

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2007-26)

2007-26/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2007-26/1a President's Farewell Address

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2007-26/3a Executive Committee- March 25th and April 1st, 2008

Please see document SC 07-26.01

2007-26/4 QUESTION PERIOD

2007-26/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-26/5a Budget and Finance Committee

2007-26/5a(i) **BANSAL/ESPOSITO MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve the 2008/2009 final Operating and Capital Budget

Please see document SC 07-26.02

2007-26/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2007-26/6a **JANZ/GAMBLE MOVE TO** pursue active membership in the Canadian Federation of Students for the 2008/2009 academic year.

2007-26/6c **BANDALI/ ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Councillor Sumar be censured

Councillor "big shot" Sumar is leaving the University of Alberta Students' Union for Harvard Law School. He has shown no regard for us minions who may not be following him to the big times. Congratulations are in order nonetheless.

2007-26/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-26/7a Steven Dollansky, VP External-Report

Please see document SC 07-26.03

2007-26/7b

Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 07-26.04

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Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance-Report

Please see document SC 07-26.05

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Votes and Proceedings- April 1, 2008

Please see document SC 07-26.06

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council April 8, 2008

- 1. There were no motions were passed at the March 25, 2008 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 2. There were no motions passed at the April 1, 2008 Executive Committee meeting.**

BUDGET PRIORITIES OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2008 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2009.

This document is intended to serve as an outline of the fiscal priorities of the Students' Union.

1. General

The four key focuses of the Students' Union are

- Undergraduate Student Representation (Advocacy)
- Providing Student Services
- Operating the Students' Union Building
- Operating businesses for the purpose of funding Students' Union activities

Total operating expenditures will not exceed the amount of total operating and fee revenues.

All departments must work within the mandate of the Students' Union.

External entities such as dedicated fee units shall be managed as per existing Students' Union bylaw and any applicable contracts.

Capital expenditures shall be incurred based upon the following criteria:

- Replacement due to wear and tear
- To ensure continued operations of a particular unit
- To enhance the security or functionality of a particular unit
- To strengthen the viability of a particular unit

In the event that one section of this document conflicts with any other section, BFC shall identify such a conflict and propose any necessary changes in the presentation of the final budget.

Unless otherwise noted:

- Operating and fixed costs increase at a rate, relative to the previous fiscal year, commensurate with inflation.
- Activity of the Students' Union will continue in a manner consistent with the precedent set in previous fiscal years.

2. Staff

Staff costs shall increase 5% as specified in the CUPE collective agreement. Managerial staff are entitled to a merit increase of *up to* 4%. Unionized staff are eligible for a merit increase of up to 4%.

3. Fees

Operating, dedicated and capital fees shall increase in accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 3000. The consumer price index will be calculated as 4.1%. Tuition increases will be calculated as 4.6%.

Operating and capital fees shall account for between 15%-25% of overall revenues.

4. Advocacy and Representation

The Advocacy and Representation units of the Students' Union are:

- The Executive Committee and each individual executive member
- Students' Council
- Advocacy department
- Elections
- Awards night

To pursue full membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations contingent upon approval by the 08/09 Students' Council that increased revenue from business operations will supply the membership fee and additional conference costs

Councilors shall not be remunerated

5. Services

The service units of the Students' Union are:

- Info Link
- Orientation and Transition Programs
- Ombudservice
- Student Financial Aid and Information Center
- Student Group Services
- Safewalk
- Student Distress Center
- Handbook
- ECOS

Additional incentives shall be given to SU volunteers

6. Business

The business units of the Students' Union are:

- SUBmart
- SUBtitles
- Print Center
- Cue

- Cramdunk
- Postal Outlet
- Room at the Top
- Dewey's
- L'Express and L'Express Catering
- Juicy
- SUB Rental Operations

All reasonable attempts to maximize the profitability of these business units, consistent with the mandate of the Students' Union as a service provider, shall be made.

There will be an average margin increase to non-academic materials of no more than 10%.

The Students' Union businesses shall not run a deficit

7. Entertainment and Programming

The Entertainment and Programming units of the Students' Union are:

- Week of Welcome
- Myer Horowitz Theatre
- Dinwoodie Lounge
- Antifreeze
- High School Leadership Conference
- SU Kid's Christmas Party
- SUB Programming
- Other Entertainment and Programming

For the purpose of the budget principles discussion, programming that takes place in an SU venue that is not specifically mentioned in the above list shall be considered as separate from the entertainment and programming units.

Where possible, all entertainment and programming units should plan to recoup all costs. Either admission sales or sponsorship are acceptable sources of revenue. Exceptions shall be made clear in the presentation of the final budget.

8. Administration, Operations and Support

The administrative, operational and support units of the Students' Union are:

- Marketing
- Sponsorship
- Facilities
- Administration

Any expenditure relating to marketing will be outlined in each individual unit's marketing plan, to be submitted to the executive committee or designate for approval .

Increase visibility of Students' Union businesses and services on the lower level

9. Changes from 07/08 Budget Principals

The Consumer Price Index shall be calculated as 4.1% and Tuition increases will be calculated as 4.6% when calculating increase in Operating, Dedicated and Capital Fees.

Staff costs shall increase 5% as specified in the CUPE collective agreement

Councilors shall not be remunerated

The Students' Union businesses shall not run a deficit

Additional incentives shall be given to Students' Union Volunteers

Increase visibility of SU-run businesses and services on the lower level

To pursue full membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations contingent upon approval by the 08/09 Students' Council that increased revenue from business operations will supply the membership fee and additional conference costs.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION			
2008/09 FINAL BUDGET			
	2008/09	2007/08	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Name	Net	Net	Variance
Administration			
General Administration	\$1,517,846.00	\$1,439,682.00	\$78,164.00
Office Administration	(\$700,490.00)	(\$657,512.00)	(\$42,978.00)
Facilities & Operations	\$311,798.00	\$274,041.00	\$37,757.00
Total Administration	\$1,129,154.00	\$1,056,211.00	\$72,943.00
Political/Governance			
Research/Advocacy	(\$220,536.00)	(\$211,490.00)	(\$9,046.00)
Exec. Support	(\$135,559.00)	(\$119,317.00)	(\$16,242.00)
Students' Council	(\$65,403.00)	(\$89,190.00)	\$23,787.00
Elections & Referenda	(\$67,195.00)	(\$60,501.00)	(\$6,694.00)
Awards Night	(\$17,195.00)	(\$17,195.00)	\$0.00
Academic Affairs	(\$50,454.00)	(\$48,419.00)	(\$2,035.00)
Operations and Finance	(\$30,216.00)	(\$28,988.00)	(\$1,228.00)
External Affairs	(\$59,792.00)	(\$91,026.00)	\$31,234.00
Student Life	(\$54,933.00)	(\$50,824.00)	(\$4,109.00)
CASA	(\$7,190.00)	\$0.00	(\$7,190.00)
CAUS	(\$47,821.00)	\$0.00	(\$47,821.00)
Total Political	(\$756,294.00)	(\$716,950.00)	(\$39,344.00)
Services			
Services Manager	(\$97,268.00)	(\$88,169.00)	(\$9,099.00)
SFAIC	(\$128,842.00)	(\$123,799.00)	(\$5,043.00)
Ombudservice	(\$47,908.00)	(\$44,654.00)	(\$3,254.00)
Student Distress Center	(\$42,356.00)	(\$41,223.00)	(\$1,133.00)
Orientation/CSD	(\$50,334.00)	(\$49,407.00)	(\$927.00)
Info/Registries	(\$153,791.00)	(\$139,827.00)	(\$13,964.00)
Student Group Services	(\$70,616.00)	(\$65,324.00)	(\$5,292.00)
Safewalk	(\$47,804.00)	(\$46,309.00)	(\$1,495.00)
ECOS	(\$38,277.00)	(\$35,876.00)	(\$2,401.00)
Total Services	(\$677,196.00)	(\$634,588.00)	(\$42,608.00)
Marketing/Media			
Marketing/Media	(\$218,777.00)	(\$159,470.00)	(\$59,307.00)
Handbook & Directory	(\$1,136.00)	(\$11,951.00)	\$10,815.00
Total Marketing/Media	(\$219,913.00)	(\$171,421.00)	(\$48,492.00)
Entertainment & Events			
Sub-Programming	(\$604.00)	(\$916.00)	\$312.00
Alternative Programming/SUKCP	(\$15,979.00)	(\$10,280.00)	(\$5,699.00)
Week of Welcome	\$510.00	\$507.00	\$3.00
Anti-Freeze	(\$163.00)	(\$167.00)	\$4.00
Dinwoodie Lounge	\$8,984.00	\$7,994.00	\$990.00
Myer Horowitz Theatre	\$18,068.00	\$16,126.00	\$1,942.00
Total Entertain/Events	\$10,816.00	\$13,264.00	(\$2,448.00)
Retail			
SUBtitles	\$48,708.00	\$70,899.00	(\$22,191.00)
SUBmart	\$136,624.00	\$69,545.00	\$67,079.00
Print Centre	\$119,820.00	\$144,012.00	(\$24,192.00)
SUB Games	\$0.00	\$1,483.00	(\$1,483.00)
Postal Outlet	\$33,518.00	\$37,507.00	(\$3,989.00)
Total Retail	\$338,670.00	\$323,446.00	\$15,224.00
Food & Beverage			
RATT	\$82,565.00	\$58,826.00	\$23,739.00
L'express - Retail	\$106,220.00	\$64,446.00	\$41,774.00
L'express - Catering	\$31,723.00	\$40,480.00	(\$8,757.00)
Juicy	\$19,225.00	\$17,062.00	\$2,163.00
CramDunk	\$60,289.00	\$76,921.00	(\$16,632.00)
Power Plant	\$45,229.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$145,229.00
Total Food & Beverage	\$345,251.00	\$157,735.00	\$187,516.00
Total Operating Budget	\$170,489.00	\$27,697.00	\$142,792.00
Non-Dedicated Reserves			
Contingency Reserve	(\$30,000.00)	(\$30,000.00)	\$0.00
Total Non-Ded. Reserves	(\$30,000.00)	(\$30,000.00)	\$0.00
Total Operating before Capital	\$140,489.00	(\$2,303.00)	\$142,792.00
Capital Expenditures			
Capital Equipment	(\$287,187.00)	(\$54,503.50)	(\$232,683.50)
Total Capital Expenditures	(\$287,187.00)	(\$54,503.50)	(\$232,683.50)
Total Operating and and Capital Budget	(\$146,699.00)	(\$56,806.50)	(\$89,892.50)
Add: Mortgage Principle	\$371,186.00	\$259,666.00	\$111,520.00
Add: Capitalized Expenses	\$425,631.00	\$187,572.50	\$238,058.50
Less: Amortization	(\$556,000.00)	(\$471,000.00)	(\$85,000.00)
Total with Amortization	\$94,119.00	(\$80,568.00)	\$174,687.00
Method			

Vice-President (External) Final Report

April 3, 2008

Prepared by: Steven Dollansky, Vice-President (External)



To: 2007/2008 Students' Council

Introduction

As the 2007-2008 academic year comes to a close my term as Vice-President (External) will also be coming to an end. As such, this will be my last Council meeting of my term and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the councilors, Speaker Henry, and Astra for helping move our organization forward. Let's take a look at 2007/2008.

Summary of 2007/2008

The year has been a rollercoaster ride for our executive and I thought it would be beneficial to summarize a few of the major events (in no particular order) for council.

- Elections x 2 – 2007/20/08 saw a municipal election in October and a provincial election in March. The Students' Union hosted election forums for both campaigns and encouraged students to go out and vote. Highlights include the election of former-Advocacy Director Don Iveson to City Council and an unexpected Tory landslide, which included the election of former-U of A Senator Raj Sherman to the legislature.
- Imagine Alberta – The SU participated in a coalition-based issue campaign during the provincial election intended to raise the profile of post-secondary education. The campaign included TV, radio, brochures, and web-based media. The campaign was linked to a number of policy announcements, including the Progressive Conservatives plan to reduce interest rates on student loans by 2.5%.
- Roles and Mandates – The Minister of Advanced Education worked closely with CAUS to form a new framework for post-secondary education in Alberta. We were successful in changing the description of Universities to include an academic focus in addition to a research focus, and we helped encourage a holistic view of system expansion that included building on existing programs to enhance the experience of all students.
- BoGged Down – The Campaigns Planning and Action Committee (CPAC) organized several events leading up to the decision to raise tuition by 4.6% and on-campus rents by 8.75%. While we didn't end up changing the decision, the campaign generated a significant amount of media and put pressure on the U of A to be as financially prudent as possible.
- Committees et al. – I had the opportunity to serve as the vice-chair of CAUS, a member of the Senate, and as a representative on numerous government boards. It was a great pleasure to represent the U of A SU and I found the discussions in each of these forums to be particularly fruitful.
- Secondary Suites – After months of battling with City Hall, the community leagues, and public opinion we were successful in persuading City Council to legalize secondary suites in Edmonton. The phased-in approach will make secondary suites

legal in mature neighborhoods as early as November 2008.

- **Who's Pass?** – The U-PASS negotiations were successfully completed and the program's implementation in September was a huge success. Early reviews of the program have been largely positive and transit ridership has increased significantly as a result.
- **Residence Proposal** – The SU, GSA, and administration came to an agreement on a proposal that requested increased government support for new residence construction at the U of A. Sadly, the administration decided to make large alterations to the proposal without informing the other partners and the project has evolved into a P3 style facility. We are still working with both the administration and the government to find a way to make this facility affordable for students and will continue to do so in the coming year.
- **Housing Week** – In late September, CPAC organized a week of events that highlighted the housing crisis facing students. After a plea to the public in late-August to find homes for students who were running out of options, this week was focused on finding solutions that would prevent that situation from happening again. Over 150 students in 45 tents participated in the Camp Out in Quad, which was the largest event of the week.
- **Alberta's Students: The Next Alberta Advantage** – The SU's lobby document highlighted our advocacy priorities for the year. The document was sent to all MLA's, candidates in the upcoming election, and community leaders that we spoke with during our rural tours.
- **Funding for maintenance and scholarships** – Two major funding announcements were made during the summer of 2007 which included over \$100 million for deferred maintenance and \$227 million for the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Foundation.
- **Demise of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and the rise of the Canada Student Grant Program** – The SU was sad to see the Government of Canada choose not to renew the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, but are excited to see funding was not removed. As a result, we will work to ensure that the new grant program is an effective tool in the financial aid system that benefits Alberta's students.
- **CASA** – Following trips to Vancouver and Ottawa I was pleased to recommend to Students' Council that the SU pursue full membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. Pending ratification by the 2008/2009 Students' Council, our seat at the CASA table will grossly improve our ability to lobby the federal government on a number of issues. This decision represents a great step forward for our advocacy efforts and an exciting opportunity for future VP Externals.

Final Thoughts

My year as VP External has been an enjoyable one. I've enjoyed the opportunity to make so many new friends and build on a number of new experiences. Working with Bobby, Eamonn, Chris and Janzy has been a pleasure with no shortage of excitement, and Janelle et al. will undoubtedly be just as interesting. I look forward to working with all of you who will be returning to the SU in any capacity next year, and wish you all a fantastic summer.

Have a great meeting! -SD

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)
Council Report 23
8 April 2008

Hello Council,

In the two days between our last meeting and the submission deadline for my report, there haven't been many substantive meetings. Feel free to ask me questions, though. I like those!

- ❑ **Associate Vice President (Student Life):** Alena Manera will be the 2008-2009 AVPSL. She has extensive experience with the Student Life portfolio, and I think that she will do a great job supporting Kristen during their term.
- ❑ **Student Life Committees:** I'm accepting applications for the Student Life Committees! Ultimately, the SLCs look to enhance the undergraduate experience; specifically, they plan events on campus and evaluate student services. The SLCs are also the ones that plan the Week of Welcome and Anti-Freeze. Let me know if you or any of your friends are interested!
- ❑ **The End-of-the-Year Show With Wintersleep:** The SU is putting on an end-of-the-year show with Wintersleep on Wednesday, 9 April 2008, in Dinwoodie Lounge. Tickets are \$14. Visit any InfoLink booth for details.
- ❑ **U-Pass:** The U-Pass doesn't work between May 1 and August 31. Tell your friends.

UofA students can get post-secondary passes during the Spring and Summer Terms at SUBmart and Infolink booths. Tell your friends.

VP Operations & Finance Report

April 8, 2008

Year-End

After the blood, sweat, and tears that have been poured into this year's budget process (including a large change to departmental involvement, and the implementation of the operating plan review by BFC), I have the budget's second reading prepared. In my opinion, it will leave council in a great position in the next few years to fully evaluate the services that we are providing to students, and make judgments on whether to scale back certain ones, or bolster new and innovative services and advocacy efforts without being heavily restrained by finances. That being said, there is a certain degree of uncertainty in this budget due to the reorganization of our business units, among other things. I will elaborate more on each department, if necessary, during council debate on the budget.

Dewey's

We are continuing to press the University's Architect Office, as well as the Director of Ancillaries, to get resolution on an issue that has spanned my entire year in office. We have put a proposal in front of them numerous times over the past two months that would see Dewey's continue to operate with the addition of the pool tables to the East side of the main bar. This would not only provide a more accessible and visible location for our pool tables, but would also permit the pool hall to be licensed. I'm slightly upset that I couldn't report a conclusion to this issue by the final meeting of the year, but there's still time left to reach a resolution.

Food Survey

We have just received results from the food survey, and are in the process of tabulating and analyzing them to make something useful for our food service decisions. The amount of responses were slightly disappointing (~900). That being said, our demographic information preliminarily shows a wide group of students that responded, hopefully making this survey indicative of the student body's wishes.

Acknowledgements

I would like to send out some special thanks for the help I received this year from council. Firstly to Andrew Esposito, thanks for the work you've done as BFC chair this year. While it was his first year on council, he lead a committee that generally does nothing from May till January, and helped make it contribute to the budget process all year round. Thanks also to the rest of BFC for putting up with me rambling on endlessly, providing useful suggestions and becoming very involved in the organization. Thanks to Prem for once again showing outstanding dedication to the council, above and beyond his titled positions. On more than one occasion, Prem would inject ideas for committees that he was not a member, and always had the best interests of the student body at heart. Thanks to Scott Nicol for being the one to ask tough questions when others would not. Challenging the status quo is something that must be done more consistently, especially due to the changing nature of students and our responsibilities to them. Thanks finally to Terrence Fung for not running against me last year and making this all possible, oh and for that ten hour meeting you had to sit through as GAC chair...huge! Its been a pleasure working with all of you over the last 12 months, and I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Quack,

Eamonn Gamble

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-25)

2007-25/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:21 pm

2007-25/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Oral report from VP Student Life, Chris Le

Oral report from President, Michael Janz

2007-25/4

QUESTION PERIOD

Point of Order: Nicol "...Maybe we should discuss that when the motion comes to council."

Speaker: Point well taken

SPEAKER MOVED THAT item 5b(i), item 5b(ii), and item 5b(iii) be moved to the main agenda package.

SAMUEL/BANSAL MOVED THAT item 5b(i), item 5b(ii), and item 5b(iii) be tabled

Motion: CARRIED

2007-25/6a

NICOL/DUNN MOVE THAT a) The Vice Present Academic, Bobby Samuel, be dismissed from the position of Vice Present Academic and all offices held by virtue of that position effective immediately.

b) The Executive Committee be directed to make the provisions necessary to adequately transition the incoming VPA including but not limited to seeking assistance from present and past officers and employees familiar with the VPA Portfolio.

NICOL/PROKOPIUK MOVED TO withdraw

Motion: CARRIED

DOLLANSKY/WISHEU MOVED TO take item 5b(i), item 5b(ii), and item 5b(iii) from the table

Motion: CARRIED

2007-25/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-25/5b(i)

SAMUEL/EASTHAM MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, reconsider Bill #6 in its first reading.

Speaker's list: Samuel, Eastham

DOLLANSKY/FUNG MOVED TO postpone indefinitely

Speaker's list: Dollansky, Eastham, Eruvbetine

Motion: FAILED

Main Motion: CARRIED

BRAGA/NICOL MOVED TO postpone Bill #6 (1st reading) indefinitely

Motion: CARRIED

2007-25/5b(ii)

NICOL/MCKINNEY MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #9 in second reading.

Speaker's list: Nicol

Motion: CARRIED (Unanimously)

2007-25/5b(iii)

EASTHAM/NICOL MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #10 in second reading.

Speaker's list: Eastham

Motion: CARRIED

2007-25/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2007-25/6b

CAMPBELL/SUMAR MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee and the University Policy Committee, adopt the Scholarships and Bursaries Political Policy. (2nd reading)

Speaker's list: Eruvbetine, Sumar

SAMUEL MOVED THE previous question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

VANDERSLUIS/LE MOVED to adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

