

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

ORDER PAPER (SC 2008-14)

- 2008-14/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2008-14/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2008
- 2008-14/1b Announcements – Councillor picture and bio for Students' Union Website
- 2008-14/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2008-14/2a Awards Committee presentation – presented by Craig Turner, Associate Vice President Academic. Sponsored by John Braga, Vice President Academic.
- 2008-14/2b A Brief History of Tuition – presented by Janelle Morin, President. Sponsored by Janelle Morin, President.
- 2008-14/2c Strategy (in camera) – presented by Janelle Morin, President. Sponsored by Janelle Morin, President.
- 2008-14/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2008-14/3a Executive Committee- October 20th and October 22nd, 2008

Please see document SC 08-14.01
- 2008-14/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2008-14/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2008-14/5a D.I.E. Board report

Please see document SC 08-14.02
- 2008-14/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2008-14/6a **CLARKE/BRAGA MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve Bylaw 8461 (refers to MSA/LSA Health Plan)

Please see document SC 08-14.03

- 2008-14/6b** **McKINNEY/KUSTRA MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of CAC, approve Bill #7 in first reading
- Principle
In regards to the Election Bylaw (Bylaw 2000), the definition of a polling station shall be a polling location sanctioned by the CRO and staffed by the office of the CRO
- 2008-14/6c** **DOLLANSKY/J.EASTHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of CAC, approve Bill #8 in first reading
- Principle
That sections 55 (2) and 55 (3) be struck from Bylaw 2000
- Currently 55 (2) reads:
"At each physical polling station, there shall be at least two (2) poll clerks, hired by the Students' Union for that purpose, at all times."
- and 55 (3) read:
"Where there are fewer than two (2) poll clerks at any given polling station at any given time, polling shall cease until such time as there are at least two (2) poll clerks at that polling station."
- 2008-14/6d** **DOLLANSKY/TOK MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Grant Allocation Committee, approve Bill #9 in first reading.
- Principle
The Students' Union shall abolish the Eugene L. Brody Fund effective April 30, 2009.
- Please see document SC 08-14.04
- 2008-14/6e** **DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Union approve Bill #10 in first reading
- Principle
The Students' Union shall abolish the Capital Equipment Fee for full-time students as of April 30, 2009.
The Students' Union shall increase the SU Dedicated Fee for full-time students by \$2.73 / semester as of April 30, 2009.
- Please see document SC 08-14.05
- 2008-14/6f** **MORIN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council ratify the following appointments to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E) Board effective immediately:
- Amy Sanderson, Chris Le, Kurtis Streeper, Lorne Phipps, Alin Florea, Christiaan Conradie, Natalie Climenhaga and Ashvin Singh
- 2008-14/6g** **CLARKE MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) members to the Bylaw Committee
- 2008-14/7** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 2008-14/7a** Votes and Proceedings
Please see document SC 08-14.06
- 2008-14/7b** CBAS Liason Report to Council
Please see document SC 08-14.07
- 2008-14/7c** Steven Dollansky, VP Operations and Finance-Report
Please see document SC 08-14.08
- 2008-14/7d** Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External) - Report
Please see document SC 08-14.09
- 2008-14/7e** Janelle Morin, President- Report
Please see document SC 08-14.10

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council October 28, 2008

1. The following motion was passed at the October 20, 2008 meeting

- a. FLATH/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee allow a movie to be shown on SUBstage on October 21 and 23 at 10:00 am.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

2. The following motion was passed at the October 22 meeting:

- a. DOLLANSKY/MORIN MOVE THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$740.00 for the Manager of Programming and Venues to attend the Responsible Hospitality Institute Conference in San Francisco Nov. 12-15, 2008
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

Tribune Selection Committee Report to Students' Council

I am pleased to advise that the DIE Board Selection Committee has completed the process of selecting new tribunes.

The Tribune Selection Committee recommends that Students' Council ratify the following appointments to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E) Board effective immediately:

Amy Sanderson, Chris Le, Kurtis Streeper, Lorne Phipps, Alin Florea, Christiaan Conradie, Natalie Climenhaga and Ashvin Singh

Respectfully submitted to Students' Council October 28, 2008 by Jason Morris
Chief Tribune, DIE Board

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.

Bylaw 8461

A Bylaw Respecting Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fees

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fees" Bylaw.

Purpose

2. The purpose of the "Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fees" is to ~~provide financial support for student activities and the creation of opportunities for student involvement.~~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.

Definition

3. For the purposes of this Bylaw:
 - a. "Faculty" means a Faculty or School of the University of Alberta.
 - b. "Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fee" means a fee created specifically for a designated faculty, administered according to the provisions set out in this bylaw.
 - c. "Faculty Association" means an undergraduate Faculty Association registered with the Students' Union and recognized by its Faculty.

Approval by Students

4. A Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fee will only be collected if approved by a 50% +1 majority of the voting students in that Faculty, and a minimum voter turnout of 15%. Each student must be given the opportunity to vote in a referendum, subject to this and other relevant Students' Union bylaws, and to the bylaws of the Faculty Association.

Initiation and Creation

5.
 - a. The Faculty Association will have the opportunity to establish a Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fee.
 - b. If a Faculty for which a Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fee is proposed has no Faculty Association, but departmental student associations exist, the fee shall be paid out to them on the basis of enrolment in the programs they represent, or on a basis otherwise satisfactory to Students' Council.

Creation Procedure

6. The following steps must be followed in order to create a Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~Special Fee:

- a. The Faculty Association shall consult with its departmental associations to identify purposes to which the funds collected would be applied.
- b. Notice of the intent to create a Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee must be forwarded to the Students' Union and the Office of the Registrar by January 15 of the year in which the fee is to be included as a part of the overall fee assessment.
- c. A proposal outlining the amount, lifetime, scope, allocation, refund mechanism and distribution of the proposed Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee must be submitted to and approved by Students' Council. This proposal, as approved, governs the implementation and operation of the Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee. The proposal must also address financial oversight over the funds raised by the Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee.
- d. The implementation of the fee will be decided by a referendum, in which all students in the Faculty must be given the opportunity to vote. The vote shall adhere to the relevant Students' Union bylaws.
- e. A formal request to include the Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee assessment for all students within the Faculty must be forwarded to the Office of the Registrar by April 1, of the year in which the fee is to be initiated. The request must include:
 - i. A short description of the proposed fee;
 - ii. Dollar amount to be charged per student, per term;
 - iii. Start date to begin collecting the fee;
 - iv. End date to cease collecting the fee;
 - v. Confirmation of the referendum results;
 - vi. Endorsement of the fee by the responsible body of the Faculty Association;
 - vii. Endorsement of the fee by Students' Council

Collection

7. The Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee will be collected as part of the Students' Union fee by the Office of the Registrar and included on a student's fee assessment. The funds collected will be transferred according to the plan presented to Students' Council under section 6 (c) of this Bylaw.

Participation

Jan.7/03

Apr. 30/02

8. The Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee shall be assessed while a student is enrolled and on-campus, at a uniform rate for all students registered in the Faculty.

~~Opt-Out~~ Refund Mechanism

- ~~9.2.~~ A Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee shall have an option for those who are philosophically opposed or unable to pay the fee to be reimbursed. The Faculty Association will provide for this refund, within the scope of the proposal approved by Students' Council per section 6 (c) of this bylaw.

Administration

- ~~10.3.~~ a. All funds collected through the Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee will be transferred to the Faculty Association under terms approved by Students' Council in the proposal per section 6(c) of this bylaw.
- b. The funds will be administered in accordance with generally accepted and relevant accounting principles.
- c. The Faculty Association must demonstrate sound and acceptable accounting practices.
- d. The Students' Union will provide, on a cost recovery basis to Faculty Associations within the University, full access to the Students' Union accounting department so that financial accountability can be ensured.

Report of Operations

- ~~11.4.~~ The Faculty Association shall submit a report detailing the operations and administration of its funds to date, including the refund provision, to Students' Council by November 15 and March 15. Additional reports may be requested by Students' Council, but must allow a reasonable time period for submission.

Departmental Associations

- ~~12.5.~~ If departmental associations exist, in addition to the Faculty Association, in the Faculty then a portion of the fee ~~will~~ may be designated for supporting departmental student associations, which shall be paid out to them on the basis of enrolment in those programs, or on a basis otherwise satisfactory to Students' Council, as set out in section 7(c) of this bylaw.

Sunset

- ~~13.6.~~ The Faculty Association ~~Membership Fee~~ Special Fee may be collected for a term to be specified by Students' Council, as set out in section 6 (c) of this bylaw, but which is not to exceed four years, after which it must be renewed de novo by following the process set out in section 6 of this bylaw.

Eugene L. Brody Fund

October 22, 2008

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



To: 2008/2009 Students' Council

Several weeks ago I announced my intention to examine whether or not the Eugene L. Brody fund was still a justifiable Students' Union initiative. I have examined the history and implications of the issue and would like to pursue its removal. The following document outlines what I have found and my proposed course of action.

Background

The Eugene L. Brody (ELB) fund was created in 1980 by a student referendum in order to deal with the many requests for charitable donations that the SU faced on an ongoing basis. It was originally set at \$.25 per term and was to be renewed by referendum on an annual basis. The criterion for annual renewal was removed by a bylaw change in 1981.

In 1990, the ELB fee was increased to \$1.00 per student per year following a successful referendum campaign. It is important to note that this referendum did not have a "NO" side. Here is some of the text from the YES campaign:

"The Eugene Brody Board was established by a student referendum of twenty-five cents per student term. Its mandate: to consider applications from non-profit organizations for financial assistance. Since 1984, the Board has funded over two hundred voluntary and non-profit associations and contributed over \$50,000 to local projects, community groups, and international organizations. Some of this year's recipients include Hire-a-Student, CJSR's upcoming environmental awareness program, Michener Park Education Society, and Red Cross emergency relief for the Tianmenan Square massacre. The activities of the board stand as a testimony to the commitment of students to making a positive and visible contribution to the larger community. It is essential that the University's students maintain a positive profile in the public eye. Instead of minute charitable contributions from each student, the Eugene Brody Board makes possible a greater, collective impact. Although the board has had very positive results during the last five years, it has had to turn down many worthy organizations and individuals due to a lack of funds. The upcoming referendum is your chance to broaden the scope and ensure the continued success of the Eugene Brody Board. Vote YES on March 7 and 8 to \$.25 per student per term increase for the Eugene Brody Board."

During the 1990's the fee was reduced in value to \$.25 per student per term and indexed to inflation. As a result the fee has grown to \$.37 per student per term and currently amounts to approximately \$20,000 collected each year.

Over the past few years the fund has be dispersed on a unreliable basis. This can be directly attributed to limited Council interest in the fund and increased administrative burdens related to selection.

Year	Amount Dispersed
2005/2006	0
2006/2007	\$43500
2007/2008	\$24000

The ELB fund is currently administered by Council's Grant Allocation Committee to federally registered charities based on the opinions of the committee members. There is no guidelines for selection beyond the requirement of charity status.

Concerns

Over the past few years the ELB fund has become a burden to the Students' Union with very little apparent benefit. While it is a "feel good" fee with an admirable goal, it has little actual value to the student body in practice. My concerns with the fund can be summed up as follows:

- The ELB fee (\$.37/term) does not provide enough benefit to the students who are required to pay in order to justify its existence. This is the driving force behind my request to cease collecting the fee and should be the foundation for discussion of all fees collected from students on a regular basis. It is very unlikely that students are aware of the fund, let alone receive any benefit from its existence.
- The fund is a perfect example of a fee that is no longer a priority of the Students' Union and only continues to exist because we have not bothered to question whether or not it continues to be relevant.
- The fund's administration is a significant burden to the finance department, Grant Allocation Committee, and Students' Union administrative support staff. There is a significant amount of mail sent to the Students' Union from groups requesting assistance from the fund that must be read, sorted, and filed.
- The fund is collected as a DFU, which are often poorly understood by students because the sheer number of them makes explanations difficult. By removing dedicated fee units that are not relevant to the majority of students we can make it easier for the other DFU's to explain and justify their levies.

Course of Action

It is important that the removal of the ELB fee follows Students' Union procedure and bylaw. I have discussed the issue at length with the Executive Committee and the Grant Allocation Committee. If Students' Council passes Bill 8, the Grant Allocation Committee will grant the balance of funds prior to the deadline of April 30, 2009 (an estimated \$35000).

Capital Equipment Fee

October 22, 2008

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



To: 2008/2009 Students' Council

Background

- The Capital Equipment Fee (CEF) was implemented in 1963 in order to help fund capital improvements to the Students' Union Building. Since that time the value has been changed a number of times and it is currently \$2.73 per semester for full-time students. The fee contributed about \$140000 towards capital improvements in 2008/2009, which makes up approximately one third of the SU's capital expenses. This fee is not collected from part-time students.

Proposal

- I am proposing that we eliminate the dedicated CEF as of April 30, 2009. I am also proposing that the current SU Dedicated Fee for full-time students be increased the corresponding \$2.73 at that time.

Impact

- There will be no net change to the amount of fees being charged to full-time students.
- This will reduce the number of dedicated fees by one, bringing the total number to 9 (including the Eugene L. Brody Fund and not including any applicable FAMFs).
- The SU Dedicated Fee will increase from \$32.04 / semester to \$34.77 / semester.
- There will be no change to the Students' Union's ability to spend on capital improvements.

Reasoning for Change

- This will be a more accurate portrayal of the fees that are paid directly to the Students' Union.
- The number of DFU's makes it difficult for students to track their fees, so by reducing that number it will be easier for students to understand which organizations that they are funding.
- The SU capital expenditures have been subsidized by the SU dedicated fee for many years because the capital expenses are far greater than the current CEF.

Schedule to the Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Finances

Class A Fees				
<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Indexing</i>	<i>Augustana</i>	
Eugene L. Brody Fund	F: \$0.34 P: \$0.34 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	Yes	
Access Fund	F: \$15.75 P: \$15.75 S: \$6.92	<i>Tuition</i>	Yes	
Capital Fund	F: \$2.73 P: 0 S: 0		No	
Class B Fees				
<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Indexing</i>	<i>Augustana</i>	<i>Joint Consent</i>
Refugee Student Fund	F: \$0.39 P: \$0.39 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	Yes	<i>World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee</i>
CJSR-FM Fund	F: \$1.71 P: \$0.62 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>First Alberta Campus Radio Association of Directors</i>
Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund	F: \$3.43 P: \$3.43 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>University Athletics Board of the University of Alberta</i>
Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund	F: \$3.19 P: \$3.19 S: \$3.19	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>Recreation Action Committee of the University of Alberta</i>
Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund	F: \$0.59 P: \$0.59 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>Student Legal Services of Edmonton Board of Directors</i>
Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund	F: \$2.77 P: \$1.38 S: \$0.00	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>Alberta Public Interest Research Group Board of Directors</i>
Gateway Student Journalism Fund	F: \$2.73 P: \$2.73 S: \$0.36	<i>CPI</i>	No	<i>Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors</i>
Class C Fees				
<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Indexing</i>	<i>Expiry</i>	<i>Type</i>
Augustana	F: \$62.50 P: \$62.50 S: \$0.00	None	2009	FAMF
Engineering	F: \$4.00 P: \$4.00 S: \$0.00	None	2010	FAMF
Law	F: \$50.00 P: 0 S:	None		FMF

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday October 14, 2008
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2008-13)

- 2008-13/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2008-13/1a Meeting called to order at 6:14pm
- 2008-13/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2008-13/2b Council Outreach and Council Job Description Presentation – presented by Michael Janz, Board of Governors Rep. Sponsored by Brittany Kustra, Arts Councillor.
- COUNCILLOR/TOK MOVED THAT** Council recess for 10 minutes
- Motion: CARRIED**
- Meeting called back to order at 6:31pm
- 2008-13/2c Bear Scat presentation – presented by John Braga, Vice Presedent Academic and Janelle Morin, President.
- 2008-13/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2008-13/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2008-13/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2008-13/6b **FENTIMAN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to Audit Committee
- Nominations: Murphy, Prokopiuk
- Nominations Closed
- Appointed: Prokopiuk
- 2008-13/6e **BRAGA/MORIN MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (2) members to the "Convocation Charge Undergraduate Speakers Selection Committee".
- Nomination: Tibbo, Bachmann, Mckinney

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Bachmann, Mckinney

2008-13/6f **FLATH/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to Food Services Advisory Group

Nominations: Eastham, Dunn, Pylypow

Appointed: Pylypow

2008-13/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Oral Presentation VP External

BUGLER MOVED To recess

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting called back to order at 7:54

Oral Presentation VP Student Life

2008-13/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2008-13/6a **JANZ/MURPHY MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #4 in first reading

Principles:

- Students' Council shall implement attendance requirements effective May 1st 2009.

- If a Councillor misses a meeting without appointing a proxy or notifying the speaker within 24 hours either before of after 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 unexcused.

- If the councillor accumulates two unexcused absences in a trimester, the councillor will be removed from council immediately following the second unexcused absence.

JANZ/TOK MOVE TO suspend standing orders

Motion: CARRIED

JANZ/POKOPIUK MOVED TO withdraw motion 2008-13/6a

Motion: CARRIED

2008-13/6c **CLARKE/MASTAL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #5 in the second reading

Where the total voting membership of Students' Council falls below twenty-

three, the C.R.O. shall call a by-election to occur

a. not more than one month past the date that the voting membership of Students' Council fell below twenty-three; or

b. where Students' Council's voting membership falls below twenty-three during the months of May, June, July, or August, in September.

MORIN/MASTEL MOVED TO include (23) following the written number twenty-three after all three points.

Where the total voting membership of Students' Council falls below twenty-three(23), the C.R.O. shall call a by-election to occur

a. not more than one month past the date that the voting membership of Students' Council fell below twenty-three(23); or

b. where Students' Council's voting membership falls below twenty-three(23) during the months of May, June, July, or August, in September

Motion (Friendly): CARRIED

CLARKE/MASTAL MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #5 in the second reading

Motion: CARRIED

PROKOPIUK/MURPH MOVED to Adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

CBAS Liason Report to Council

Tuesday, October 28 2008

Hello Council,

Everything has been very busy with CBAS lately, as usual. A few main topics we have been discussing generally include the (re)structuring of the CBAS board (to be looked at more thoroughly in January, along with an ongoing focus on improving institutional memory), getting a departmental association for English up and running (as well as the recent success of CODA meetings), acquiring extra study space in Arts buildings in December, and how AWESOME Margaret Atwood was. We also have welcomed two new board members, Emily Fung and Jenna Halwa for Events and Communications portfolios, respectively.

Arts Week is coming up quickly in November, and everyone has been working hard to plan all of the events for the week! At our board meeting last Wednesday we put together a marketing plan for Arts Week and did some serious delegation of all the prep-work for it. Don't forget to buy your tickets to Avi Lewis (\$10 on Nov 17th) and receive your "I Study Arts Because..." t-shirt! CBAS is also happy to report that Dean Woolf has written a letter to all other U of A Deans, re: cost of textbooks. CBAS has also produced a new brochure for Chairs Council, re: professor action items.

A few weeks prior that we held a meeting with ALL the board members of CBAS (excluding Emily and Jenna, who were not yet board members at that time) and ALL of the SU Arts Councilors. It was a little cramped in the CBAS office but overall the meeting kicked bass. A highlights from the meeting included:

- A history of CBAS for all of the Arts Councilors
- A description of each board member's role, accomplishments, and priorities/goals
- Each Arts councilor also provided their own goals for this year on council
- A wishlist of goals to accomplish together over the next year
- A list of ways to accomplish these goals
- An inspiring discussion on issues that Arts students are facing and what we can do about it

Overall the meeting was a really healthy reminder of what our role is as Arts councilors – most importantly, to represents Arts students!

If anyone would like to see minutes from any of the last two board meetings or from the CBAS-Councilor please let me know and I will be happy to forward them your way.

- Councilor Britt Kustra

Report to Students' Council

October 22, 2008

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



To: 2008/2009 Students' Council

Important Initiatives

- Eugene L Brody Fee and Capital Equipment Fee – I have done some research into the history of both of these fees and have proposed bills that deal with my concerns on the main agenda paper.
- Augustana and Campus St. John Fees – I have been working with John to find a way to set a percentage for remittance that is actually based on a concrete calculation. John and I put together a proposal that is currently getting feedback from the faculty associations involved.
- SUB and PAC Expansions – We have scheduled our first meeting to discuss the possibilities of dealing with some of our space needs in conjunction with the Physical Activity Complex expansion, which is also in its preliminary stages. We have no idea whether or not this is even plausible, but I will keep you posted.
- Operating Plan Review – Anita Kuper and I have been meeting with business managers and services directors to amend the operating plans for the coming year. They will be working their way through BFC in the coming months in order to allow for an informed committee to make budgeting recommendations.
- Access Fund charitable status – we have found a way that we can allow for charitable donations to be made to the Access Fund by using the Student Engagement and Involvement Fund which is already a registered charity. We are in the process of making the necessary amendments and will be looking into the feasibility of hiring on a part time position to solicit donations in the Winter semester.
- September numbers – our food and beverage portfolio is the main reason that we are ahead of budget, which bodes well for the changes that were made to L'express and Dewey's over the summer. Our retail portfolio is struggling, but we are taking steps to review product lines and marketing strategies in order to increase our revenues.

Other issues

- Coke Contract –Everything is just about finished here with the exception of our input into the distribution of scholarships and bursaries. We met with Student Awards to discuss our need for student input into the allocation of the Coke scholarships last week, and we are awaiting their response regarding the feasibility of the proposal.
- SUB signage – we have started to develop a plan to revitalize the signage and way finding in the Students' Union Building. We will be working with the University to develop the idea further, with hopes that we will have new signage in place by the end of my term.
- SUBspace – Our sponsorship coordinator has secured about 8 weeks of tenants for the space over the remainder of the year already and will be working to increase that number in the coming weeks. In the interim the space has provided valuable exposure for the Campus Food Bank, SU services, University Services, and CJSR.

Report to Students' Council

November 4, 2008

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

As usual, here is a brief update as to what has been going on in the external portfolio:

High School Leadership Conference (HSLC)

I believe that you should have received an email from Karen about this earlier in the week. We are still looking for several group leaders and would really like to see a few more councillors participating in the event. If you are able to help out on November 7th and 8th please contact Karen and she will get you more information. Karen's email is: avpex@su.ualberta.ca

EAS Update

The EAS will be meeting with Don Iveson next Friday (Oct. 31st). There has been some difficulty as far as being on the same page about when our meetings are, but we are working on sorting this out.

CAUS Update

CAUS is meeting in Edmonton this weekend. We will be discussing many things including our CAUS & Effect newsletter (which should go to print on October 31st if everything goes as planned), the petitions on deferred maintenance and residences, our Holiday Open-House and the CAUS Lobby Conference which will likely be held in March.

CAUS will be meeting with Minister Horner on December 1st and Rachel Notley on November 7th in regards to the budget submission that CAUS sent out to various government officials. At these meetings we will be discussing the changes that CAUS would like to see made in the areas of affordable housing, deferred maintenance and tuition.

CASA Update

I had a CASA Western Region meeting on the 23rd to discuss how things went during the federal election. Overall, I am quite pleased with the support that we were provided with from the CASA home office staff and the work that CASA was able to accomplish during the election.

I have a Policy Committee meeting in three minutes, so I have to wrap this report up now or it won't get into the main agenda.

If you have any questions please send them my way and I will be happy to answer them. I hope that your midterms are going well – I know I'm very happy to be finished all of mine!

Cheers,
Bev

Report to Council Edition 13.0

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Dear Council:

I hope you're all surviving midterms! Best of luck getting through the thick of the semester.

Budget Advisory Committee

The second major BAC meeting of the year took place on October 21st. At this meeting, John and I were given a flurry of information, much of which you may find useful, so I will further break the meeting down into components:

- Impacts of economic crisis: the University's budgeted profits, specifically for professorial endowments, will take a major hit this year due to the economic crisis. However, it is worth noting that markets are always volatile, and while we will have difficulty balancing the budget based on a hit to revenue, the university did not actually lose money on their endowments – we just made less than our projected earnings (i.e. the initial capital investment has not declined in value as per University of Calgary who lost \$17 million in principle). Deans are being asked to reorganize 2% of their budgets to respond to these pressure points.
- Tuition motion: the exact tuition motion, as it will be brought to BoG barring any major upheavals, was tabled. There were no surprises in the motion itself as it currently stands: there will be a flat 4.1% proposed increase.
- International fees are currently marketed in a confusing way that leads many students to believe they will pay less than the actual cost of their degrees, as the \$12,000 differential they pay (on top of the \$5,000 of "actual" tuition) is not "tuition" and is therefore sometimes obfuscated. A new proposal from the University would have the total \$17,000 cost as the "marketing" tuition cost to clear up this confusion: nothing would change in either the mechanics of the fee or the costs students would incur. I am interested in feedback for this initiative.
- We have asked for comparators and break-downs for scholarships and bursaries at our school to see where we are currently placing emphasis and where there are shortfalls in the system.

We will be continuing with these BAC meetings and looking for input from you as Councillors as to the information you'd like to see regarding tuition and fees.

Administration Presentation to Council

As mentioned, this will be next meeting on November 4th. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions going into the meeting, as this is one of the most important roles we as Council will play this year in the tuition debate.

Budget, Finance and Property Committee

Pending an upcoming motion to the Board to approve a Public-Private Partnership business model for our new residences, I've asked EPC to develop a policy for executive when debating this new funding model. They or I will be providing updates after the next meeting.

General Manager: Performance Indicators

Steve and I have been working to develop performance indicators against which to measure our new General Manager, as per our contract.

DIE Board Tribune Selections

Bev and I sat on a selection committee as representatives from the Executive committee. We have a fantastic new set of Tribunes, pending your ratification this week. A reminder that DIE Board is the neutral "judicial" branch of the Students' Union that interprets and enforces our rules. You can, as Councillors, bring matters to DIE Board – please do not hesitate for guidance in this respect from any of the Executive or from Jason Morris, our Chief Tribune.

CBC News

Myself and the SU Presidents from University of Lethbridge and Concordia University College spoke on CBC regarding potential areas of improvement for our respective universities. This was a good chance to highlight access, affordability and quality, as well as the need for more residences spaces and increased food quality on campus.

CASA Regional Meeting

Bev and I discussed the federal election strategy and provided our feedback on CASA's initiatives. We will be making recommendations to Elections Canada on some of the problems students encountered during the election Canada-wide.

CAUS Meeting

By the time you read this report, we will have had our CAUS meeting. I will have additions in a verbal report or late additions.

Chairing COFA

As John was away, I had the opportunity to chair COFA with the help of Craig Turner. We had fantastic discussions about the changing face of student engagement as our campus undergoes numerous demographic shifts, and about the need to address Academic Advisors. The current faculty association leadership appears to be thoughtful, diligent and highly motivated, and I could not have been happier with most of their input.

SUSJ Event

The Student Umbrella for Social Justice, a conglomerate of many students groups on campus, hosted their incredibly successful "Stand Up, Speak Out" event on

Friday, October 17th. I was asked to present a speech on poverty in students, and also MC'd the event. Congratulations to the group for an outstanding, media-blitzed, very well-attended event.

Sue Johanson

On November 4th, at 7:00 pm in the Horowitz, Sue Johanson will be coming to the University to discuss "Sex with Sue." There has been a huge amount of interest generated in this speaker, and I'm greatly looking forward to the turn-out. Apologies that this will be during a Council meeting – however, this was the only date she had available during her Alberta tour.

Cheers,
Janelle