

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

---

Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2008-02)

### 2008-02/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2008-02/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

2008-02/1b Councilors, please return the letter from J.N. (Jeffrey) Westman-Johnson that you received in the front pocket of your Councilor Package (the Blue Binder). Either hand them in to the Speaker tonight or bring them to Astra Aqui (Administrative Assistant to Students' Council) at 2-900 SUB at your earliest convenience.

The letter was included in the packages due to an administrative error. Any questions you may have can be directed to the VP Academic at [vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca).

### 2008-02/2 PRESENTATIONS

2008-02/2a Robert's Rules, Council Decorum and Terminology - Presented by Brittney Bugler. Sponsored by Brittney Bugler

### 2008-02/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2008-02/3a Oral report from VP Academic- John Braga

### 2008-02/4 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2008-02/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2008-02/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2008-01/6a **MORIN MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board.

2008-01/6b **BRAGA MOVES THAT** the composition of Awards Committee be changed to be comprised of the Vice President Academic (or designate) as Chair, one Students' Union Councilor, one Undergraduate Member of the General Faculties Council, one Undergraduate Member of the University Senate, and four Students-at-Large.

Please see document SC 08-02.01

**2008-02/7**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2008-02/7a**      John Braga, VP Academic- Report  
Please see document SC 08-02.02

**2008-02/7b**      Kristen Flath, VP Student Life-Report  
Please see document SC 08-02.03

**2008-02/7c**      Votes and Proceedings – May 6, 2008  
Please see document SC 08-02.04

## **Proposal of Changes to the Composition of Awards Committee:**

This proposal is based on the recommendations of Brittney Bugler, 2007/2008 Associate VP Academic and Awards Chair.

Given the difficulty in filling positions on Awards Committee, we believe that the committee should tap into other pools of volunteers to ensure the smooth functioning of itself throughout the year. Last year's committee often had difficulty meeting quorum, especially over the summer months.

The current composition of Awards Committee is set out in Bylaw 100, Section 12(5):

<b>1</b>	<b>CHAIR: Vice President Academic (or designate)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Students-at-Large</b>
<hr/>	
<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

We propose that the composition be changed to the following:

<b>1</b>	<b>CHAIR: Vice President Academic (or designate)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Students' Union Councillor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Undergraduate Member of the General Faculties Council</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Undergraduate Member of the University Senate</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Students-at-Large</b>
<hr/>	
<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

This new composition is based on the following rationale:

- It is tradition that the VP Academic or designate serve as chair because Awards is in their portfolio and it is important that it remain there.
- Given that Awards Committee is a standing committee of Students' Council, it was felt to be appropriate to have a Students' Council member on the committee.
- The undergraduate representatives of the General Faculties Council can often undervalue their positions and may not feel that they connect to the student body. This would allow for more engagement from student members of this body.
- The mandate of the University Senate is to promote the University to the community at-large as well as bring interests of the community to the University. Student senators are knowledgeable of many different volunteer opportunities present at the U of A. Experience on this committee could help them to inspire prospective students to come to this University not just to receive a degree, but to enrich their lives and the lives of others.
- It is still essential that students-at-large be given a central role on the committee for several reasons. Namely, it is a good way to introduce students to volunteer opportunities within and outside of the Students' Union.

Quorum for the committee would remain unchanged at 4 members plus the Chair. In the proposed composition, there would still need to be at least one student-at-large present to have enough to meet quorum.

### ***Entering The Office***

Transition has been going extremely well so far; the weeks of preparation capped off with the Executive Retreat have made me excited for the year ahead. On retreat I prepared the (nearly) final draft of my Academic Portfolio Goals for the coming year. Please find it submitted in the Late Additions package for the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Students' Council.

### ***General Faculties Council – Student Caucus (GFC SC)***

There are currently twenty-nine (29) vacancies on Students' Council (as referenced in Question Period at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Students' Council). An application form has been drafted and emailed out over the following List Servs;

- Council of Faculty Associations (All Executives)
- Students' Council
- Students' Union Volunteers
- University of Alberta International Students

The next meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC) is May 27<sup>th</sup>; appointments that will take effect at the meeting are due May 13<sup>th</sup> (an update will be given in the oral report).

### ***Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials (CRAM)***

I am continuing the contacting of other Students' Unions that Bobby Samuel (VP Academic 2008 – 2009) began last month and am also continuing our collaboration with U of A Bookstore. CRAM will be taking place June 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. An awareness campaign (addressed to instructors from a student perspective) about the cost of Academic Materials and their alternatives is in the initial stages of planning.

### ***Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA)***

As per their request the Council of Faculty Associations will be receiving a mail out from the VP Academic within seventy-two (72) hours after each Students' Council meeting. This report will summarize the aspects of the Executive Reports and Students' Council Agenda that are relevant to the Faculty Associations. This regular communication is intended provide greater focus to the monthly CoFA meetings and to stimulate further discussion between the meetings.

# Kristen Flath, Vice President (Student Life)

## Council Report 01

13 May 2008

Hello Council,

The first few days have been full of office transition, emails, and meetings. There is not much to report on thus far, but I will give a quick update.

**Office Transition** - The Exec just returned from an exciting and very informative retreat at the beginning of May. During that time we mapped out our goals and plans for the year, which we will touch on this evening. This week we have been getting set up in the office and have had some transition meetings.

**Student Life Committees** - During April we held interviews for the Student Life Committees and are happy to report that the Programming Committee is almost filled. We are still looking for more volunteers for a newly reformed committee, the Sustainability Advisory Committee. This is a project-based group that would be responsible for advising the SU on sustainable practices for SU operations. If you are interested or want more information you can contact me at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca). Please invite your friends to join! By the end of the week we should have more information up about the committees on the VPSL page at the SU website at [http://www.su.ualberta.ca/student\\_government/students\\_council/executive\\_committee/vp\\_student\\_life](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/student_government/students_council/executive_committee/vp_student_life).

**Services** - During April we conducted interviews for the new Directors and Associate Directors for the SU services. The new staff started their new positions at the beginning of May and have spent the past couple of weeks transitioning. Please welcome them and be patient with them as they learn the ins and outs of their new positions.

**Peregrine Falcons** - As the Environmental Coordination Office of Students receives many emails as to the status of the peregrine falcons, I am pleased to let you know that we do have a breeding pair in the nest and are expecting eggs soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

---

Tuesday, May 6, 2008  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2008-01)

2008-01/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

2008-01/1a Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Point of Order: Janz "According to Bylaw I am supposed to be leading the installation ceremony"

Speaker: Point well taken

2008-01/1d Approval of Standing Orders

**MORIN/MCKINNEY MOVED TO** approve the Standing Orders

**MORIN MOVED TO** amend the Standing Orders by suspending Appendix 3

Speaker's list: Morin

**JANZ MOVED THE** previous question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**MORIN/ MOVED TO** amend the Standing Orders by suspending Section 36(1)

Speaker's list: Morin

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2008-01/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2008-01/2a SU Volunteer Committees Involvement Opportunities- Presented by Kristen Flath. Sponsored by Kristen Flath

2008-01/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2008-01/6b **MORIN/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the

recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer Selection Committee, appoint Patrick Wisheu as Chief Returning Officer for the 2008-2009 term.

Point of Order: Morin "Should we generally introduce a motion like that, and should it be debatable?"

Speaker: Point well taken

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2008-01/6d MORIN/CLOUTIER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board.

Speaker's list: Morin

Nominated: Casey, Fentiman, Hnatiuk, Kwan, Tibbo

**JANZ/DOLLANSKY MOVED TO** close nominations

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2008-01/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2008-01/3a** Oral report from VP Operations and Finance

**2008-01/4 QUESTION PERIOD**

Point of Order: McKinney "Did we just miss the oral report from the Vice President Academic?"

Speaker: "He has withdrawn his oral report"

**2008-01/4 QUESTION PERIOD**

**2008-01/6 GENERAL ORDERS**

**2008-01/6a JANZ/DOLLANSKY MOVE THAT** the Students' Union shall have online voting developed by the September Students' Council by-election in September 2008.

**SPEAKER MOVED THAT** item 08-01/6a be renamed Bill #1 first reading

**Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker's list: Janz, Dollansky

**MCKINNEY/CLOUTIER MOVED TO** amend the principles by adding "unless found unfeasible" to the end.

Speaker's list: McKinney, Eastham, Kwan sponsors Turner, Cloutier, Hnatiuk

**MORIN/DOLLANSKY MOVED THE** previous question

Point of Order: Braga "There are several members of council that are speaking without being recognized."

Speaker: Point well taken

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Amendment: FAILED**

Speaker's list: McKinney, Morin

**KWAN/FENTIMAN MOVED THE** previous question

**Motion: FAILED**

Speaker's list: Dollansky, Mr. Kehoe

**KEHOE/MCKINNEY MOVED TO** table the motion until the next meeting

Point of Order: Eastham "This debate has mediated well away from Roberts' Rules of Order."

Speaker: Point well taken

**Motion: FAILED**

Speaker's list: Janz, Dollansky

**DOLLANSKY/JANZ MOVED TO** amend the principles by adding "pending verification by Students' Council that implementation is technically and financially feasible" to the end

Speaker's list: Dollansky, Eastham, Dollansky

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**JANZ/MORIN MOVED TO** refer to the Council Administration Committee

Point of Order: Braga "Is it mandatory to ask for debate? Or is it non-debatable?"

Speaker: This is non-debatable. Point not well taken

**Motion (refer): CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR/COUNCILLOR MOVED TO** adjourn

**Motion: CARRIED**

Councillor Attendance Records		Attendance			
2008-2009					
Council Seats (40 total)	Name	Attendance			
		4/29/2008 SC 08-00	5/6/2008 SC 08-01		
<b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>					
President	Janelle Morin	Y	Y		
VP Academic	John Braga	Y	Y		
VP External	Beverly Eastham	Y	Y		
VP Operations & Finance	Steven Dollansky	Y	Y		
VP Student Life	Kristen Flath	Y	Y		
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Michael Janz	Y	Y		
<b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b>					
ALES	Jacqueline Geller	0.5	N		
Arts	Nick Dehod	Y	N		
Arts	James Eastham	N	N		
Arts	Petros Kusmu				
Arts	Brittany Kustra	Y	Y		
Arts	Jon Mastel				
Arts	Dustin Miller	N	N		
Arts	Caitlin Schulz	Y	N		
Arts	Patrick Wisheu	0.5	N		
Augustana (Faculty)	Makrina Scott	N	N		
Business	Zach Fentiman	Y	Y		
Business	Michael Kwan	Y	Y		
Education	Hayley Shannon	N	N		
Education	<i>vacant</i>				
Education	<i>vacant</i>				
Engineering	Abdul Doctor	N	N		
Engineering	Mark Hlady	N	N		
Engineering	Tom Janiszewski	Y	Y		
Engineering	Scott McKinney	Y	Y		
Law	D.J. Lynde	N	N		
Medicine & Dentistry	Amol Saincher	Y	N		
Native Studies	Elsa Peterson	N	N		
Nursing	Natalie Cloutier	Y	Y		
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>				
Open Studies	Mark Prokopiuk	Y	N		
Pharmacy	<i>vacant</i>				
Phys Ed & Rec	Sheldon Tibbo	Y	Y		
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Aden Murphy	N	0.5		
Science	Madeline Bachmann	Y	Y(p)		
Science	Bridget Casey	N	Y		
Science	Ian Clarke	Y	N		
Science	Mark Hnatiuk	Y	Y		
Science	Doug Owoo	N	N		
Science	Helen Quevillon	Y	Y		
<b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>					
Speaker	Brittney Bugler	Y(A.Henry)	Y		
General Manager	Bill Smith	N	N		
<b>Resigned:</b>					
Dustin Miller- Arts Faculty- May 6, 2008					
Patrick Wisheu- Arts Faculty- May 6, 2008					