

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-10)

2008-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2008-10/1b Reminder: Fall Meeting schedules are due from each committee chair by September 12, 2008. Please email them to aasc@su.ualberta.ca

2008-10/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2008-10/5b Council Administration Committee

2008-10/5b(i) Council Administration Committee-Standing Orders

Please see document LA 08-10.01

2008-10/5b(ii) Council Administration Committee- Report

Please see document LA 08-10.02

2008-10/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2008-10/6d PROKOPIUK MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee

2008-10/6e FENTIMAN MOVES THAT Students' Council remove Michael Kwan from the Audit Committee

2008-10/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2008-10/7e BoG Representative, Michael Janz- Report

Please see document LA 08-10.03

2008-10/7f Amendment to Item #2008-10/6a

JANZ/MURPHY MOVE THAT Students' Council shall implement attendance requirements effective immediately. If a councillor misses a meeting without appointing a proxy or notifying the speaker at least 1 hour in advance of the meeting with a suitable excuse (such as incapacitated because of illness, suffering from severe domestic affliction, writing a midterm or final examination, or has other compelling reasons (including religious conviction) the absence shall be declared as an unexcused absence. If the councillor

accumulates two unexcused absences in a trimester, the councillor will be removed from council immediately.

- 2008-10/7g** Amol Saincher resigns from Budget and Finance Committee
Please see document LA 08-10.04
- 2008-10/7h** Steven Dollansky, VP Operations and Finance- Report
Please see document LA 08-10.05
- 2008-10/7i** Informational Update for Students' Council – September 2008
Craig Turner, Associate Vice President Academic
Please see document LA 08-10.06
- 2008-10/7j** Beverly Eastham, VP External-Report
Please see document LA 08-10.07
- 2008-10/7k** John Braga, VP Academic-Report
Please see document LA 08-10.08
- 2008-10/7l** Informational Update for Students' Council – September 2008
Alena Manera, Associate Vice President Student Life
Please see document LA 08-10.09
- 2008-10/7m** Janelle Morin, President- Report
Please see document LA 08-10.10

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

Mandate

In accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students' Union, the Council Administration Committee:

- a) has authority to amend, adopt, or rescind the Standing Orders of Students' Council after an initial set of Standing Orders have been adopted by Students' Council.;
- b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on the structure of Students' Council and its Standing Committees;
- c) shall oversee the Speaker and the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- d) shall oversee the progress of Students' Council's legislative agenda;
- e) shall recommend to Students' Council a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Office on or before April 15 of each year;
- f) shall recommend to Students' Council a composition of the Awards Committee on or before April 15 of each year;
- g) shall, in conjunction with the Vice President (External), recommend to Students' Council on such nominations to the University of Alberta Senate as may be required of the Students' Union.

Meetings

1. Quorum of the Council Administration Committee shall be three permanent voting members.
2. The Council Administration Committee shall hold a meeting, coordinated through the Speaker of Students' Council, before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to:
 - a. elect a chair from within its voting membership,
 - b. set initial standing orders, and
 - c. adopt a meeting schedule.
3. Additional meetings of the Council Administration Committee may be called by either the Chair or three permanent voting members of the Committee, provided that:
 - a. every member of the Committee has received at least seventy-two hours notice of the meeting, or
 - b. every member of the Committee consents to the meeting taking place.
 - c. delegate authority to cancel on council retreat due to low attendance
4. Meetings of the Council Administration Committee may be cancelled by:
 - a. a simple majority vote of the Committee to amend the meeting schedule, or
 - b. the unanimous consent of all voting members to the cancellation.

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5. Meetings of the Council Administration Committee shall occur in person and are open to the public, unless the Committee moves *in camera*.

Records

6. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee will take attendance at each meeting of the Committee.
7. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall assign the task of recording the minutes at each meeting to one of the members of the Committee.
8. Members of the Council Administration Committee may amend their comments in the minutes when the minutes are being approved by the Committee.
9. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall, after each meeting of the Committee, submit to Students' Council a report including:
 - a. any decisions made by the Committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council;
 - b. any recommendations made by the Committee to Students' Council;
 - c. any standing orders adopted by the Committee; and
 - d. the last approved Minutes of the Committee.

Membership

10. Should a vacancy on the Council Administration Committee occur, then the Committee shall recommend the nomination of additional member(s) to Students' Council at its next meeting.
11. Should the Chair of the Council Administration Committee leave the voting membership of the Committee, the position of chair shall be considered vacant and a new chair shall be elected at the next meeting.
12. The Speaker of Students' Council shall be a non-voting member of the Council Administration Committee.
13. All voting members of Students' Council, except for proxies, shall be voting members of the Council Administration Committee.

Chair

14. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be a permanent voting member.
15. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall:
 - a. arrange for the booking of a meeting room, when necessary, for meetings of the Committee;
 - b. arrange for the preparation and distribution of the Committee agenda;
 - c. moderate debate at meetings of the Committee;
 - d. respond to the questions of members of the Committee in a timely fashion;

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- e. assign duties to members of the Committee, such duties pertaining to the fulfilment of the mandate of the Committee;
- f. maintain the Standing Orders of the Committee; and
- g. submit reports to Students' Council, as required.

16. Should the Chair of the Council Administration Committee be absent from a meeting of the Committee, the Committee shall then elect an interim chair from within its permanent voting membership for the duration of the meeting.

17. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee may be removed from the post of chair by a simple majority vote of the Committee.

Responsibilities of Members

18. The Council Administration Committee may recommend to Students' Council, by a simple majority vote, the removal of any permanent member who is not carrying out his/her duties in contributing to the fulfilment of the mandate of the Committee.

Proxies

19. To appoint a proxy to the Council Administration Committee, the member thereof must provide a notice to that effect to the Chair of the Committee:

- a. stating the name and e-mail address of the eligible member of Students' Council who will serve as proxy,
- b. indicating the duration of the appointment, and
- c. that is signed by the appointing member of the Committee or e-mailed to the Chair of the Committee no later than two hours prior to the Committee meeting.

Rules of Order

20. The Chair of the Council Administration Committee will use his/her discretion in administering an informal style of Robert's Rules of Order to conduct the business of the meeting.

Structure of Sessions

21. The Order of Business for the Council Administration Committee shall be:

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes
- c. Announcements
- d. Old Business
- e. New Business
- f. Discussion
- g. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
- h. Adjournment

Orders of the Day

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22. Any voting member of the Council Administration Committee may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by the Committee.

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23. Orders of the Day must be submitted to the Chair of the Council Administration Committee and the Administrative Assistant to Students' Council by noon on the business day prior to the Committee meeting.

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24. The agenda package for the Council Administration Committee will be published in the following manner:

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- a. an electronic copy will be e-mailed to the Committee members by the day before the meeting, and
- b. paper copies will be provided at the Committee meeting.

25. The Order of Business notwithstanding, the Chair may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

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Presentations

26. The Council Administrative Committee shall entertain presentations by the Administration Support Staff. All Councillors shall be made aware of these presentations and urged to attend. The presentations shall occur:

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- a. at a May meeting prior to Council Retreat;
- b. at a September meeting;

The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union

27. The Council Administration Committee shall be responsible for the interviewing and recommendation of a Chief Returning Office for the next year.

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28. While the Council Administration Committee is responsible for overseeing the activities of the Chief Returning Office throughout the year, it shall also receive and act on recommendations for elections and logistics reform including but not limited to:

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- a. changes to Students' Council Bylaws relating to elections, and
- b. legislating directives relating to elections.

The Speaker of Students' Council

29. The Council Administration Committee shall ensure that the Speaker of Students' Council is seeing to the logistical and procedural concerns of Council.

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Students' Council Retreat

30. The Council Administration Committee shall:

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- a. plan a two-day Council Retreat held in the Students' Union Building for a weekend in September, and
- b. plan a three-day new Council Retreat for the last weekend in May.

Students' Council Standing Committees

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31. The Council Administration Committees shall review the progress of all Standing Committees:

- a. at its first meeting in June to ensure that Committees have:
 - i. have met,
 - ii. set a meeting schedule for the first trimester,
 - iii. have adopted a set of Standing Orders, and
 - iv. have set goals and started on their legislated Agenda;
- b. at its last meeting in August to examine progress during the first trimester;
- c. at its last meeting in December to examine progress during the second trimester;
- d. at its first meeting in March to examine progress during the last trimester.

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Standing Orders

32. The Standing Orders of the Council Administration Committee may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Committee, with such changes being reported to Students' Council.

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33. The Standing Orders of the Council Administration Committee do not expire, but shall be reintroduced at the Committee's first meeting.

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Council Scholarship

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University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2008-09-09

Council Administration Committee

Hey Council,

CAC had a very productive meeting and we have finalized the council scholarship proposal. If you are interested in potentially getting a scholarship for your efforts on Students' Council please read below!

We also continued to review the SU Elections. There are many tough issues that will be coming before council that we look forward to discussing with you.

Council Retreat will be held Sunday September 28th. Please block this day off and try to come! There will be new councillors elected in the Sept. by-election and this will be their first chance to meet all of you and learn from you! It should be a fun, discussion filled day about where we are going as an organization! More details to follow...

Council By-election is coming up. There are approximately 8 vacancies and we need you to get out there and encourage people to run! The election will be held online and it should be pretty exciting to see if this can make a difference to voter turnout!

Expect an email with our next meeting date shortly.

Michael Janz

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Hello Council,

When CAC was debating the scholarship proposal and discussing whether or not councillors should be eligible for both SU Scholarships and the Council Scholarship, there was some confusion over if in past that the SU had been sued because of the distribution of our awards.

I felt it was necessary to draw this body's attention to the following article as a clarification on why the SU was sued. I am sure that this will come up again when discussions happen about whether or not councillors should be eligible to receive the SU Scholarships.

"The SU is being named in the suit because of the appearance of the ad purchased for Samuel's response"

Thanks,

Governor Janz

PS: As a personal note, I believe councillors should be eligible for both scholarships and would encourage councillors to further investigate this matter if the awards committee changes their rules to disallow councillors from receiving awards. The last thing we need is anything else that could discourage people from running for council!

Council Retreat Feedback

Here is the tentative timeline that has been put forward for our council retreat. We need to make amendments to the agenda ASAP if we are to bring in other speakers, other materials or anything of that nature.

The goal of this retreat is to allow a bit of group bonding among council itself. We want councillors to have a chance to get to know one another a bit and goal set together. There are many opportunities to bring in other student leaders and groups at other opportunities but for this one we wanted to really have a chance just to provide a non-threatening environment where everyone, especially the newly elected councillors in the September byelection could get together and share ideas and strategies on what they would like to accomplish this year.

Please send me (CAC Chair) your feedback ASAP and let me know if you would like something included, some problem addressed, or more time allocated for something. I would really like you to be able to attend and contribute and i want to make this retreat as productive as possible. Please email me ASAP: mjanz@ualberta.ca.

Thanks!

Michael Janz

CAC Chair

Timeline:

Time	Activity
8:00 am-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am-10:00 am	Roberts' Rules of Order and Introduction
10:00 am-11:00 am	General Manager Introduction
11:00 am-12:00 pm	History of the Students' Union
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Executive updates/goals/ discussions
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Council goals

Lawsuit filed against Samuel

Jhenifer Pabillano
Andra Olson
News Editors

At the time of year when things should be winding down for the Students' Union Executive, a new storm of controversy has blown in.

A student has launched a \$170 000 defamation lawsuit against Students' Union President Chris Samuel and the U of A Students' Union.

Paul Conquest, a mature fourth-year Arts student, is suing due to an SU-paid ad submitted by Samuel in the 5 April *Gateway* from 2004. Conquest served Samuel with the suit at last night's Student Council meeting, abruptly interrupting the council proceedings.

Samuel's ad was a response to a letter Conquest had published about SU award committee selection in the previous *Gateway*. The ad stated that Conquest's letter was "poorly

researched," and made other statements that Conquest has alleged are defamatory and have adversely affected his professional career.

Conquest also says that despite numerous efforts, no substantial apology has been presented for the comments made in the ad.

"I think he had every opportunity to rebut the opinion. Did he have the right to attack someone in order to make the opinion? No."

The student said his was careful to research the facts he presented in his letter, using the SU website and bylaws as resources.

"I used to be a marketing manager at Telus. I'm well aware that you can't print misinformation and get away with it," said Conquest. "So I was very careful that all the numbers I used were the best representation I could get."

Conquest's alleged the committees selecting SU scholarship recipients appeared unfair.

PLEASE SEE "LAWSUIT" ON PAGE 3



Photo courtesy of Mattison Personnel

Dan Costigan (circa 1995) nails a method air in Blackcomb, launching himself directly into the Gateway on page 10.

Student alleges Samuel declined opportunities to avoid lawsuit

"LAWSUIT" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Conquest also said the letter was biased, and called for the "refund of all monetary awards granted by the SU to current and former SU executive and councillors."

Samuel's response said that Conquest's letter was grossly inaccurate, and that he "incorrectly stated the composition of this Committee, which proves that he is uninformed and thus unqualified to make any statements about the awards selection process."

He responded to Samuel's ad with disbelief.

"On one hand I was outraged, because I took it as an attack. It wasn't focused on the issue, it was focused on the person and I felt like he was running me down in order to support his issue."

Samuel could not comment on the lawsuit due to legal concerns.

Conquest remains adamant that there were a number of opportunities for Samuel to provide an appropriate apology, thereby avoiding litigation.

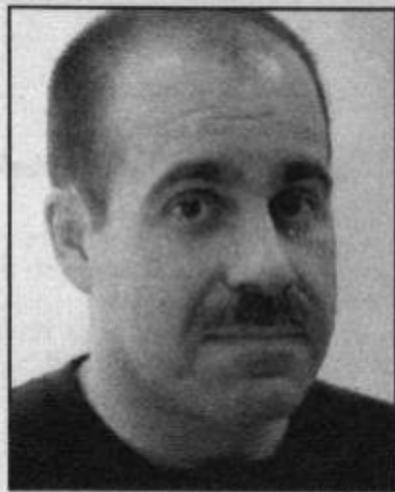
He said he hired a lawyer to write numerous letters to the SU, suggesting ways for possible amends.

"What I asked for was an apology that gives the same emphasis and space as the attack. So I wanted to make sure that enough people got an opportunity to read it. ... [The original ad] was a half-page, I wanted two quarter-page ads [in the *Gateway*] so that they would have a better chance to catch all the people who might have read the attack. And I wanted it to be put in right at the beginning of the year, to inform students right away."

Conquest said the SU agreed to this in a letter, but did not follow through with the ads at the beginning of the year. Subsequent correspondence failed to garner a response.

The SU is being named in the suit because of the appearance of the ad purchased for Samuel's response. The formal, official presentation of Samuel's rebuttal gave readers the impression, Conquest says, that Samuel was speaking to students on behalf of the entire council.

"The advertisement was placed



Kate Rossiter / THE GATEWAY

Paul Conquest

under the SU logo and artwork, and was undoubtedly paid for by the Students' Union. It became an official act of the Students' Union. At the 3 April Students' Council meeting, there was mention of this. There was a public discussion in council chambers, Students' Council was aware that Samuel was writing the article."

But Conquest's central motive for the lawsuit is to establish his credibility among professors and peers at the University.

"The most important thing is that I want to go into graduate school. Going to graduate school, I need references from the academic community. Everybody that I potentially ask for a reference may have seen this. So I can't get an unbiased reference anymore.

"What they have to be comfortable with when writing a reference is that I have the integrity required to go on. When I used to work for Telus, the guy that I worked for said that, 'You have to remember that the person you hire today may run the company someday.' You have to think when you hire somebody that do they have the integrity to go on, are they likely to go on and progress and how do they fit, not just hiring them for the position they're in."

"Anyone who writes me a reference letter has to think that ultimately I might be a part of their profession. Will I call into disrepute their opinion because I do things that are inappropriate?"

Hey Council,

Orientation and Board Retreat:

On September 12th we are meeting from 7AM-1PM to have a visioning session about where the board is going for the year. This will be the first time we have got together since the summer started as the governance grind has ground to a halt. I look forward to raising some of the concerns I had last year on the Board and seeing how we can correct some of those issues. I am excited to see initiatives like the "Centre for Writers" and funding for student groups coming to fruition, but these are just the beginning of some of the changes that we need to make in order to ensure that we are an institution committed to the uplifting of all people.

Student Governance Class:

I have been meeting with a few people within the Faculty of Arts about possibly creating a 3 credit class for students who are involved in leadership and governance positions on campus. Students who were on GFC, Council, Residence Associations, SU Exec, or other formal leadership positions could take this class and receive academic credit for their extracurricular activities. There would be an academic component as well such as a term paper or reading assignment to help you view the experiences you have had through an academic lens. This may be facilitated through the CSL Program, but I will update you on that later! Who knows, maybe even Gateway writers might be eligible to take this class!

Question Period:

I am in discussions with the Board staff about having a formal question period during the meeting and regulations for accepting written questions for the meeting as well. I will keep you posted on how this progresses.

Coffee Circuit

I am interested in meeting with any of you who would like to meet up and discuss council matters, the BoG position, or share SU/University and political gossip. Give me a call or an email anytime michael.janz@gmail.com or 780-288-9866.

Cheers!

Michael Janz

To whom it may concern,

Due to numerous other commitments, I am compelled to resign from the BFC committee.
Sincere apologies but it simply must be done.

Thank you

Amol Saincher

Report to Students' Council

September 9, 2008

Prepared by: Steven Dollansky, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)



To: 2008/2009 Students' Council

Important Initiatives

- General Manager transition – Marc has fulfilled his promise to sell his stake in Whitematter Developments. He will officially begin on September 15, but he has been in the office quite frequently over the past few weeks getting a head start. We'll be glad to have him around full time next week.
- L'express – renovations are complete. We are currently ramping up our menu items to include pizza and prepared lunches/dinners. L'express will continue to carry fresh fruit (I believe it was Councillor Kustra who asked about this) for \$1 and fruit salads for \$2.75. On a related note, the post-renovation green onion cakes are even more delicious than pre-renovation green onion cakes.
- SUBmart and SUBspace renos – are complete and we expect the permanent signage to arrive in the coming week. Kristen and our management team will be working together to increase the number of healthy options at SUBmart (because I don't have the foggiest what is needed).
- SUBspace – BELL has been our first tenant and has greatly enjoyed their tie in the space. We will be welcoming the Shark Club later in the month.
- Powerplant Agreement – we have signed a contract with the University that will expire on April 30, 2009.
- Eugene L. Brody Fund – I have done some research into the implications of discontinuing the collection of the Eugene L. Brody Fund fee. I will be presenting my findings to the Grant Allocation Committee at their next meeting so they can discuss the issue and present a recommendation to Student's Council if they feel a change is justified.

Other issues

- Coke Contract -The Students' Union looks to be due for an increase in the amount that we are receiving due to volume increases in SUB. Talks will resume in the next two weeks.
- GAC – finalized the changes to Access Fund standing orders at the August 20 meeting.
- DUB5 – the online scheduling service continues to move through the development phase. The team from Dub5 will be bringing what is sure to be an entertaining presentation to council next week.
- BFC – has begun reviewing operating plans. Tomorrow we will be examining SUBmart, SUBtitles, the Postal Outlet, and Advocacy. Feel free to stop by 6-06 at 5:00pm to get a better understanding of how the beginning steps of the budget process work.

Where Did Summer Go?

I have been asking myself that question quite a bit lately. Summer has been busy – much of the first couple of months were devoted to preparing manuals, tipsheets and other resources for various bodies. For the last couple of months I have devoted much of my time to CoFA (with much of this time being spent on the Fall Retreat) and the Awards Program. Also, for those of you who might not be aware, AVPs go down to 20 hours/week for the Fall and Winter Terms. John and I have been preparing for this change, and have subsequently made plans with others in the office to ensure no work is left behind.

Council of Faculty Associations

Thanks to the help of our many presenters (both internal and external), the CoFA Retreat was a huge success! In the end we had about 40 delegates attend the day-long event. Even more exciting was the fact that all 14 faculties were represented at the event—a first for any CoFA event in modern memory! With the retreat now completed, my attention has turned to scheduling meetings for the year (meetings are actually hosted by various faculty associations themselves). Our September meeting is being held next Thursday evening at Augustana Campus. Bus transportation will be provided to ensure that all faculty associations are able to attend.

Awards Program

As I mentioned in my last update, Catherine van de Braak and myself are hard at work in our attempts to re-brand the SU Awards program. The marketing department has come up with a flashy new design which both of us are quite pleased with. With the help of Coca Cola on this project, we have been able to significantly increase the amount of marketing material we are able to create. I plan on producing volunteer kits that will be provided to individuals involved with the campaign. These kits will be complete with handbills, a volunteer T-shirt and a brief guide as to what volunteers could talk about to students, both during classroom speeches and through one-on-ones between classes. If you have any questions or suggestions for Awards marketing, please send them my way.

Awards Committee

Awards Committee now has four ratified students-at-large sitting on it, which means we are at a point at which we can meet quorum. Myself and the other members are finalizing an initial meeting time, and should be holding our first meeting either this week or next. You can expect an Awards Committee report from me soon following our first meeting.

Up and Coming...

For the past week I have been ‘on the road’ handing out pamphlets, bookmarks and other information on the Be Booksmart campaign to students across campus. I will be continuing to devote most of my time to the campaign for the next couple of weeks. In addition, I will be overseeing the printing and production of Awards marketing materials in the hopes that the campaign can get started as early as October. I am also gearing up for the reconvening of a number of University committees I sit on, as many committees do not meet over the summer. If you have any more questions, feel free to drop by the pod anytime!

Report to Students' Council

September 9, 2008

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

Well a lot has happened since my last report seeing as I was away at the Partners Conference for the August 19th meeting of Students' Council, and this is our first meeting since then.

Before heading into an update, let me first say a huge 'Thank You' to all of our many Orientation and Week of Welcome volunteers! Your efforts certainly did not go unnoticed, and you all helped to make both of these events the successes that they were.

Partners Conference

The Partners Conference was held in Halifax, NS from August 19th to August 21st and I attended due to my position as CAUS chair. The Partners Conference was an excellent chance to talk with other provincial lobby groups and discuss national PSE issues. Many good discussions about policy directions were had, and a plan for how the various provincial groups will work together and help support CASA during the federal election was created.

EAS Meetings

Since my last report the Edmonton Alliance of Students has had two meetings. The first was a meeting with all (or at least a majority) of the executive members from NAIT, MacEwan, and the UofA. This was more of an informal meet-and-greet meeting. The second meeting was held two weeks later and was attended by NAIT and UofA. Plans are underway to set up some type of monthly or bi-monthly meetings between EAS and several City Councillors.

CAUS Update

Duncan and I, along with ACTISEC, presented our long-term vision for student financial aid in Alberta to the Student Finance Board on August 25th. The next meeting of CAUS is taking place this upcoming weekend in Lethbridge. Next week, on September 16th I will be driving down to Calgary with Duncan to meet several of the other CAUS members and talk to Noel Baldwin of the soon-to-be-nonexistent Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

Housing Week Updates

Housing week planning is well underway, but we are still looking for... AMAZING VOLUNTEERS... LIKE YOU! If you are interested in helping out with one, or several of the events that we have going on during the week of September 29th to October 2nd please call me (492-4236) or send me an email (vp.external@su.ualberta.ca).

and last, but certainly not least...

FEDERAL ELECTION!

As you had darn-well better know, we are in the midst of a federal election. Plans are underway for two forums; one with Edmonton-Strathcona candidates, and the other with the campus political student groups. Janelle and I are also meeting with as many candidates as we can in order to discuss the importance of PSE and the changes that we are hoping to see for the system at a federal level. We had our first meeting today when we met with Rahim Jaffer.

Be Booksmart (The Academic Materials Campaign)

Yeah, for the epic battle against the rising cost of Academic Materials. So far the reception has been 100% positive. I am not kidding – there has been no one on campus who has said to us that they disagree with the issue. The Faculty Associations have become involved to varying levels of commitment; thank you CBAS for being a superstar. I will be presenting to GFC ASC, GFC CLE and SU SC on this issue during the last half of September. We have so far received media coverage on the Metro, Journal, CBC Radio and the Gateway (check out today's front page).

Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials

Check out www.theCRAM.ca! The Key Principles for CRAM were adopted on August 22nd, and steady progress is being made on moving the dialogue to an electronic format. It is extremely exciting to see the dialogue continue in a more accessible format – which can only aid in building momentum on this issue.

CoFA Fall Retreat

The CoFA fall retreat was an overwhelming success. Representatives from all fourteen Faculty Associations were present, and while the day was long and suggestions were made for improvement it was extremely beneficial to all parties involved, including the Students' Union. Thank you to all of our presenters and volunteers who helped out! Specifically, a huge thank you goes out to Craig Turner, my AVPA, for a summer full of hard work and a well run retreat.

CoFA Wiki

To help facilitate regular communication, to increase the opportunities for collaboration, to save paper by using the internet and to gather feedback about the proposed changes to the 8000 Series Bylaws; a CoFA Wiki has been created! Yeah! The Wiki will be a central resource for Faculty Associations to deposit and seek out information. It will supplement, not replace, the monthly CoFA meetings.

Governance is Underway!

With the return of September we also have the return of governance. The forty billion committees I sit are now all up and running and demanding time. The land of the acronyms is a glorious place to be. Next report will up date you on specific initiatives I have worked on throughout September.

alena manera
associate VP student life

informational update to council
september 9, 2008

Good evening, council!

I hope that your first week back was awesome! As promised back in July, here is an update of all of the projects I had going over the summer and all of the projects I'm going to have going for this term. You can look forward to reading all about me again in November.

Week of Welcome. Here's a big, "Thank you" to any councilors who came out and volunteered with us. This was such a fun week! I hope that you took some time off to come out and enjoy a couple of our WOW events. Anyone who ate some pancakes, enjoyed a couple of (many) beers at beer gardens, or came out to our showing of *Wall-E* and *Back to the Future* certainly contributed to one of my favorite WOWs ever.

Alcohol Awareness. We've named our campaign "Party Smart." It's officially a joint effort between the SU and Peer Health Educators. In the next couple of weeks we will be launching the educational portion of our campaign with pamphlets, banners, slide shows, fun events and seminars. To kick off Party Smart, we served up free "mock"tails at the beer gardens. Fun!

Movie Nights. Tuesday Night movie nights will be resuming on Tuesday, September 16th with *Speed Racer* and *The Forbidden Kingdom*. If you're not familiar with this fantastic programming tradition- every Tuesday night at SUB Stage, we show a double feature and give out some free popcorn for **FREE!!!!** I encourage you all to come out on Tuesday nights. And by "Tuesday nights" I actually mean, "Off-council Tuesday nights."

SU Christmas Party for Kids. In the next couple of months I will be working on my FAVORITE SU event. On December 5th we'll be bussing in kids from high-need schools to give them a day of pizza, crafts, cookies, Christmas carols, and, of course, a visit from SANTA CLAUS! If you're interested in volunteering, drop me an email!

SU Merch. Turns out that WOW takes a lot of time and effort. I'll be sending off the order for your jackets and more in the next couple of weeks. Sorry for the delay!

Ukelele Fest. On a more personal note: I'm going to be playing some music on Thursday September 11th at the Liquid Lounge. (Above New City) Cover is by donation, so you can pay as little or as much as you'd like to get in. Basically a bunch of local artists will be playing ukelele songs all night to benefit "Ukuleles for Peace," a charity that gives ukuleles to Palestinian and Israeli kids, then gets them together after school to play Beatles songs. This promotes some much-needed tolerance in the region. It would be great to see some of you out!

If you'd like me to elaborate on anything above, or have any questions, come and see me up in the pod (2-935 SUB), or fire me off an email at avpsl@su.ualberta.ca

Thanks for reading,

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Report to Council Edition 9.0

Janelle Morin, President 2008-2009

September 9, 2008

Dear Council:

The latest in all things SU-Presidential →

Aboriginal Initiatives Working Group

I participated in the first board meeting and working group for Aboriginal initiatives at the U of A. Of interest, the board discussed its mandate, purview and areas of interest and concern. This meeting was followed by a visioning session with constituents representing most major Aboriginal groups in Alberta to discuss architectural plans for the Aboriginal gathering space project.

Presidents' Address

We had the opportunity to greet hundreds of bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, enthusiastic first years last Tuesday in Hawrelack Park amphitheatre in the culmination of all things first-year Orientation. There was a fantastic crowd, a lot of energy, and I believe the address was an excellent start to the year.

Alumni, Senate and Board Orientation

The Alumni Association, Senate and Board met last week for an introduction and Orientation. This was a good chance for several of our student leaders to make connections with these stakeholder groups and to begin discussing projects and areas of collaboration for the upcoming year.

Chaplains' Association

The executive had a meet-and-greet with the Chaplains' Association and were able to have some excellent conversations about the struggles students face while studying toward their degrees. The Chaplains' Association is a large supporter of the Campus Food Bank, so we were also able to discuss some of the upcoming fundraisers they will be supporting to ensure our Food Bank remains stocked for those in need.

Student Orientations

The International, BTU (Back to University) and First Year Orientations have now come to a close. Thanks to the countless hours of work put in by hundreds of fantastic volunteers and our truly outstanding staff, our new conference-style approach to Orientation decidedly improved retention to sessions and encouraged students to fully participate in the program. We are always interested in feedback anyone may have as to how to improve the program, so please encourage any students with comments to contact us. To any enterprising and politically-conscious first-year students who might be reading this report: welcome, and should you wish to see how things around here are governed, come to a Council meeting or drop us a line!

Federal Elections Student Panel

In light of the upcoming federal election, I will be approaching the student political groups across campus to hold a question period panel on federal election issues. Bev and I will also be working with the Advocacy department to hold a candidates' forum for the Strathcona constituency.

Housing Week

For the upcoming Housing Week, Bev and I will be encouraging student groups to use the event as a networking tool, culminating in the Camp Out in Quad where student groups will be decorating their tents to advertise their clubs. We believe this will be a beneficial way to cross-promote events and interest groups across campus, and we look forward to a very successful week raising awareness for the many pressing housing issues students on our campus face.

Week of Welcome

A HUGE shout-out to Alena Manera, Christine Rogerson, Jon Lovell, Kristen Flath and all of the Student Life Committee and their volunteers (as well as the numerous people I will inevitably be unable to thank personally) for a fantastic Week of Welcome. Our Beer Gardens saw close to 3,000 students, our events were well-attended, and the final Saturday movie night in SUB was packed – I showed up late and had to sit on the floor for lack of seats! Kudos for all of your amazing organization. Clubs Fair was also very well attended and organized, so props to Amanda Nielson and Jo Chan for all of their hard work. It was certainly one of the most successful WoWs I can remember.

That's all for now!

Yours,
Janelle