other words, I made every reasonable effort to ensure that a great many options were at Mr.

Samuel's disposal to cover the costs of the pamphlets (or any other projects he might have desired to pursue) through the usual channels. I resent the implication that he was in any way forced to use personal funds to pay for an expense within his year and find the implication that I should be blamed in any way shape or form for the current situation facing the Executive Committee to be inappropriate in the extreme.

I refuse to be held responsible in any way for Mr. Samuel's decision to pay for those pamphlets personally rather than handling them as a budgeted expense, and in particular to be held responsibility in the official records of the Students' Union without my opposition at least being noted. Furthermore, I contest the accuracy of Mr. Samuel's statement and request that it be struck from the record or amended as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Amanda Henry
Former Vice President (Academic)

UASU, 2006/07

It's about being...
Genuine, Bold and Smart



VP ACADEMIC, BOBBY SAMUEL

THE MOST HUMBLING experience for me was when I won the election to become your Vice President Academic last year. Not only that, but every day that I have been on the job, working hard for you, I have truly cherished. So, I would like to give something back to you and share with you the progress I have made on my campaign promises.



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Enhance Technology

I promised to bring video cameras into classrooms. Unfortunately, I have to do something that few politicians actually do, and that is admit that I failed. I was unable to make much progress on this promise and for that, I'm truly sorry.

Increase Bursaries

I promised to create an equitable distribution between merit-based scholarships and financial needs-based bursaries in order to increase the amount and number of bursaries available to students. So far, I did a lot of research that showed a large gap between the amount of money that goes into scholarships compared to bursaries. Next, I hope to create a policy to ensure that an equal amount of money goes into scholarships and bursaries.

Improve Teaching

I promised to create minimum teaching standards for instructors using student evaluations. To date, I created a task force to explore how the University can better use this valuable student input when evaluating instructors. In a few months, we should have some recommendations that are very student friendly.

Reward Involvement

I promised to give academic credit for student group involvement through Community Service Learning (CSL). Fortunately, I now get to do what few politicians are able to and that is tell you that I fulfilled this promise.

Reduce Textbook Prices

I didn't actually campaign on this promise, but I was still able to organize a historic national round table involving student associations, bookstores, and publishers to discuss ways to reduce textbook prices. Although still a few years away, I'm confident that these ongoing discussions will reduce the price of all academic materials, including textbooks.



Now, I would like to know what you think- how can I help to make your experience at the U of A better? This is a pretty broad question, so I created a few themes to help in our discussion:

ACCOUNTABILITY

What should I do to make the SU more accountable?

AFFORDABILITY

What should I do to make the University more affordable?

COMMUNITY

What should I do to make campus more like a community that helps to empower students?

CONSULTATION

What should I do to make sure the SU consults more with students when it makes big decisions?

QUALITY

What should I do to improve the quality of the U of A?

Feel free to send me your responses at

vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca, visit my Facebook profile, or drop by my office at 2-900 SUB for a chat over a cup of coffee (my treat).

Dear Council,

As many of you are aware, I was censured by the Executive Committee at the January 29 meeting for the “Genuine, Bold, and Smart” pamphlet. In order to address many of the questions that will be coming my way on Tuesday, I thought it would be best to tell you why I created it in the first place.

Too often, our elections often go the same way with hard-working candidates extolling their ideas about changing our University without meaningful consultation with students beforehand. As such, our elections often go the same way every year with voter turnout in the low 20% range. In addition, many executives (and councilors as well) often campaign on various promises, but there is rarely any follow-up on how far they have succeeded on their promises. To me, that felt like the old way of doing things and I wanted to change that.

That’s when I decided to conduct academic outreach through creating the pamphlet; to share with the student body about what progress I made on my campaign promises from last year. As well, I wanted to hear what students wanted from their Students’ Union and use that input to create my presidential election platform. For myself, I felt that there were two principles at play: my position and having a conversation with students about how the SU can better serve their needs. For myself, the latter was (and still is) vastly more important.

Nonetheless, I still felt that I should cover the costs for these pamphlets because there was an element of pre-campaigning. Thus, I paid for the print costs and hopefully, by the time you are reading this, the design server will be back online for me to pay for the design expenditures associated with the pamphlets so that the Students’ Union will bear no costs.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Students’ Council and the Executive Committee for not consulting or informing either of these pamphlets beforehand. This has taught me a valuable lesson about communication, and the need for it not just with the student body, but also with those that I work most closely with.

I welcome any and all questions related to the pamphlet during our meeting. Executives should always be held accountable for their actions and I am no exception to this rule.

Sincerely,

**Bobby Samuel
Vice President (Academic)**

To whom it may concern:

I would like to formally resign from Audit Committee. My time this semester has been consumed by far too many activities. My regrets to Council and Audit Committee, but is the best thing for me to do.

Thank you very much,

Caitlin Schulz

Bobby Samuel
Vice President Academic Report

Hey Council, I'm writing this from Toronto (I know, I really should have had this done earlier), but this week has been really busy so I'll just be giving Students' Council some highlights from the previous two weeks.

GOALS:

Enhance Technology – Basically, work is still progressing on the technology audit, we're discussing whether we should make a policy surrounding the use of technology or not.

Improve Teaching – The USRI Taskforce will be set up soon (hopefully, at the next CLE meeting) with representation from the various stakeholders as well as experts to facilitate the discussions. This will certainly go a long way to not only address the specific teaching evaluations, but also how teaching is evaluated on campus.

Increase Bursaries – Currently working on analyzing the data from our initial Awards brief by meeting with Greg Wagner, the director of the Student Awards Office. I'm confident he will be able to address many of our questions and concerns. As well, I'll be working with Steve on a collaborative policy for both of our advocacy efforts to talk to government and the University.

Reward Involvement – Still working on promoting CSL, I'm still in the process of following up with FAs on whether they are bringing up service-learning opportunities to their faculties.

Reduce Textbook Costs – We had our first working group meeting, from what I can tell talks are progressing well, hopefully more to report by the time I get back.

EMERGING ISSUES:

Bear Tracks Trip – This was quite significant as I attended a day trip with the fine folks working on the Bear Tracks upgrade to Simon Fraser University. There, we got a first-hand look at what the upgrade will actually look like (it's most of the same stuff as before with a shopping cart feature), but the big difference occurring in how they approached the upgrade. With SFU, they were considerably more open with everyone than the last upgrade and I think they realized the value in that.

Faculty Associations – Currently, I am interviewing all of the individual FAs to get a stronger idea of how they operate as well as an attempt to engage them earlier on. Using this input, I hope to make CoFA discussions more fruitful. As well, CoFA this Thursday.

Assorted Teaching Related Activities – The Festival of Teaching was a really great success (thanks to all those who came and also volunteered). As well, we put on a session during Integrating Teaching & Research Week on Formative Feedback (thanks to Amanda for attending in my absence).

Code of Civility – This was an odd thing that came up during one of my committees that may make its way through the consultation route. As it stands, there are some questionable things in there that I am not entirely comfortable with and I hope to address them soon.

Website Focus Group – I'm organizing this for External Relations, if you're interested in being part of a focus group for the University's new website e-mail me as a focus group will be scheduled for this Friday at 12:00. Lunch will be provided.

Hello Council,

So I am working on putting together a comprehensive list. Here is my attempt at doing this. I still have 3 months left till I have to hand over my keys to my poor successor so I'm hoping that some of these will have a chance to be ticked off! This is just a draft document right now to make sure that I am on the right page and that if any of you have questions, clarifications or changes I should make, I can do that before I put out my year end report!

I think the first thing to mention is that no matter how much a candidate prepares, there will always be things that catch you by surprise. The worst advice I was ever given was that the summer is a time to 'learn the ropes'. Summer is the best time possible to get things done. I had no idea that I would be spending weeks dealing with CASA activities or how much time the Tuition fight would actually take. The important thing is to be ready to roll with the punches and be prepared for the challenges that each new day brings. If any of these points require clarification or expansion, I would be more than happy to answer questions.

I hope that you will reserve the right to judge the success of my year as President until May 5th when I am done transitioning my successor and handing over keys to allow the new president to rise like the phoenix from the ashes of the SUB flame. Given the chance, I would gladly do it all over again and I hope that many of you reading this would consider giving it a shot.

DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL GOALS RESPONSES IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR SUMAR:

Academic Life

1. English oral proficiency testing for new professors and T.A.'s.

The University hopes to double the amount of professors and T.A's in the next 5 years. The SU must ensure that students not only have great profs but great profs that speak English well. Standardized English oral proficiency tests for all professors and TA's must be implemented.

This is an issue I have been continually raising on University committees, up to the Board of Governors. I have done some further fact finding on this issue but it has not been something that the SU shall be easily able to do. When I attended the STLHE conference I went to a session on how they improved "good communication" at other schools and have learned more about the initiatives that exist here for assistance. There are nowhere near enough and though the University quietly acknowledges that this is an issue, it is one that continued

executives will need to press on to get traction not just at the presidential but the VPA level as well. If we are able to tweak USRIs it would be great to have a component about English Proficiency.

2. Make the wireless network in SUB function properly.

- Ensure the wireless has a strong signal and is available even during peak hours.

Done. UWS is now installed and up-to-speed everywhere in the building it seems but my office. For further questions about the UWS please check out their website at www.ualberta.ca/uws.

3. Add more exams and answer keys to the Test Bank.

- Work with Faculty Associations to publicize and ensure the continued development of the online Test Bank. More tests along with answer sheets must be available to students to help them succeed in their courses.

This is being done now in accordance with the GFC policy. At our exec retreat on Friday Vice President Samuel indicated that he will be following up with infolink to get the statistics on how popular this service is and how well utilized it is. This is the first year that this policy has been implemented through GFC. Ideally, any student in any class should be able to access an exam from either their professor, their FA, or infolink.

4. Offer students better resources to make informed professor choices.

-The SU must help students to make informed decisions on their professors when selecting classes. Numerical averages from course evaluations cannot accurately or fully describe performance.

USRI reform is something that VP Samuel has been interested in and has been working on. I have been involved in a few meetings with AASUA and Alan Cliff (Arts GFC) has also indicated some interest in seeing this issue addressed. Hopefully this is a wait and see. Some members of the faculty are very opposed to USRI reforms and think they are useless. While they are not ideal, they help us determine the outliers and help faculties target development for these individuals.

5. Add more student study and social space across campus.

-Work with faculties and the University administration to ensure that more current university spaces are made available for student study space or for student group usage. Existing study space must be publicized to students.

A policy has gone through Facilities Development Committee allocating for a ___ % of space to be designated student space. The powerplant this year has been accessible to

student groups and community members to use as a space for some social events while the east portion has been allocated as study space. Ideally we will see a longterm commitment on this project soon from the University.

Campus Experience

1. Convert the Powerplant into a study and relaxation space with computers and a brand-name coffee house.

Reform the moneypit Powerplant Bar (5 years of losses *NUMBER* are enough.) and transition the building into a late night study space/recreation space for students. The Power Plant should play the role of the central campus living room. RATT will absorb the alcohol sales and the Dinwoodie will take on the concerts. Franchise a brand coffee house like Second Cup instead of Deweys and add a computer lab to complement the great existing wireless.

The Powerplant refocusing group has been disappointing in how long it has taken for us to see results. On a campus that is growing so much, the Powerplant is just labeled a minor project, no matter how important it is to us. I'm hoping that the Powerplant focus group we did on the 19th will prove fruitful in its findings and we can get stakeholders such as the University Architects Office, Alumni, and others to pull together to support a longterm vision for this facility that encompasses the flexible, multi-purpose nature that so many of us have envisioned.

2. Offer easily accessible grant money, training and equipment to student groups **(Faculty Associations/Residence Associations/Student Groups)**

Groups that show fiscal accountability and run successful events should be eligible for a greater percentage of available funding. We must Properly staff the Student Groups Services (SGS) so as to effectively provide financial, insurance, and administrative support for groups requires a greater number of staff.

This year we have put forward a proposal for adding administrative support to Student Group Services. The Student Group Summit was outstanding and offered a chance for us to get valuable training and support to student groups. We have increased the funding regulations and have attempted to access more funding for various student groups on campus.

3. Develop plans for a sustainable SUB expansion.

Develop plans for an expanded, sustainable, multi-purpose SUB. Work with the University to develop SUB as the spot for student services, study space, leisure space, and activity space.

The plans for SUB expansion have been discussed an options are being considered. This

remains a priority and we will be in some position to act when the current SUB mortgage is paid off in 2012. In the meantime to build our case for a long-term expansion, we have reopened discussion as to the lower level and how we can take temporary measures to ensure that this space is being used as effectively as possible. The findings of this task force should be developed and ready for implementation immediately when we receive confirmation on the plans for the powerplant.

4. Broaden the topics of the Revolutionary Speakers' Series.

The series must be broadened to include speakers on topics in Science, Business, Education, Medicine, Technology, Travel, and more. Faculty support must be sought to increase the profile and relevance of this event.

This program has been a nightmare and has been cursed from the get-go. This summer when we looked into booking speakers we were mistaken as to if there were dollars budgeted for this program or not. Later on when we found out that there was in fact dollars budgeted It was too late to get many of the good speakers we wanted. We tried booking a couple to be dropped (Sue Johanson, Rick Hanson) but right now we are working on a co-promotion for another speaker and we hope that it will be successful. The atmosphere this time of year is not one that is superconductive to this program anyway as the centennial and international week this year are bringing in many big ticket speakers who we just can't compete with. The RSS is a program that is in need of un-kinking and I hope to have this done by the end of my term. It just has not broke even in the past and I'm hoping that if we de-centralize it and make it available to FA's on a grants basis it will be much better.

Effective Advocacy

1. It's not just about tuition!

Advocating for a rollback has not gotten students any results. What will produce results is a concentrated campaign on the issue of student financial aid targeting the need for more aid and student loan reforms. We must take on a pragmatic approach that achieves results for students.

Bingo. While I would not say that the above statement is entirely true after doing this job for a year, I would certainly say that it is crucial for us to keep fighting Tuition for a few reasons 1) preserve affordability 2) ensure that any increases that have been justified under the guise of 'improving quality' are in fact, improving quality, and not just being siphoned off into other areas of the University. I believe that the Tuition debate opens the budget up for much more debate. Any student who takes a look at our lobby document

(www.su.ualberta.ca/advocacy) will see that we have advocated on so much more for students. From affordable housing week, to the formation of the EAS to the work that Dollansky put in at SFB, I truly believe we have taken a pragmatic approach in our dealings with the University and the government. I believe that students have heard many messages from us this year and would agree that what we are doing is reasonable. I have been told this by many Governors that though it may seem that we always "lose" the tuition debate, if we did not put up such a fight, increases would be in the 10-15% range and not capped at CPI like they are.

2. Increase student loan amounts and remove parental contribution requirements.

Students should not be limited or denied funding for school because of their parents income. Funding amounts must be increased to accurately reflect student need. More debt forgiveness and lower interest rates must be attained.

See lobby document and see the work we have done with CAUS this year. We have raised these issues with the minister and I am anxiously awaiting to see what the parties come up with for election platforms this year. Luckily the other schools in CAUS were all in agreement with this issue and this has allowed us to push on the Student Loan issue. Even with our meetings with CASA during Lobby Con, we have had excellent progress on these issues. Must be noted however, that unreasonable amounts of debt are still bad and we need to look around and make sure that there are enough scholarships and bursaries to provide for those who have too much unmet need.

3. Purchase an apartment building and operate it as non-profit housing for students

The SU needs to work with the Province and University Administration to explore purchasing housing on South Campus or Downtown to ease the housing crunch for students.

This is a bad idea. This was preliminarily investigated during Blatz's term as president at the very end. We raised this issue with the University administration and it simply comes down to the fact that 1) The UASU does not make a good landlord because the UofA will always have access to more money, collateral, and government funding than we will. They may not always have the right goals with their housing, but they are better situated to manage it than us. 2) The UASU is not in a place to take on a second mortgage. 3) The UASU is not in a place to take on the extra work required in the areas of insurance and playing landlord. This is one of those Ideas that I thought would be so beneficial for the U of A SU to do, but unless some rich benefactor or the government offers us an opportunity to get a property at a bargain, I would strongly advise walking away from the housing

game at this point in our organizations growth. We can do more for the student housing crisis by putting our names in behind the Administration and putting forward proposals like we did on the "1000 beds" proposal earlier this year.

4. Ensure students are paying only for their education, not for renovations or new buildings.

More capital funding (money for buildings, maintenance, construction as opposed to operating funding which goes to paying staff and administration) must be attained. Deferred maintenance is the problem of the province not the students of today!

The RHA and the UASU put forward a convincing case during this year's BOG presentation about why the Rent Increase was unnecessary and poorly justified. We successfully attained the most "no votes" ever. Through our efforts with CAUS and the UASU we have been repeatedly putting more emphasis on increasing funds to our institutions for deferred maintenance and ensuring that there are steady streams of funding coming in. Our case for investment has been very strong as seen by the \$168 Million justified for the U of A. Now if only we could get the government to recognize residences as candidates for this deferred maintenance money.

Resourceful Student Government

1. Hire a scholarship recruiter to solicit funding from Alberta businesses.

- Create an employee dedicated to recruiting small scholarships from around the city: that connect students to the greater Edmonton community. Though large granting is great, small grassroots support can be very meaningful to students.

This has not been done yet and this conversation will be taking place soon with the GM and the marketing department and SFAIC. It would be a great time to capitalize on some of the Centennial Generosity.

2. Create a Wall of Activities in SUB to advertise events and student groups.

The Wall in SUB used for the "Wall of Debt" will become a "Wall of Activities" to advertise campus events. Club meetings, campus programs, sports events, speakers, news bulletins, social activities and more would be advertised here.

High 5 to VP Chris Le who managed this pilot project. I think it has been very successful and many students have indicated to me that Sept and Jan are the best months to post this kind of thing. Stay tuned for its digital cousin that should be firing up soon.

3. Show students how the S.U. puts their fees to use.

Improve communication to students through a monthly SU E-newsletter sent to all SU members (with opt-out available) , bringing back the SU Page in the Gateway and redesigning the website to make sure it fulfills its aim of communicating information to Students.

The accountability measures have been merged into the new budget process that specifically make each area list their deliverables and give BFC the ability to make each area account for successes and improvements for future years. The monthly newsletter has proved quite successful in bringing a ton of new traffic to our website. The Gateway page was viewed as a bad idea and shot down early and the website is under constant scrutiny. From the get go of this year, VP Gamble and I have ensured that proper breakdowns of our fees and spending have been made available to every student-- check out the handbook! I have tried to meet with many Student Groups, FA's and Residence associations to communicate through the year what the SU is doing for them. Outreach and recruitment are important to do year-round.

Michael Janz

Council Report
February 4, 2008
VPX

Hey Council,

I hope all is well. Here is a brief summary of some of the things I've been/will be up to.

1. CAUS Campaign – Entitled “Imagine Alberta” we have attempted to tie “hot topic” issues to the importance of post-secondary education. The UASU’s contribution is about \$20k to date, and that number will hopefully grow a bit more as we get SPR requests sorted out. The campaign will include billboards, TV, Radio, handouts, google ads, and a website. I’m hoping to present to council on the 12th.
2. ELECTION CALLED FOR MARCH 3.
 - a. What are we doing?
 - i. CAUS Campaign
 - ii. Forums for Edmonton-Riverview and Edmonton-Strathcona
 - iii. Working with Campus Clubs and the LHSA to help get students to the polls
 - iv. Anyone who wants to help out please email Pam @ avpex@su.ualberta.ca
 - b. Where can we find out more?
 - i. www.imaginealberta.ca (soon to be online)
 - ii. www.electionsalberta.ca
 - iii. Call a candidates office to get involved.
 - iv. Liberal and NDP Platforms are public and on their websites. PC platform is being unveiled one piece at a time but the guideline was the throne speech which is available on the Government’s website. Wildrose Alliance and Green party websites can provide more information on their party’s stances.
3. Speech from the Throne – Was yesterday and thanks to the Alberta Liberals I was able to attend. Really cool. The military’s band uniforms were a bit excessive, but they sounded great. Norman Kwong is actually pretty funny. Long story short. . . Election = March 3.
4. CASA – After careful calculations and conservative budgeting that will account for the possibility of having exec members who are of the opposite sex and would need two hotel rooms we have

calculated the total cost to be \$59000 for full membership and \$35500 for associate membership. Of those costs we have located \$8500 from existing budgets and \$8000 in conference costs that would be budgeted regardless of whether or not we are a member. This puts the total opportunity cost at \$42500 for full membership and \$19000 for associate membership.

5. Bill 7 – Drafted and put in front of Bylaw Committee last week.
6. Candidate Meetings – I have been meeting with a number of MLA's and candidates leading up to the provincial election. I had a very productive discussion with Dr. Taft on Jan. 25 which lead to a significant amount of our language being included in the Liberal Party platform (which is cool to see). Now we need to get them to start talking about these ideas.
7. Scholarships and Bursaries – Al-Amyn and I met to discuss a possible policy surrounding scholarships and bursaries. I've received a first draft which I'm looking over, but it is becoming ever more apparent that we need to define what the TOTAL scholarship and bursary system looks like before we start critiquing individual pieces. For example, the University likes to take credit for the Government's work and we need to figure out how much money is coming from their operating budget as opposed to being funneled from the GoA and GoC.
8. Budgeting – I've completed the budgeting process for the VPX, CAUS and prospective CASA budgets. Anyone with questions shouldn't hesitate to ask. Thank you to Catherine for helping create my working papers.
9. The Oilers beat the Flames 5-0 last night. Calgary had it coming.

Have a great meeting.

-Steven

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

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- ❑ **Sustainability Initiative Interview:** The University is developing an institution-wide sustainability policy, and they asked for the SU's input on their Sustainability Commitment and Guiding Principles document. The University is also proposing to have an Office of Sustainability. I was particularly happy to see that the proposed structure has a Sustainability Advisory Committee that contains a seat for a student; it has the potential for students to collaborate with the University akin to other advisory groups set up for the Bookstore, University Health Centre, and Ancillary Services (i.e. food services). I pressed on the University the importance of investing into the existing sustainability projects, such as the ECOS Bike Library and ECOS's Green Residence programs, because the peer-to-peer model is an effective method to develop a culture of sustainability; students respond best to other students.
- ❑ **Health Services Advisory Committee:** Dr. McInroy and I updated HSAG about our talks with quasi-stakeholders about the pharmacy subsidy issue. Dr. McInroy has spoken with Blue Cross and we await a response. At the next meeting, I hope that HSAG will be able to see the University Health Centre's budget.
- ❑ **Student Group Services Resources:** Student Group Services has brought back the Plus Pass for student group executives, which gives a discount on items in RATT. If you are a student group executive, visit the SGS office for your Plus Pass! Also, the Student Group Executive Handbooks are ready, so if you want information about running a student group in a handy booklet, stop by the SGS office.
- ❑ **U-Pass Advisory Committee:** ETS reported that there are 700 000 new student trips resulting from the U-Pass. New trips represents "cars off the road," which is approximately 180 cars off the road per school year. ETS has now added 175.8 weekly service hours since September for the UofA and Grant MacEwan.
- ❑ **Campus' Got Talent:** I've been working on Campus' Got Talent marketing material and prizes. The kickoff will begin at Augustana campus on 7 February 2008. If you want to show off your talent at the 19 March show at SUBstage, contact Mike Schwake: avpsl@su.ualberta.ca.
- ❑ **Career Fair:** The SU had a booth at the Career Fair with popcorn and games. We met a lot of people and gave away some SU merchandise. If you're interested in working for the SU, check out the SU website or www.jobkin.ca.

- ❑ **General Faculties Council:** Campus St. Jean wants to open College St. Jean, which will offer certificates. This addition will cater to those in the Francophone community who want to pursue post-secondary education without attending university. With the College, Campus St. Jean will offer be one of the best Francophone learning centers in western Canada.
- ❑ **Campus Law Review Committee:** The Practicum Intervention Policy has been revised to remove the provision that “a delegate” had the authority to remove students from their programs; only the Dean can do this. Also, CLRC saw the Discipline Reports from Residence Services.
- ❑ **Safewalk Associate Director Interviews:** The current Safewalk Associate Director, Chanelle Omotani, will not continue in her position, so we are in the process of hiring a new Safewalk AD for the rest of the term.
- ❑ **Meeting with the Campus Sustainability Coalition:** Michael Janz, Julie Charchun, and I met with Michael Rawson Clark and Kendra Issac from the Campus Sustainability Coalition. They want to the SU and the GSA to sign a memorandum of understanding with the CSC to give the CSC credibility and institutional memory. Both the SU and the GSA declined but were willing to have further talks regarding sustainability on campus.
- ❑ **University Policy Committee:** We discussed developing political policies about English proficiency for instructors and about scholarships and bursaries. The latter policy may require collaboration with the External Policy Committee to have a unified stance on the issue.
- ❑ **UofA Mumps Immunization Campaign:** I received the numbers from the mumps campaign that happened in late November. The four-day total was 11 943 immunizations. This number exceeded the Capital Health Authority’s goal of immunizing 30% of campus. I am glad that the SU was able to partner with the University and Capital Health to run this successful campaign.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-19)

2007-19/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Point of Order: Councillor "Missed an announcement"

Speaker: Point well taken

CHAN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT item 2007-19/5d(i) be made a special order to be dealt with as the first item of business after 8pm

Speaker's list: Chan, Nicol

Motion: CARRIED

No objections to presentation order being reversed

2007-19/2

PRESENTATIONS

2007-19/2b

APIRG- Presented by Brooke Leifso and Debrah Bergin. Sponsored by Terence Fung

FUNG/CAMPBELL MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

Motion: CARRIED

2007-19/2a

Legal Opinion Presentation- Presented by Amanda Henry. Sponsored by Bobby Samuel

SAMUEL/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

Point of Order: Councillor "I believe we need to elect a chair"

Speaker: Point not well taken

Motion: CARRIED

COUNCILLOR/SAMUEL MOVED IN-CAMERA

Extended for 10 minutes

VANDERSLUIJ/NICOL MOVED EX-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

No objections to nominations being added to agenda as follows:

2007-19/6e(i) **CAMPBELL MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the External Policy Committee

2007-19/6e(ii) **GAMBLE MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Access Fund Committee

NICOL MOVES TO omnibus second all nominations

Motion: CARRIED

2007-19/6b

GAMBLE/NICOL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Grant Allocation Committee

Speaker's list: Fung

Eruvbetine nominates Jackson; accepts

SAMUEL/PROKOPIUK MOVED TO close nominations

Motion: CARRIED

Jackson appointed Grant Allocation Committee

2007-19/6e

ESPOSITO/NICOL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee

Speaker's list: Esposito

Bandali nominates Schulz; declines

Samuel nominates Dunn; declines

Dollansky nominates Campbell; declines

Nicol nominates Cloutier; Ms. Schock (proxy) declines

Vandersluis nominates Shannon; accepts

Nominations closed

Shannon appointed to Budget and Finance Committee

2007-19/6e(i)

CAMPBELL/NICOL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint (1) member to the External Policy Committee

Speaker's list: Campbell

Dollansky nominates Stitt; accepts

Bandali nominates Eastham; declines

Eruvbetine nominates Hlady; accepts

BANSAL MOVED TO close nominations

No objections

Stitt appointed to External Policy Committee

2007-19/6e(ii) GAMBLE/NICOL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Access Fund Committee

Speaker's list: Gamble

Zhang nominates Hnatiuk; accepts

McKinney nominates Hlady; accepts

Owoo nominates Jackson; declines

Nominations closed

Hlady appointed to Access Fund Committee

2007-19/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Oral report from Dollansky

Oral report from Gamble

Recess for 15 minutes

2007-19/5d(i) EASTHAM/MCKINNEY MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve the WUSC referendum question.

Speaker's list: Eastham

EASTHAM MOVED TO amend the main motion by :

-Removing a space between 'the semicolon' and 'and' in point 1 b)

-Adding '(4)' between four and years in point 2 a)

-Adding '(8)' between eight and students in point 3 b)

-Removing a space between 'change' and 'the' in point 2 b)

Amendment: CARRIED (Friendly)

CHAN/ STITT MOVED TO amend the motion so that it would read:
EASTHAM/McKINNEY MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the

recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve the WUSC referendum question without a petition as per Bylaw 2000 Section 7 (6)

Point of Order: Nicol "I think the motion to have council approve this to be added to the ballot would need to be a separate motion."

Speaker: Point not well taken

Objections

Speaker's list: Chan, Craig Turner (sponsored), Guest (sponsored), Nicol, Sumar, Dollansky, Gamble, Dunn, Hlady, Mr. Volker (sponsored), Janz

SPEAKER MOVES THAT item 2007-19/6d be made a special order

Motion: CARRIED

Speaker's list: Murphy

Point of Order: Janz "Can signatures only be collected once the official question is passed by council"

Speaker: Point not well taken

Speaker's list: Murphy

Debate limited to an additional 15 minutes

Speaker's list: Eruvbetine

ESPOSITO/ PROKOPIUK MOVED THE previous question

Motion: FAILED

Speaker's list: Bansal, Dollansky, Mr. Volker (sponsored), McKinney

COUNCILLOR MOVED THE previous question

Speaker: We only have 3 minutes left

Speaker's list: Chan

Amendment: FAILED 18/0/20

Speaker's list: Nicol

COUNCILLOR MOVED THE previous question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED (WUSC referendum question)

2007-19/6d

GAMBLE MOVES THAT Students' Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding between "Dub5 Networks Inc." and "The University Of Alberta Students' Union"

Speaker's list: Gamble, Mr. Rozenhart (sponsored), Eruvbetine, Guest dub5 (sponsored), Gamble

Motion: CARRIED

2007-19/4

QUESTION PERIOD

ERUVBETINE/CAMPBELL MOVED THAT item 2007-19/6c be made a special order

Speaker's list: Eruvbetine

Motion: CARRIED

2007-19/6c

ERUVBETINE/VANDERSLUIJ MOVED 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.

Speaker's list: Eruvbetine,, Nicol

DOLLANSKY/PROKOPIUK MOVED TO postpone 2007-19/6c to the first item of the next meeting of Students' Council

Speaker's list: Dollansky

COUNCILLOR MOVED THE previous question

Motion (postpone): CARRIED

VANDERSLUIJ MOVED TO adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm



RESIDENCE SERVICES

Residence Services plays a key role in the success of the University's Dare to Deliver Academic Plan.

In order to deliver one of the Plan's key themes, *enriching the undergraduate experience*, Residence Services will focus on and enhance the first year experience in Lister Centre by:

- Strongly encouraging first year students to live in Lister Centre
- Creating an intentional and purposeful community ensuring all residents contribute positively to the residence experience
- Ensuring our staff focus on the priorities of the Dare to Deliver Academic Plan

In order to meet the above goals, Residence Services is implementing guidelines for residents returning to Lister Centre (and/or moving from Lister Centre to another University residence) and revising the current staffing structure.

Creating a community where residents contribute in a positive manner

At the end of this term (April 30), residents who have committed a Section A or B offense in Lister Centre will be placed on the Housing Exclusion List (HEL) and their application for residence for the upcoming year will be canceled. Prior to April 30, 2008, residents who have committed a Section A or B offense risk immediate eviction for any subsequent offense.

For the academic year of 2009-2010, a set of standards for returning residents will be developed for "Classic" Lister Centre (Henday, Kelsey and Mackenzie towers), in consultation with the Lister Hall Students' Association and these standards will be based on the Dare to Deliver Academic Plan.

Revised staffing structure within Lister Centre

Residence Services is moving to an appointed system for staffing resources throughout the Lister Centre residence and will have Residents Assistants on each floor of the three Classic towers (Henday, Kelsey and Mackenzie towers). A Senior Resident Assistant will also be hired for each of these towers.

Staff will report solely to Residence Services and focus on delivering initiatives guided by the Dare to Deliver Academic Plan.

This system will align Lister Centre with the other residences on campus as well as other institutions in North America.

Continued involvement of Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA)

Residence Services welcomes the involvement of the Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) in establishing standards for returning residents for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The LHSA will be student advocates independent of pressures from the University.

The LHSA will continue to carry out community-wide programming within Lister Centre.