

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday October 28, 2008  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-14)

- 2008-14/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2008-14/2      PRESENTATIONS
- 2008-14/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2008-14/5      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2008-14/5b      Council Administration Committee Report  
Please see document LA 08-14.01
- 2008-14/5c      Audit Committee Report  
Please see document LA 08-14.02
- 2008-14/6      GENERAL ORDERS
- 2008-14/6h      **EASTHAM MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the External Policy Committee
- 2008-14/6i      **EASTHAM/BRAGA MOVES THAT** General Order 2008-14/6a (CLARKE/BRAGA MOVE THAT Students' Council approve Bylaw 8461 (refers to MSA/LSA Health Plan)) be struck and replaced with the two following motions:  
  
**EASTHAM/BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council retroactively acknowledge General Order 2008-07/6e as a Bill in first reading and that this Bill be named Bill #11  
  
**CLARKE/BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee approve Bill #11 in second reading  
  
Please see document LA 08-14.03
- 2008-14/6j      **BRAGA/EASTHAM MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill # 11 in first reading.  
  
Principle  
The Students' Union will create a new fee mechanism by which Faculty Associations can collect a "Faculty Association Special Fee". The purpose of the

"Faculty Association Special Fees" is to provide financial support for special initiatives or projects of the Faculty Association. "Faculty Association Special Fees" are not to be used as part of the operating budget of a Faculty Association.

In all other respects the "Faculty Association Special Fee" will be identical to the "Faculty Association Membership Fee".

2008-14/7

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Kristen Flath, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 08-14.04

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# **Report to Students' Council**

## **Council Administration Committee**

(2008-10-28)

Hello Council:

CAC met and did not discuss the JD or the communication plan. These will happen at our next meeting that will be scheduled for Tuesday November 25th because of the back to back councils and then the long weekend. If CAC members decide to have another meeting it will be emailed out to council in advance. CAC met and discussed a few items, two of which you will see on the Agenda for this weeks council. For future elections related discussion it will come forward in the sense of an omnibus motion so council can have the chance to view changes in light of all other proposed changes.

At the next meeting we will be:

Discussing the Council Job Description

Discussing the Council Mentorship program

Evaluating the progress of the other committees

Debating bylaw 2000 (elections matters), discussed council retreat, and addressed other miscellaneous items of business.

Debating Council Retreat (No feedback yet.... cough.... awkward...) If you attended please send your thoughts to CAC chair. ([mjanz@ualberta.ca](mailto:mjanz@ualberta.ca))

Please note that all councillors are members of the Council Administration Committee and that your attendance is always welcome. We are meeting on off council Tuesdays in room 6-06 SUB at 6PM.

Cheers,  
Michael Janz

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# Report to Students' Council

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*Audit Committee*

*2008-2009/AC /07*

*Dear Council:*

After a gruellingly 3 hour long audit committee meeting (that did have full attendance, mind you) I will detail three major points of interest to council:

- 1) The committee has approved the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year audited financial statements. We will be in the near future selecting the external auditor for the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. Updates on that will be provided!
- 2) The committee has approved the DFU disbursal for the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG)
- 3) The committee has approved the DFU disbursal for Student Legal Services Edmonton (SLS)

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Again, please refer to the minutes posted to the Students' Union website for additional information. In the near future we will be reviewing submitted documentation from two remaining Dedicated Fee Units [*First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA)* and *Gateway Student Journalism Society (Gateway)*] for the purposes of fee disbursal, reviewing the departments of the S.U., discussing the role of Audit Committee as it relates to FMF/FAMF monitoring, selecting the external auditor and researching the potential for a Students' Union whistleblower policy.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

## **Students' Council 2007/2008**

### **February 12, 2008 (Late Additions)**

2007-217b: Student Faculty Associations (information item)

LA 07-21.05: Health & Dental Plan Survey Report January 2008

Presented along with the following motion:

STEADMAN MOVES THAT Student Faculty Associations shall be allowed to institute mandatory, opt-out health and dental plans in their faculties, provided that:

- a. a proper referendum be conducted under applicable bylaws;
- b. the faculty association be permitted by contract with the service provider to discontinue offering this service should the SU institute an undergraduate health and/or dental plan at a later date;
- c. the faculty association agrees to properly consult with stakeholders within the university who may have an interest in the fee itself, or in the process of instituting the fee; and
- d. the opt out for such a plan may be limited to those who can provide proof of prior coverage

### **February 12, 2008 (Votes and Proceedings)**

SPEAKER MOVED THAT item 2007-21/7b be renamed to item 2007-21/6d under, General Orders, Bill #11

### **March 11, 2008 (Main Agenda)**

2007-23/6b

STEADMAN MOVES THAT Students' Council read Bill #11 a first time

#### **Principles of Bill #11:**

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- a proper referendum be conducted under University bylaws;
- a) the faculty association be permitted by contract with the service provider to discontinue offering this service should the SU institute an undergraduate health and/or dental plan at a later date;
  - b) the faculty association agrees to properly consult with stakeholders within the university who may have an interest in the fee itself, or in the process of instituting the fee; and
  - c) the opt out for such a plan may be limited to those ho can provide proof of coverage

### **March 11, 2008 (Votes and Proceedings)**

STEDMAN MOVED TO amend Point (a) so that it reads: “a proper referendum be conducted under relevant Students’ Union and University legislation”

Amendment: CARRIED (Friendly)

STEDMAN MOVED TO amend Point (d) by adding “other current” before the word ‘coverage’

Amendment: CARRIED (Friendly)

Main Motion: CARRIED

Referred to Bylaw Committee for 2nd reading

*(Commentary by Current VP Eastham and then Bylaw Chair:*

*After Bill #11 passed at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, it proceeded to go to the Bylaw Committee. However, as there was not sufficient time for the committee to create a new bylaw by which to deal with the motion, this bill never came back to Students’ Council for second reading and thus dissolved on the floor with the dissolution of the 07/08 Students’ Council)*

### **Students’ Council 2008/2009**

#### **June 24, 2008 (Main Agenda)**

2008-05/6a

FLATH/MORIN MOVE THAT Students’ Council direct the Executive Committee to investigate the feasibility of a general student health plan and to report back to Students’ Council no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008

#### **July 8, 2008 (Late Additions)**

2008-06/7d

MSA/DSA/LSA Health Plan Survey Report presented as information item

#### **July 22, 2008 (Main Agenda)**

2008-07/6b

SAINCHER/LANE MOVE THAT Students’ Council in the event that in the 2009 campus-wide elections, there is no referendum on a student health plan or the referendum on a student health plan fails, the following applies:

1. There will be faculty-wide referenda in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the Faculty of Law concerning student health plans for student of those faculties
2. The referenda will take place in conjunction with councillor elections

3. The referenda will be overseen by the SU and be conducted to mirror regulations surrounding faculty student fund referenda wherever feasible and except as otherwise stated herein or ordered by council at a later date.
4. The specific health plans put forward will be chosen by the respective Faculty Associations and approved by the SU executive no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections, given that the following conditions are fulfilled:
  - a. At least three detailed proposals by three different providers have been presented to the Students Union executive by each respective FA, along with recommendations about which provider and plan to choose, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections;
  - b. The recommended contract carries no penalty for early termination in the event that a campus-wide health plan is instituted in the future, no matter whether the new health plan contracts with the same provider or a different one; and
  - c. There is an opt-out provision for students who present proof of other health coverage

**July 22, 2008 (Late Additions)**

2008-07/6e

BRAGA/FLATH MOVE TO strike item 2008-07/6b and replace it with the following motion:

SAINCHER/LANE MOVE THAT in the event that in the 2009 campus-wide elections, there is no referendum on a student health plan or the referendum on a student health plan fails, the following applies:

1. There will be faculty-wide votes in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the Faculty of Law concerning student health plans for student of those faculties
2. The votes will take place in conjunction with councillor elections
3. The votes will be overseen by the SU and be conducted to mirror regulations surrounding faculty student fund referenda wherever feasible and except as otherwise stated herein or ordered by council at a later date.
4. The specific health plans put forward will be chosen by the respective Faculty Associations and approved by the SU executive no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections, given that the following conditions are fulfilled:
  - d. At least three detailed proposals by three different providers have been presented to the Students Union executive by each respective FA, along with recommendations about which provider and plan to choose, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections;
  - e. The recommended contract carries no penalty for early termination in the event that a campus-wide health plan is instituted in the future, no

- matter whether the new health plan contracts with the same provider or a different one; and
- f. There is an opt-out provision for students who present proof of other health coverage

**July 22, 2008 (Votes and Proceedings)**

2008-07/6e: Motion: PASSED

**October 14, 2008 (Late Additions)**

2008-13/6d

CLARK MOVES THAT Students' Council approve Bylaw 8461 (refers to MSA/LSA Health Plan) in the first reading

*\*\*\*should perhaps have read:*

CLARK MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #n in first reading and listed a set of principles\*\*\*

*THIS MOTION WAS NOT DEALT WITH AT THE OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING AND NOW APPEARS ON THE MAIN AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING (as follows):*

**CURRENT MOTION:**

**October 28, 2008 (Main Agenda)**

2008-14/6a

CLARKE/BRAGA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bylaw 8461 (refers to MSA/LSA Health Plan)

SC 08-14.03:

1. There will be faculty-wide votes in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the Faculty of Law concerning student health plans for students of those faculties.
2. The votes will take place in conjunction with councillor elections.
3. The votes will be overseen by the SU and be conducted to mirror regulations surrounding faculty student fund referenda wherever feasible and except as otherwise stated herein or ordered by council at a later date.
4. The specific health plans put forward will be chosen by the respective Faculty Associations and approved by the SU executive no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections, given that the following conditions are fulfilled:
  - a. At least three detailed proposals by three different providers have been presented to the Students' Union Executive by each respective FA,

along with recommendations about which provider and plan to choose, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections;

- b. The recommended contract carries no penalty for early termination in the event that a campus-wide health plan is instituted in the future, no matter whether the new health plan contracts with the same provider or a different one; and
- c. There is an opt-out provision for students who present proof of other health coverage.

(and also Bylaw 8461 which appears as a “sister-bylaw” to 8451 and shows the minor differences between these two bylaws through the use of track-changes)

Council Report 10 – October 28, 2008  
Kristen Flath, Vice President (Student Life)

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Hello Council,

Here is an update on what has been happening the past couple of weeks.

**Composting** – Composting has been coming along. There have been a couple hiccups regarding proper use of the compost, but we are getting that sorted out. Moving it to the front end has been put on hold until we can make sure that we have everything sorted out on our end. I'm hoping within a couple of weeks we will have it available to students.

**Health Plan** – We are starting negotiations next week with the providers. I have been spending a good chunk of time getting everything organized for meeting with the providers and making sure we are clear on the questions we ask and what we want to come from these meetings. If you have any questions about the process, please come talk to me.

**COSA** – The Council of Student Affairs had its first meeting on Thursday, which went very well. This committee has the ability to find out information on a wide range of topics, which is useful if there is some area we feel we are lacking in information. I have a couple ideas of how I would like to use this committee throughout the year, such as looking into some fees and asking for presentations by several groups (possibly Campus Rec and the Sustainability Office) to allow some student feedback in their operations. If you have ideas please let me know.

**CLRC** – I met with representatives from Residence Services to discuss Residence Community Standards. The meeting was problematic, as none of the Residence Associations had received an updated copy of the 100+ page document in advance and hadn't had a chance to look through it. We spoke about some concerns with the document, and it will likely come up in CLRC next week.

**Orientation Manager** – We have a new Orientation Manager! Please welcome Carmen Olsen as she takes on the job of organizing possibly our largest event of the year.

**Recreation Action Committee (RAC)** – Last week I had a meeting with RAC, where they discussed the possibility of running a referendum for a Physical Activity and Health Complex (PAHC). Right now they are planning on preparing for a referendum, although they are not sure yet if they will run it. We have a meeting with Dean Mahon and Robinson next week to find out where plans for PAHC are and what kind of timelines they are working with.

**Health Centre Advisory Group** – We had the first meeting of HCAG last week, which went really well. We discussed the history of HCAG and any goals for the upcoming year. This week we will have another meeting to discuss the budget and speak more about our goals, some of which include addressing the pharmacy subsidy, finding a

viable solution for the Student Counseling Services, addressing long wait times, and evaluating what a student health plan would mean for the health services fee.

**Styrofoam** – I have been in contact with a representative of a company that produces a sugarcane based food container. He will be at the U of A within a few weeks, and we will discuss the product more at that time. Leading up to that, I will look into the cost of this product and see how feasible it would be for our operations.

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).