

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday January 13, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-19)

2009-19/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2009-19/2 PRESENTATIONS

2009-19/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2009-19/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009-19/5b Audit Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.01

2009-19/5c Budget and Finance Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.02

2009-19/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2009-19/6f **SCOTT/BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council, as per Bylaw 8451, section 6(c), approve the Augustana Students' Association proposal outlining a Faculty Association Membership Fee.

Please see document LA 09-19.03

2009-19/6g **JANZ MOVES TO** appoint (3) Councillors to CAC.

Dear Council, I resign from the Council Administration Committee effective immediately due to a change of work and an inability to be as flexible as needed in my meeting schedule. I will help groom (intellectually, not in regards to cleanliness) whoever takes over as Chair of CAC. I will help hand over the reigns at the next CAC meeting. Thank you for your assistance this year, Governor Janz.

Dear Madame Speaker (and Council),
Due to the scheduling conflicts, I will no longer be able to serve as a permanent member of the Council Administration Committee. I shall do my best to make it to as many meetings of CAC as I can during the upcoming semester, but I do not want the committee to be inhibited by my inability to make it to meetings due to being out of province, or busy with other meetings. Due to these concerns, I resign from the Council Administration Committee effective immediately.

Respectfully,
Vice President Eastham

2009-19/6h

BRAGA/J.EASTHAM MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #12 in second reading.

Principle

Any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager of a referenda/plebiscite sides without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive.

Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or deal with any matter directly related to the referenda/plebiscite question.

Please see document LA 09-19.04

2009-19/6i

BRAGA/MASTEL MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #15 in second reading.

Principle

D.I.E. Board timelines and timelines for rulings by the CRO must be uniform during the election period. When conflicting, the shortest required time period shall take precedence.

Please see document LA 09-19.05

2009-19/6j

MASTEL/BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #18 in second reading.

Principle

Any member (s) of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to run as a candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive if the race is uncontested; races contested solely by joke candidates shall be considered uncontested. Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Please see document LA 09-19.06

2009-19/6k

BRAGA/QUEVILLON MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, reconsider Bill #19 in first reading.

Principle

Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, excluding members of the executive committee and members of Students' Council running for an executive position, are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. They are still eligible to serve as a candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position if their race is uncontested; races contested solely by joke candidates shall be considered uncontested.

Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

2009-19/6l

J.EASTHAM/CLARKE MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #22 in second reading.

Principle

The pre-campaigning period for referenda and plebiscites would be from thirty days before the plebiscites or referendum in the case of a plebiscite or referendum being initiated by a member via petition. The pre-campaigning period for Students' Council initiated plebiscites or referenda would begin with Students' Council's initiation of a plebiscites or referendum.

Please see document LA 09-19.07

2009-19/7**INFORMATION ITEMS****2009-19/7c**

Updated Votes and Proceedings

Please see document LA 09-19.08

2009-19/7d

Beverly Eastham, VP External- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.09

2009-19/7e

CAUS/ACTISEC letter to Alberta MLAs

Please see document LA 09-19.10

2009-19/7f

8000 Series Bylaw Review Document- Presentation by John Braga

Please see document LA 09-19.11

2009-19/7g

Science Faculty Association Document- Presentation by John Braga.

Please see document LA 09-19.12

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Audit Committee

2008-2009/AC /9&10

Dear Council:

At the Wednesday, November 26th, 2008 meeting of the Audit Committee:

- 1) The committee reviewed the responses provided by Anita Kuper and Lisa Dockman for questions asked at the November 12th meeting. The answers were generally accepted by the committee as reasonable.
- 2) The responses to concerns raised during the committee's credit card review at the previous meeting were provided by Anita Kuper. The responses were generally accepted as reasonable.
- 3) The committee approved the GSJS [The Gateway] DFU to be disbursed.
- 4) The committee reviewed departments 714 & 834 (Week of Welcome and Juicy, respectively) and posed questions.
- 5) The committee reviewed the credit card statements of the executive and select staff members for the periods of September to October and posed questions.
- 6) The committee moved to cease DFU payments to CJSR [FACRA] as per Audit Committee standing orders. Audit Committee standing orders state that a motion must be made to stop payments to any DFU that has not submitted documentation to the committee for the purposes of fee disbursement by the last meeting of this trimester.

At the Thursday, January 8th, 2009 meeting of the Audit Committee:

- 1) The committee approved the CJSR [FACRA] DFU to be disbursed.
- 2) The committee formed its Winter 2009 meeting schedule as follows:

(Off-council Tuesdays at 1800h)

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Tuesday February 3, 2009
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
Tuesday, March 31, 2009

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For specific details and questions, please feel free to refer to the minutes posted online.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 1815h, the committee plans on continuing with the auditor selection process, reviewing responses to questions asked by the committee on November 26th, and possibly reviewing the profit and loss statements for Students' Union departments or conducting a review of executive credit card statements.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Budget and Finance Committee

2008-2009/BFC /9&10

Dear Council:

At the Wednesday, November 26th, 2008 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee:

1) The committee completed its review of Students' Union operating plans. The plans reviewed at this date included Administration (Depts. 400 and 402) and Marketing/Media (Dept. 640)

The operating plan review was conducted efficiently and effectively and many concerns, questions, and points of interest were raised. This process assists the committee understand the needs of the various departments for budget preparation in the following trimester.

At the Wednesday, January 7th, 2009 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee:

1) The committee reviewed a preliminary capital budget and discussed capital improvements to RATT, a potential foray into expanding the business models of SUBtitles and soon-to-be-renamed SUBprint to include e-commerce, ideas for SUB expansion, the less-than-par performance of SUBspace and suggestions for improvements to the space.

2) The committee reviewed last year's budget principles in order to begin preparing the budget principles to present to council for the next fiscal year.

3) The committee adopted the following meeting schedule (all at 1700h) for this trimester:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Wednesday, January 28, 2009
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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For specific details and questions, please feel free to refer to the minutes posted online.

At the next meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 1700h, the committee plans on continuing with budget principles preparation.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

Proposal to Create the ASA Faculty Association Membership Fee

Mission Statement

The Augustana Students' Association and its elected bodies are mandated to ensure a high quality university experience for Augustana students through innovative and responsible representation, advocacy, and the provision of services and activities.

Purpose

The purpose of the Faculty Association Membership Fee is to ensure that the Augustana Students' Association (ASA) is able to achieve its Mission for the students of Augustana Faculty. This fee allows us to have a consistent source of funding so that we can provide services and representation to the students of Augustana Faculty.

Amount

The Augustana Students' Association shall set its membership fee at \$130 per year or \$65.00 per term (fall and winter only).

Scope

The membership fee will be applied to all students (both full and part time) enrolled at the Augustana Faculty upon successful acceptance of a referendum where at least 50+1% of voting members are in agreement of the proposal. The referendum must have a minimum showing of 15% of the student body. This membership fee will remain in effect while the Augustana Students' Association has Faculty Association status with the Students' Union.

Allocation

The Augustana Students' Association membership fee will be utilized for the following purposes:

1. to promote the welfare of students at Augustana Faculty;
2. to encourage student participation in planning and administering student affairs;
3. to promote academic, cultural, and social interests;
4. to represent members to the administration of Augustana Faculty;
5. to provide events and entertainment to encourage socialization;
6. to administer the business interests of the organization to the benefit of the membership; and
7. to provide space for social and community purposes.

More specifically, the monies are allocated for purposes including: student club funding, grants/awards, operation of a Used Bookstore, administration of services, providing publications for students, and hosting events/activities that are of interest to students.

Eligibility

Any member of the ASA, as dictated by its Bylaws and Policies, is eligible to receive services and monies from the fund.

Refund Mechanism

Refund of membership fees shall be issued for those members who withdraw by the add/drop deadline of the term or for those members who are philosophically opposed to or unable to pay the

fee. An individual's fee, or portion of it, may be refunded upon student request. Refunds will only be provided in the semester in which they are currently enrolled. The student will be required to complete a form stating that they have received a refund and all refunds will be tracked to ensure that double refunds are not granted. All forms will be maintained in a locked file cabinet for the minimum of one year. Refunds may only be granted with signed approval of the Fund Administrator and the ASA President.

Financial Oversight

The Augustana Students' Association employs an Executive Director who manages and oversees the daily financial requirements of the organization. We use sound accounting practices, and our finances are audited annually by a professional accounting firm. The Association adheres to an annual budget that is approved by the Augustana Students' Council, and is available for viewing to all students. All funds are managed by the Executive Director who is responsible for tracking all disbursements, refunds and requests for funds. The Executive Director and the ASA Executive are signatories on the fund's bank account with two signatures required on all disbursements. All fund requests will be handled by the Executive Director and disbursement will require approval of the ASA Students' Council (ASC). The VP Finance & Operations provides monthly budget updates to the ASC so all members are aware of our financial position throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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Expenses**Projected Budget October 17, 2008****Given Budget**

Misc. Events	\$1,000
O-Team	\$2,500
DAG	\$7,262
Ad Coordinator	\$800
Clubs	\$4,500
TLS Services/Rental costs	\$1,500
Promo Items	\$2,700
Fax	\$1,114
Exec. Bursaries/honorariums	\$17,100
EZ Pin	\$1,500
First Class Bash	\$4,100
Formal	\$6,700
Formal Bash	\$1,400
Last Class Bash	\$2,700
Salaries	\$48,552
Conference + Retreat	\$6,500
Hospitality	\$1,600
Travel	\$500
Operations	\$3,494
Daytimer	\$5,000
SA Apparel	\$1,093
Postage	\$580
Photocopying	\$1,400
Insurance	\$4,692
Professional Fees	\$2,900
Membership	\$500
Professional Development	\$450
Scholarships	\$3,000
Grants	\$3,000
Investment Fund	\$10,392
Capital Fund	\$1,428
Used Book Store Payroll	\$1,026
Coffee House Payroll	\$14,397
Coffee House Expenditure	\$8,661

Total Expenditures	\$174,041
Total Revenue	\$144,853
Balance	(\$29,188)

Council moves to *not* donate to the investment fund

Balance	(\$18,796)
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Council moves to take excess funds budgeted for
Conferences and Retreat, and add it to budget deficit

Total Balance	(\$14,613)
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Revenue**Projected Budget October 17, 2008**

Category	Revenue
Fees	109,250.00
Lockers	350.00
Book Store	1,985.00
EzPin	1,600.00
Donations/Other	100.00
DAG	1,500.00
Day timer	1,600.00
First Class Bash	4,725.00
Formal	6,700.00
Formal Bash	1,400.00
Last Class Bash	2,700.00
Fax	551.00
SA Apparel	541.00
Coffee House	11,851.00
Total	144,853.00

AUGUSTANA STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION BUDGET ANALYSIS 2008-09

Name	2008-09 Budg	
	Revenues \$	Expenses \$
Administration		
Fees	\$109,250	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$48,552
Executive Bursaries/Honerariums	\$0	\$17,100
Operations	\$0	\$3,494
Conferences and Retreat	\$0	\$6,500
SA Apparel	\$541	\$1,093
Hospitality	\$0	\$1,600
Travel	\$0	\$500
Postage	\$0	\$580
Photocopying	\$0	\$1,400
Insurance	\$0	\$4,692
Professional Fees	\$0	\$2,900
Professional Development	\$0	\$450
Membership	\$0	\$500
Used Bookstore Payroll	\$0	\$1,026
Total Administration	\$109,791	\$90,387
Services		
Lockers	\$350	\$0
Bookstore	\$15,838	\$13,853
EZPin	\$1,600	\$1,500
Fax	\$551	\$1,114
Clubs	\$0	\$4,500
Scholarships	\$0	\$3,000
Grants	\$0	\$3,000
Total Services	\$18,339	\$26,967
Marketing/Media		
Dag	\$1,500	\$7,262
Ad Coordinator	\$0	\$800
Daytimer	\$1,600	\$5,000
Promo Items	\$0	\$2,700
TLS/Rental Costs	\$0	\$1,500
Total Marketing/Media	\$3,100	\$17,262
Entertainment & Events		
First Class Bash	\$4,725	\$4,100
Formal	\$6,700	\$6,700
Formal Bash	\$1,400	\$1,400
Last Class Bash	\$2,700	\$2,700
O-Team	\$0	\$2,500
Misc. Events	\$0	\$1,000
Total Entertainment/Events	\$15,525	\$18,400
Food & Beverage		
Coffeehouse (expenditure and payroll included in expense)	\$11,851	\$23,058
Total Food & Beverage	\$11,851	\$23,058
Operating Budget before Capital & Sponsorship		\$158,606
Capital Expenditure/Investment Fund/Contingency Fund		
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$1,428
Investment Fund	\$0	\$10,392
Total Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$11,820
Total Operating and Capital Budget		\$158,606
Donations		
Donations	\$100	\$0
Total Operating, Capital and Sponsorship Budget		\$158,706
Total Budget		\$10,392
* Council moves to not donate to the investment fund		(\$29,188)
* Council moves to donate the excess funds budgeted for Conferences and Retreat to the budget deficit		\$6,500
		\$2,317

* Council moves to not donate to the investment fund

Total Budget

\$10,392 (\$29,188)

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Operations	0	\$3,494	(\$3,494)
Conferences and Retreat	0	\$6,500	(\$6,500)
SA Apparel	\$541	\$1,093	(\$552)
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Formal Bash	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
Last Class Bash	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0
O-Team	\$0	\$2,500	(\$2,500)
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Total Entertainment/Events	\$15,525	\$18,400	(\$2,875)

Food & Beverage			
Coffeehouse (expenditure and payroll)	\$11,851	\$23,058	(\$11,207)
Total Food & Beverage	\$11,851	\$23,058	(\$11,207)
Operating Budget before Capital & Sponsorship	\$158,606	\$176,074	(\$17,468)
Capital Expenditure/Investment Fund			
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$1,428	(\$1,428)
Investment Fund	\$0	\$10,392	(\$10,392)
Total Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$11,820	(\$11,820)
Total Operating and Capital Budget	\$158,606	\$187,894	(\$29,288)
Donations			
Donations	\$100	\$0	\$100
Total Operating, Capital and Sponsorship Budget	\$158,706	\$187,894	(\$29,188)

* Council moves to not donate to the investment fund			
Total Budget	\$10,392	(\$29,188)	(\$18,796)
* Council moves to donate the excess funds budgeted for Conferences and Retreat to the budget deficit			
Total Budget	\$4,183	(\$18,796)	(\$14,613)

- (3) Members wishing to register themselves as part of a side shall attend the meeting for registering sides, as set out in Section 15(1) (a).
- (4) A member's registration for a side shall be accepted when the member
 - a. attends the meeting for registering sides;
 - b. announces his/her intention to register for a side;
 - c. provides the C.R.O. with his/her name, student identification number, and contact information; and
 - d. the C.R.O. is satisfied that that member does not aim to falsely represent that side by registering for it.
- (5) Section 15(4) notwithstanding, no member shall register for more than one (1) side for any plebiscite or referendum.
- (6) Each side shall select, from among the members registered to it, one (1) campaign manager.

16. Campaign Manager Eligibility

Any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager of a referenda/plebiscite sides without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive.

176. Candidate Nomination Deadlines

The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the deadlines for the nominations of candidates prior to the end of November each year, to occur not fewer than

- a. thirteen (13) days before the date of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Election; or
- b. nine (9) days before the date of the Faculty Councillor Election.

187. Candidate Nomination Packages

- (1) The C.R.O. shall make available to every member nomination packages not fewer than twenty (20) days before the nomination deadline as set out in Section 16, and shall advertise the availability of these in not fewer than three (3) editions of the student newspaper before the nomination deadline.
- (2) The C.R.O shall produce nomination packages which shall contain, at minimum
 - a. complete and current copies of this bylaw and the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
 - b. nomination papers soliciting the name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee, the position the nominee wishes to contest, and

- c. limits, restrictions, and prohibitions on any type of campaign activities for any period of time up to the commencement of voting; and
- d. disqualification of the candidate or campaign manager.

67. Disqualification

- (1) A candidate or slate shall be disqualified where he/she/it is guilty of a contravention that
 - a. cannot be counter-balanced by a lesser penalty;
 - b. is malicious or substantially prejudicial to another candidate or slate; or
 - c. involves tampering with ballots, voting procedures, or counting procedures.
- (2) Where a slate is disqualified, all candidates running as a part of that slate shall also be disqualified.
- (3) Where the advantage gained by the “yes” side of a referendum or plebiscite due to a contravention cannot be fully counterbalanced by the penalties available to the C.R.O. as set out in Section 66, the C.R.O. shall cancel the referendum or plebiscite.
- (4) Where the advantage gained by the “no” side of a referendum or plebiscite due to a contravention cannot be fully counterbalanced by the penalties available to the C.R.O. as set out in Section 66, the C.R.O. shall counterbalance the advantage to the maximum extent possible, and may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further disciplinary action be taken against the members guilty of the contravention under the Judiciary of the Students’ Union Bylaw.
- (5) Where a side’s campaign manager is disqualified, that side shall select a new campaign manager.
- (6) The C.R.O. shall be empowered to investigate and rule upon every contravention of this bylaw or any other bylaw, rule, or regulation related to the election, plebiscite or referenda.

68. D.I.E. Board

- (1) Where a member is guilty of a serious contravention, the C.R.O. may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further penalties be brought under the Students’ Union Judiciary Bylaw.
- (2) Any member shall be entitled to appeal a ruling of the C.R.O. to the D.I.E. Board.
- (3) All appeals of the C.R.O.’s rulings, with the exception of those arising out of voting and Election results, shall be heard and ruled upon by the D.I.E. Board prior to the commencement of voting.

- (4) No appeal shall be considered by the D.I.E. Board unless it is received within twelve (12) working hours of the C.R.O.'s ruling being posted.
- (5) Where a complete appeal is received, the D.I.E. Board shall convene a hearing within twelve (12) working hours of the appeal being submitted.
- (6) The D.I.E. Board shall, at the meetings set out in Section 68, either
 - a. rule on all appeals; or
 - b. order a delay to the Election, Referenda or Plebiscite.
- (7) No appeal shall exist from a ruling of the D.I.E. Board on an appeal of a ruling by the C.R.O.

69. Faculty Associations

- (1) Faculty associations shall have the right to use Councillor Election polling stations for the purposes of
 - a. electing such positions as may be required by that faculty association; and
 - b. holding plebiscites and referenda.

70. Multiple Coinciding Elections

- (1) The Election shall be divided into as many parts as there are councils for which elections are occurring.
- (2) All rules concerning nominations, campaign activities, campaign expenses, balloting, and penalties apply to a candidate per contested part of the Election and not to the candidate between multiple parts of the Election;
- (3) A slate may encompass candidates contesting multiple parts of the election.

71. By-Election - Executive Committee and Board of Governors

- (1) Where another Election is required by virtue of Section 52(14) or Section 52(15), the new Election shall be governed by this bylaw with the exception of Sections 4 through 6, 10, and Sections 17 through 19, which shall not apply.
- (2) The Campaign for the new Election shall begin a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 65(4).
- (3) The nomination deadline for the new Election shall occur a minimum of thirteen (13) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 65(4).
- (4) The voting for the new Election shall occur on two (2) consecutive weekdays to be determined and announced by the C.R.O. at least twenty-one (21) days in advance.

72. By-Election – General Faculties Council and Students' Council

Oct. 28/08
 Jan. 7/08 – SC2007-17
 Jan. 9/07
 Created Dec. 5/06

- student identification numbers of at least ten (10) and at most twenty (20) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators;
- c. contact information for the C.R.O. and D.R.O.s;
 - d. the time, date, and location for the candidates meeting.
- (3) Valid nomination packages shall contain
- a. a signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed nominee;
 - b. a signed letter from the proposed nominee's faculty confirming that he/she is in good academic standing under University regulations;
 - c. a statement, signed by the proposed nominee, identifying the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and
 - i. for Executive and Board of Governors nominees, papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifty (50) members identifying themselves as nominators as well as a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit in the form of cash or a certified cheque or money order payable to the Students' Union,
 - ii. for General Faculties Councillor and Students' Union Councillor nominees, papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators;
- (4) Candidates who are registered in Open Studies are exempt from 17(3) (c) (ii).

18. Restrictions on Candidate Nominees

- (1) No member shall be nominated for more than one (1) of the positions contested in each election.

~~(4)~~ Notwithstanding Section 18(1), members may be nominated for both Students' Council and General Faculties Council within the same election.

~~(2)~~

~~—Members of Students' Council and its standing committees are not required to take a leave of absence from their duties for the period beginning with the nomination deadline and ceasing with the conclusion of voting of the election in which they are contesting a position, in order for their nominations papers to be valid. The following exceptions apply:~~

~~(3)~~

- ~~a) An executive contesting an executive position when the race is contested,~~
- ~~b) An executive contesting a Faculty Councilor position when the race is contested,~~
- ~~c) Any member of Students' Council, excluding members of the Executive.~~

~~For the purpose of this section, any race solely contested by a joke candidate shall be considered uncontested.~~

~~(1) Members of Students' Council and its standing committees must take a leave of absence from those duties for the period beginning with the nomination deadline and ceasing with the conclusion of voting of the election in which they are contesting a position, in order for their nomination papers to be valid.~~

(4) Where a member contravenes Section 18(3), all of the member's nominations shall be declared null and void.

19. Acceptance of Candidate Nominations

Where a member submits valid nomination papers, as set out in Sections 17(3) and 18 and prior to the nomination deadline as set out in Section 16, that member's nomination shall be accepted by the C.R.O. within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.

20. No Candidate Nomination, or Plebiscite/Referendum Registration Received

(1) Where no valid candidate or side for a given position, plebiscite, or referendum has been received by the deadline, the C.R.O. shall extend the deadline for that position or side by up to two (2) days.

(2) Where the only nominations received for a given position is (are) joke candidate(s), the CRO shall extend the deadline for that position by up to two (2) days.

21. Candidate and Plebiscite/Referendum Registration Meeting

(1) The C.R.O. shall hold a meeting for all candidates, referenda and plebiscite sides following the nomination deadline but prior to the commencement of the campaign.

(2) All candidates and campaign managers shall either attend the candidates meeting in its entirety or designate, in writing, an agent who will do so.

(3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 21(2), that candidate or campaign manager shall be disqualified.

(4) The C.R.O. may, at his/her discretion, grant exemptions to Section 21(3) to candidates, but shall do so only where

- a. the candidate requesting the exemption does so in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the candidates meeting; or
- b. the candidate informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of an emergency for which no notice could be given.

22. Content of the Candidate and Registration Meeting

At the candidate and registration meeting, the C.R.O. shall, at minimum

- a. review all relevant bylaws, rules, and regulations, including this bylaw, and respond to questions about same;
- b. announce the time and date of any forums scheduled;

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- b. the candidate or campaign manager is not academically, occupationally, or otherwise required to retain the key, card, or other means of access in question for the duration of the campaign.

- (3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 26(1), he/she shall be disqualified.

27. Storage Space

The C.R.O. shall make arrangements for space to be available on the University campus to all candidates and campaign managers for the purpose of the storage of campaign materials.

28. Prohibition on Pre-campaigning

No campaign manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between thirty (30) days before the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.

29. Formation of Candidate Slates

- (1) Candidates wishing to run as a slate shall notify the C.R.O. in writing of their desire within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.
- (2) Candidates providing written notification to the C.R.O. under Section 29(1) shall include a slate name, which shall not be the same as or a reasonable derivation of the name of any registered federal or provincial political party or referenda/plebiscite side.
- (3) Where candidates requesting to run as a slate are in compliance with Sections 29(1) and 29(2), the C.R.O. shall grant their request.

30. Joke Candidates

- (1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(n), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.
- (2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section 30(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be reversed.

31. Candidates with Same or Similar Names

Where two (2) or more candidates or slates submit names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, the C.R.O. shall determine and announce

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday January 6, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2009-18)

- 2009-18/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2009-18/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2009
- 2009-18/2b, 2009-18/2c, 2009-18/6h and 2009-18/6j made special orders
- 2009-18/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2009-18/2a 8000 Series Bylaw Review Presentation Postponed until January 13
- 2009-18/2b Welcome back address – Presented by Janelle Morin, Sponsored by Janelle Morin
- 2009-18/2c Restricted Access Overview - Presented by Janelle Morin, Sponsored by Janelle Morin
- 2009-18/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2009-18/6h **MORIN/MCKINNEY MOVED THAT** Jian Liu and Miao Qi be appointed to the Awards Committee
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2009-18/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- John Braga, VP Academic- Oral report
- Beverly Eastham, VP External- Oral report
- Kristen Flath, VP Student Life- Oral report
- Janelle Morin, President- Oral report
- 2009-18/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2009-18/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2008-18/5a **DOLLANSKY/MCKINNEY MOVED TO** award two (2) Council Scholarships for the Fall 2008 term

Addition to Councillor Quivillons award nomination:

Councillor Quevillon goes above and beyond to represent her constituency in and outside of council chambers, whether it be her work on committees or outreach with students. Councillor Quevillon is a shining example of the commitment and dedication all councillors should possess. She's awesome.

Main Motion: CARRIED

Councillor Scholarship awarded to Councillor Quivillon and Councillor Kustra

2009-18/6j

FLATH/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the following referendum question in first reading:

Do you support the establishment of an undergraduate health and dental plan as of the Fall semester of 2009, subject to the following conditions:

1. Students have the ability to opt out of the health and/or dental plan;
2. The health and dental plan would cost each student \$192.34 per year for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 academic year, said fee being assessed by the University with tuition and other non-academic fees;
3. That in subsequent years, any increase or decrease in the cost of the plan will be subject to approval by Students' Council;
4. That the SU Executive be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with Studentcare.net/works contingent upon the inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions;
5. That a fee for the undergraduate health and dental plan would continue to be assessed until;
 - a) A duly constituted SU referendum is conducted to rescind the fee and program; or,
 - b) Such a time that Studentcare.net/works terminates the agreement.

MELENCHUK/MASTEL MOVED TO move into Informal Consideration.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2009-18/6a

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #15 in first reading.

Principles:

D.I.E. Board timelines and timelines for rulings by the CRO must be uniform during the election period. When conflicting, the shortest required time period shall take precedence.

Motion: CARRIED

2009-18/6b

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #17 in first reading.

Principles:

During voting, candidates, campaign managers, members of sides and volunteers can encourage members to vote.

DUNN/DOLLANSKY MOVED TO table item 2009-18/6b

Motion: CARRIED

Automatic Recess

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting called back to order at 7:45pm

LYNDE/MORIN MOVED TO make 2009-18/6i special orders

Motion: CARRIED

2009-18/6i

LYNDE/BRAGA MOVED THAT Students' Council, as per Bylaw 8461, section 6(c), approve the joint Medical Students' Association and Law Students' Association proposal outlining a Faculty Association Special Fee.

Motion: CARRIED

2009-18/6b

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #17 in first reading.

Principles:

During voting, candidates, campaign managers, members of sides and volunteers can encourage members to vote.

EASTHAM/KUSTRA MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

During voting, candidates, campaign managers, members of sides and volunteers can encourage members to vote but not to vote for a specific candidate, slate or side.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: FAILED

2009-18/6c

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #18 based on the following principles:

Any member (s) of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager or candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive if the race is uncontested. Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

MORIN/BRAGA MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

Any member (s) of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager or candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive if the race is uncontested. Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

This will take effect May 1, 2009,

BRAGA calls for vote by division

Morin – For
Braga – For
Eastham – Against
Dollansky – Against
Janz – Against
Dehod – Against
J. Eastham – Against
Kustra – Against
Mastel – Against
Schulz – For
Fentiman – Against
Chin – Against
Shannon – Against
Dunn – Against
Melenchuk – Against
Mckinney – Against
Lynde – Against
Saincher – Against
Peterson – Against
Saik – Against
Murphy – Against
Quevillon – Against

Motion: FAILED

DOLLANSKY/MELENCHUK MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
Any member (s) of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager or candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive if the race is uncontested; races contested solely by joke candidates shall be considered uncontested. Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Motion (friendly): CARRIED

MORIN/SCHULZ MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
Any member (s) of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to run as a candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive if the race is uncontested; races contested solely by joke candidates shall be considered uncontested. Members of the Executive Committee must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED
2 abstain; Morin and Braga noted

2009-18/6d

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #19 based on the following principles:

Members of Students' Council and its standing committees are not required to

take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

SHULZ/MCKINNEY MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

Members of Students' Council and its standing committees are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election. Effective May 1, 2009.

BRAGA calls for vote by division

Morin – For
Braga – For
Eastham – For
Dollansky – Against
Dehod – Against
J. Eastham – Abstain
Kustra – Against
Mastel – Abstain
Schulz – For
Fentiman – Against
Chin – Against
Shannon – For
Dunn – Against
Melenchuk – Against
Mckinney – For
Lynde – Abstain
Saincher – Against
Saik – Abstain
Murphy – Against
Quevillon – Against

MASTEL/MURPHY MOVED TO amend motion to read:

Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, excluding members of the executive committee, are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Motion: CARRIED

BRAGA MOVED TO recess and reconvene on the 3rd floor

Motion: CARRIED

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #19 based on the following principles:

Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, excluding members of the executive committee, are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when

campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

EASTHAM/MELENCHUK MOVED TO amend the motion to read: Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, excluding members of the executive committee and members of Students' Council running for an executive position, are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Motion: CARRIED

DOLLANSKY MOVED To amend motion to read: Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, excluding members of the executive committee and members of Students' Council running for an executive position, are not required to take a leave of absence from those duties when they are contesting a position. They are still eligible to serve as a candidate without taking a leave of absence from their position if their race is uncontested; races contested solely by joke candidates shall be considered uncontested. Members of Students' Council must not use resources that are unavailable to all other opponents when campaigning or dealing with any matter directly related to the election.

Motion (friendly): CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED
4 abstention; Schulz and Braga noted

EASTHAM MOVED TO make item 2009-18.6g special orders

Motion: CARRIED

2009-18/6g

JANZ/KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve Bill #22 based on the following principles:

The pre-campaigning period would be from thirty days before the plebiscites or referendum in the case of a plebiscites or referendum being initiated by a member via petition. The pre-campaigning period for Students' Council initiated plebiscites or referenda would begin with Students' Council's initiation of a plebiscites or referendum.

BRAGA/MURPHY MOVED TO amend motion to read: The pre-campaigning period for referenda and plebiscites would be from thirty days before the plebiscites or referendum in the case of a plebiscite or referendum being initiated by a member via petition. The pre-campaigning period for Students' Council initiated plebiscites or referenda would begin with Students' Council's initiation of a plebiscites or referendum.

Motion (friendly): CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

DEHOD MOVED To adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Report to Students' Council

January 13, 2008

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

Thank you very much to those Councillors who stuck around to the bitter end of Council last week. I think that we had a very productive meeting and this was due in no small part to the dedicated Councillors who extended their evening so that the meeting could continue past ten. I don't have scores of updates for you, seeing as we only met a week ago, but here is a short update on what has happened since our last meeting

Meetings Update

Jan 5: RESTRICTED ACCESS CAMPAIGN START

Jan 7: Meeting with University External Relations (Deb Hammacher, Sandra Conn)

Jan 8: CAUS Teleconference

Jan 9: Partners Teleconference

Jan 9: EAS Meeting Cancelled (rescheduled to Jan 16)

Meeting with External Relations

Janelle and I had our second meeting with the University External Relations Vice President, Sandra Conn, and Associate Vice President, Deb Hammacher. We talked largely about what the university is doing in terms of wrapping up the Centenary Campaign and evaluating how the campaign changed existing community perceptions of the university. We also discussed the work that the university is doing in order to prepare for the Universiad bid and how students can be involved in this and benefit that students would see should the UofA win the bid (ex. affordable housing, recreation space)

Restricted Access Campaign

Things with the campaign look like they are going well so far. I have been working with Kyla Fisher to organize whiteboard writing volunteers and classroom speakers. If you are interested please contact me at vp.external@su.ualberta.ca. We are hoping that all of our SU Councillors will get involved with the campaign in one way or another, and with the plethora of aspects to the campaign there is no shortage of opportunities for you to take part in. If you have general questions about the campaign you can contact Chris Henderson (chris.henderson@su.ualberta.ca) or Justin Kehoe (ecaa@su.ualberta.ca) for more information.

Be sure to wear your red scarf (available at the SU office) and visit the campaign website at www.restrictedaccess.ca where you can send letters to your MLA, participate in an online poll and much more.

CAUS 'Open Up' Contest | SUBMISSIONS DUE: January 16th

We still do not have many entries for the CAUS 'Open Up' contest, which means that if you submit a one page letter, a picture, or a comic about how tuition, deferred maintenance issues, or affordable housing affects you, you will have a very good chance of winning a **FREE IPOD!** And really, who doesn't want a **free iPod**? if you are one of the rare people who for some strange reason doesn't want a **free iPod** I hear that Valentines day is coming up... it could make a great gift for that special someone. Send submissions to vp.external@su.ualberta.ca ... Did I mention that a free iPod is up for grabs?

CAUS Updates

CAUS, in conjunction with the other Canadian provincial lobby groups, sent out a letter to MPs and MLAs regarding the upcoming federal budget and the priorities that we would like to see in it regarding post-secondary education. Kudos to CASA for helping to coordinate this provincial lobby organization letter-writing effort. I shall be sending this letter out to Council as soon as I get an electronic copy of it from Duncan.

The next CAUS meeting will be held in Calgary from January 31st to February 2nd. This has been extended to be two days longer than the originally scheduled CAUS meeting to allow for a joint meeting between CAUS and ACTISEC where we will be discussing possible ways to deal with a shift in the number of Universities that Alberta currently has.

EAS Update

The last EAS meeting was supposed to be held on December 19th, but unfortunately had to be rescheduled as the MacEwan representative was unable to make the meeting. The meeting is now being held this Friday, January 16th and the discussion items have not changed since I reported them in my last Council report.

CASA Update

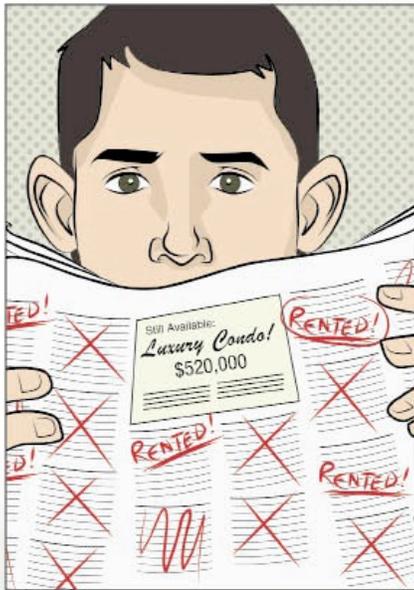
The CASA Lobby Conference/AGM (aka CombiCon) dates have moved again. Janelle and I will be away from March 21st – 31st and may be bringing Chris Henderson (DRPA) with us.

I am still working on confirming the dates for the CASA visit/presentation to Students' Council, but as I mentioned in my last report this will be happening in late January/early February.

As always, feel free to email, call or schedule a coffee meeting if you have questions.

Cheers,

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Open Up!

Do You Have a Housing Horror Story?

Your personal experiences will be used by the Students' Union to lobby for a fully accessible, affordable and high quality education system in Alberta.

Send us a one page letter about your experience or if you feel words can't quite capture what you want to say then create a comic or take a picture.

Tell us about your experience with housing, maintenance or tuition and be entered to win an iPod

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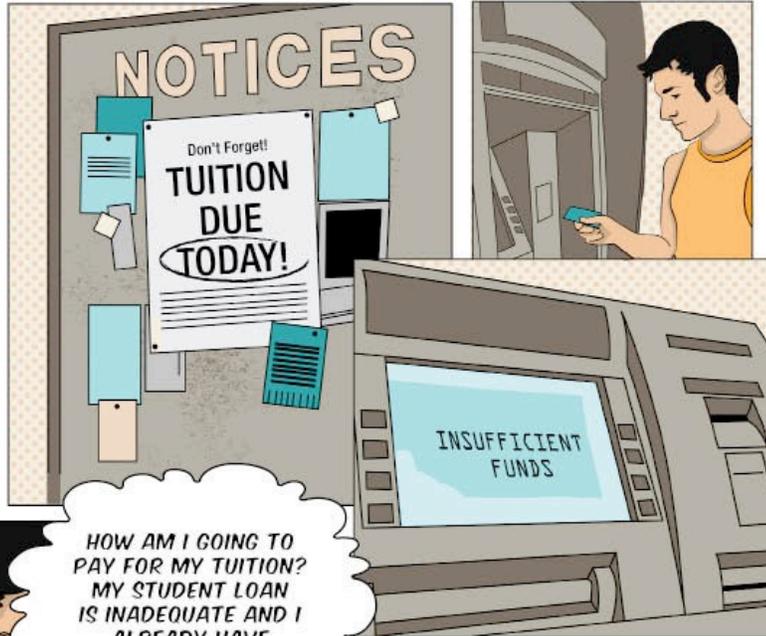
Tired of Deteriorating Buildings on Campus?

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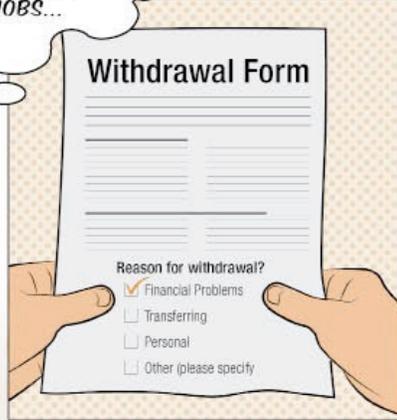
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HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR MY TUITION? MY STUDENT LOAN IS INADEQUATE AND I ALREADY HAVE TWO JOBS...



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January 12, 2009

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Calgary Southwest
House of Commons
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and the Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC) have represented Alberta post-secondary students to government and stakeholders for over 20 years and along with our partners across Canada we are writing our Members of Parliament to urge action on post-secondary education in the upcoming federal budget.

Undoubtedly, Canada faces one of the most uncertain economic climates since the 1930s as a result of the juddering of global financial markets, and the decline of available destinations for our export products. While the effects stemming from the crisis will be felt differently across the country, conditions are severe enough to warrant direct government intervention. Though there is no one panacea that alone can alleviate the economic downturn, judicious, targeted policy interventions can help to reduce the worst harms imposed by the economic crisis, making it easier for Canada's economy to recover once the turmoil has receded.

One such area is post-secondary education. It is difficult to understate the importance of a highly educated population in today's global economy. There is a stalwart consensus amongst Canadians that a strong education system contributes not only to long-term economic growth and national prosperity, but also to better health, environmental sustainability, a robust culture and a more civil society. While the federal and provincial governments have made funding for education, knowledge and innovation a priority in recent budgets, the current economic climate has created new, unexpected demands upon both post-secondary institutions and students.

To start, the value of individual institutional pension and endowment funds have been battered by the falling value of the stock market, and many institutions are facing significant deficits. Absent government intervention, these and other shortfalls in operating capital must be made up somehow by the institutions themselves, typically through curtailing class offerings, freezes in hiring, and downloading higher tuition and fees to students.

This escalation of tuition and associated costs creates significant and often insurmountable financial barriers for students, limiting their ability to access a university, college, or skilled trades program. Additionally, as economic downturn continues to impact upon the real economy, many Canadian families are now finding themselves face-to-face with layoffs, declining net worth and so forth. Confronted by this situation, many students will find themselves suddenly without the necessary resources to pursue higher education during this year, and into the next.

The sum of these stresses, left unattended, can compromise Canada's stated goal of creating the best-educated, most-skilled and most flexible workforce in the world.

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On behalf of the **600,000 members** we represent, the **Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council** (ACTISEC), the **Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations** (ANSSA), the **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations** (CASA), the **Council of Alberta University Students** (CAUS), the **College Student Alliance** (CSA), the **New Brunswick Student Alliance** (NBSA), and the **Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance** (OUSA) are recommending that the following actions be taken as a part of the 2009 federal budget. We believe that if adopted, these actions will produce reinforcing effects of stimulating the economy, while easing the burden that Canadian education institutions and their students face given the current economic circumstances and help build a knowledge advantage that will serve Canadians when we emerge from the economic downturn and beyond.

1. Invest \$1.5 billion in Accumulated Deferred Maintenance (ADM) at post-secondary institutions across the country

As the federal government considers measures that would provide additional financial resources for infrastructure development, we are advocating that some funding be earmarked for the estimated \$3.6 billion in accumulated deferred maintenance (ADM) at post-secondary education institutions.

Aging and deteriorating facilities have a negative impact on the ability of universities, colleges and technical institutions to fulfill their missions in teaching and research. The condition and quality of the physical plant affects an institution's ability to attract leading faculty, staff and students, as well as donations and investments. Problems such as these take money from university and college core budgets, which in turn mean higher tuition for students or a lower quality of education. Furthermore, federal funding for ADM fits well within Canada's need for an effective economic stimulus. It will have the effect of throwing a fiscal lifeline to construction sector industries, at while at the same time, providing needed investments in our learning infrastructure.

We recommend that \$1.5 billion be earmarked in the next budget for ADM. These resources could be allocated through a federal-provincial fund, with priority given to those projects that are "shovel ready" and that fit within the federal and provincial government's priorities.

2. Provide a one-time, earmarked transfer to the provinces for PSE to offset freezes or claw-backs in provincial PSE funding

The current economic crisis has had a devastating effect on particular industries, especially those driven by US demand and credit availability (i.e. forestry, automotive, and mining industries); this has had a correspondingly crippling effect on provincial spending capacities as tax bases have been downsized. Post-secondary institutions have been further hit by the financial crisis, with endowment funds that help fund student financial aid and research chairs dropping significantly in value, and threatening quality and innovation standards.

We recommend that the next budget contain a one-time transfer to provinces for post-secondary education. The federal government should bolster the social transfer for budget year 2009-2010, and ensure that this augmentation is "fenced off" for PSE specifically. This would be done in agreement with the provinces, to ensure that the funding flows to post-secondary institutions in an efficient manner, ensuring that universities are not forced to increase tuition and ancillary fees.

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3. Provide temporary targeted grants to counterbalance the difficulties certain students and their families may face in finding the means to persist in their post-secondary education program

The economic situation of many families has being altered by the onset of the global economic crisis and the resulting recession (i.e. layoffs, pay freezes, decreased value of homes, declining savings and net worth, etc.); as a result, there will be many more students faced with sudden financial barriers to PSE as a result of the economic downturn. While the Canada's financial aid system is likely able to absorb these students prior to the next academic year, there are no resources available between now and then to deal with acute changes to a student's financial circumstances.

We recommend that the federal government take steps to provide temporary, targeted access grants for students in situations where current student financial aid is unavailable.

The goal of these temporary grants would be to maintain a student's participation and persistence in post-secondary program until such time as that student was able to access preexisting student financial aid resources as their need required.

4. Extend the Interest Relief period for Canada Student Loans from the current 6 months, to 9 months

With industries and businesses either freezing or cutting staffing levels across the country, prospects for employment in Canada have become much more dismal. As a result, Canadians with student loans face potentially greater difficulties in paying back their student loans. The federal government has taken steps recently to consolidate student loan debt relief programs into a single repayment assistance program, which will be much better suited to deal with students facing financial hardships. To help students transition into this new program more easily, especially given the current labour market, **we are advocating that the federal government extend the current grace period on interest relief for those who qualify to 9 months from its current 6 months.**

We urge you to see post-secondary education as a wise investment to help weather the current economic situation and as the ultimate solution to guarantee Canada's economic prosperity.

Yours truly,

Matt Koczur, Chair
ACTISEC

Beverly Eastham, Chair
CAUS

cc: All Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Topic	Old Bylaw	Principles	Impacted
Definitions and Mandate (1)	Bylaw 8350: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.1. a,b & c • I.2. • I.3. a & b Unlegislated	<p>“Faculty Association” shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a faculty, which is recognized as such under Students’ Union Bylaw.</p> <p>“Campus Association” shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment on a satellite campus, which is recognized as such under Students’ Union Bylaw.</p> <p>“Departmental Association” shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a department, which is recognized as such under Students’ Union Bylaw.</p> <p>“Program Association” shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a program, which is recognized as such under Students’ Union Bylaw.</p> <p>“Affiliated Association” shall be defined as any student group, not based upon enrollment, which is recognized as such under Students’ Union Bylaw.</p>	SU MSA ASA AUFSJ ALES ESS SSA LSA
Definitions and Mandate (2)	Bylaw 8350: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.1. a,b & c • I.2. • I.3. a & b Unlegislated	<p>The mandate of an Association is to act on behalf of and for its constituency analogously to the manner in which the Students’ Union acts on behalf of and for the undergraduate students of the University of Alberta. The Association is to conduct itself in a manner that is transparent, open, democratic, credible, accountable, and fiscally prudent.</p> <p>The roles of as Association are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> act as the official representative of its membership; act as an advocate on issues relating to its constituency; provide services which are beneficial to its membership; and foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency. 	NSSA SSA
Council of Faculty Associations	Unlegislated	<p>The mandate of the Council of Faculty Association shall be to foster communication and collaboration among the Associations and between the Associations and the Students’ Union.</p> <p>The composition of the Council of Faculty Associations shall be the Faculty Associations, Campus Associations and the Students’ Union.</p> <p>The Vice President (Academic) shall be the Chair of the Council of Faculty Associations.</p>	
Membership (1)	Bylaw 8350: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.3.c • I.6. • I.7. AUFSJ Constitution NSSA Constitution	<p>The base membership of a Faculty Association shall be defined as all undergraduate students enrolled in the faculty represented by the Faculty Association.</p> <p>The base membership of a Campus Association shall be defined as all undergraduate students enrolled in a faculty located on the satellite campus represented by the Campus Association.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this for matters that do not directly pertain to Faculty Association or Campus Association fees and finances, the membership of a Faculty Association or Campus Association may be defined by criteria agreed upon with Students’ Council.</p> <p>That Students’ Council agrees to the current membership definitions in the AUFSJ and NSSA constitutions.</p>	AUFSJ NSSA ASA NUA

<p>Membership (2)</p>	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.3.c • I.6. • I.7. 	<p>The members of an Association have the following rights: to resign one’s membership by notifying the Association; to reinstate one’s membership by notifying the Association; for one to be afforded the same voting power as any other member of the Association at a General Meeting, in a referendum or plebiscite, and in an election for its officers; for one to be afforded the same voting power as any other member of a constituency of the Association in an election for a representative of that constituency; and for one to be afforded the same access to services and events as any other member in the same membership category of the Association.</p>	<p>ESA LSA</p>
<p>Delegation (1)</p>	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.8. <p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>All determinations by the Students’ Union required regarding Faculty Associations and Campus Associations, excluding their finances, shall be made by the Vice President (Academic) in consultation the Director of Student Group Services and the following: the Chief Returning Officer on all matters pertaining to elections, plebiscites and referenda; the Chair of Audit Committee on all matters pertaining to finances; and the Dean of Students and the Dean of all affected faculties on all matters pertaining to derecognition or probation. The Students’ Union Vice President (Academic) shall maintain a schedule of Campus Associations and Faculty Associations.</p>	<p>NSSA SSA</p>
<p>Delegation (2)</p>	<p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be responsible for the oversight of all Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations within its constituency. The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall exercise this oversight in a manner that conforms to the basic principles of the relationship between the Students’ Union and the Faculty Associations and Campus Associations. Specifically: the Association shall have the authority to recognize, derecognize or place on probation the aforementioned groups; the Association shall meet regularly with the aforementioned groups, both individually and collectively; and the Association’s decisions pertaining to the aforementioned groups may be appealed to the Students’ Union. The Students’ Union reserves for itself the power to impose mandatory fees on the student body or any subsection thereof. An Association shall maintain a schedule of its Departmental Associations, Program Associations and Affiliated Associations, if such exist, which shall be provided to its membership and/or the Students’ Union upon request.</p>	<p>ALES ESS CBAS SSA LSA MSA</p>

Recognition	<p>Bylaw 5600:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2. • 3. <p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.3.a, b & d <p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>The Students' Union shall annually determine which student groups are recognized as Campus Associations and Faculty Associations under Students' Union Bylaw, on the basis of the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Campus Association shall represent exactly one satellite campus, and a satellite campus shall be represented by one Campus Association; a Faculty Association shall represent exactly one faculty, and a faculty shall be represented by one Faculty Association; a previously recognized Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be presumed to retain its recognition; and a Faculty Association or Campus Association shall not be registered as a student group under the Bylaw Respecting Student Groups until the following conditions, additional to the conditions required to register as a Student Group, are satisfied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a document confirming the legitimate selection of officers and providing their contact information is submitted to the Students' Union; a document confirming compliance with General Faculties Council Policies regarding Faculty Councils, Departmental Councils, Dean Selection Committees, and Chair Selection Committees is submitted to the Students' Union; and <p>the financial reporting requirements required by Students' Union Bylaws are met.</p>	<p>ASA AUFJSJ</p> <p>ALES MSA</p>
Derecognition	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5. a, b & c <p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>The Students' Union shall derecognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency, upon the Faculty Association or Campus Association no longer being a student group.</p> <p>The Students' Union may derecognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Association applies for derecognition; or a majority of the students which the Association represents petition for derecognition. <p>During the period of an unrepresented constituency the Students' Union shall assume responsibility of the affairs of the constituency. After two calendar weeks and before two calendar months of the existence of an unrepresented constituency the Students' Union shall recognize a new Association.</p> <p>The Students' Union may derecognize an Association if another student group applies for derecognition and purports that it better represents the students, if and only if that student groups is then recognized as the Association, having probationary status, representing that constituency.</p>	
Probation	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.4. <p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>The Students' Union may recognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association as having probationary status if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> multiple significant issues arise out of the annual recognition process, notwithstanding that a previously recognized Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be presumed to retain its recognition of this bylaw; 	<p>CBAS NSSA SSA</p>

		<p>the Faculty Association or Campus Association applies for probation; or more than a quarter of the students which the Faculty Association or Campus Association represents petition for probation.</p> <p>The Students' Union and the Faculty Association or Campus Association, having probationary status, shall agree to and sign Conditions of Probation, which shall govern the Faculty Association or Campus Association while it retains its probationary status.</p> <p>After three calendar months and before one calendar year of an Association being recognized as having probationary status, the Students' Union shall either;</p> <p>recognize the Association as no longer having probationary status; or</p> <p>derecognize the Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency.</p>	
Legislation	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II.1. a to g <p>Unlegislated</p>	<p>A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have legislation, consistent with the requirements of Students' Union Bylaw, specifying, at minimum:</p> <p>the official name;</p> <p>the mandate;</p> <p>the membership, membership categories, and rights of members;</p> <p>the procedure for adoption, amendment, and rescission of its legislation;</p> <p>the procedure for adoption, amendment, and rescission of its policies and/or procedures;</p> <p>the mechanism for calling a General Meeting;</p> <p>the powers and responsibilities of each of its officers;</p> <p>the powers and responsibilities of each of its boards, committees and/or councils;</p> <p>the rights, privileges and responsibilities, individually and collectively, of its Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations;</p> <p>the manner of selection of its officers and the manner of removal of its officers;</p> <p>the manner in which elections, if applicable, are to be conducted; and</p> <p>the manner in which finances and property are managed including the budgeting and auditing processes.</p>	
Procedure Manual	Unlegislated	<p>A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have procedures, consistent with the requirements of Students' Union Bylaw and their legislation, which shall serve to operationalize their legislation. They shall have procedures outlining the annual transition of its executive and board officers.</p>	NSSA
Governance Structure	<p>Bylaw 8350:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II.3 • II. 4 to 7 	<p>A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall adopt a governance structure which satisfies the following:</p> <p>Legislation is adopted, amended, or rescinded by:</p> <p>a General Meeting which meets at least once per Fall Term and Winter Term; or</p> <p>a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term where a General Meeting may overturn the adoption, amendment, or rescission.</p>	???

		<p>Policy and Procedure is adopted, amended, or rescinded by: a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term; or an Executive Committee or Board which meets at least once per month during each Fall Term and Winter Term where a Council may overturn the adoption, amendment, or rescission. the executive and board officers, as applicable, of the Faculty Association or Campus Association are held accountable to and removable by: a General Meeting which meets at least once per Fall Term and Winter Term; a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term; or another mechanism agreed to by the Students' Union. elections, if applicable, are conducted by a Campus Association Deputy Returning Officer or Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officer who acts at arms length from the other bodies of the Association.</p>	
Elections, Referenda & Plebiscites	<p>Bylaw 2000: • 2.f • 69.1. a & b Bylaw 8350: • II.1. a & b • II.8. b, c & d Unlegislated</p>	Refer to the Section on Governance Structure	<p>ASA AUFSJ LSA MSA NSSA SSA</p>
Operations and Finances	<p>Bylaw 8350: • II.1. e & f • II.2</p>	Refer to the Section on Governance Structure	
Bylaw 8100 & Bylaw 8200	<p>Bylaw 3000 • 7. 4, 7, 11 & 12 • Schedule Bylaw 8350 Bylaw 8400 Bylaw 8451 Bylaw 8461</p>	<p>Students' Union Bylaw 8350, A Bylaw Regarding Faculty Associations, shall be renamed and renumbered as Bylaw 8100, A Bylaw Respecting Faculty Associations and Campus Associations. All sections of Students' Union Bylaws pertaining to the finances of a Faculty Association or Campus Association, with the exception of Bylaw 8400, A Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Faculty Membership Fees, shall be consolidated into a new bylaw named and numbered as Bylaw 8200, A Bylaw Respecting Faculty Association and Campus Association Finances.</p>	
Financial Delegation	<p>Unlegislated Standing Orders of Audit Committee</p>	<p>All determinations by the Students' Union required regarding Faculty Association or Campus Association finances, which are not reserved for Students' Council itself, shall be made by Audit Committee in consultation with the Vice President (Academic). The Chair of Audit Committee shall maintain a schedule of Campus Association Transfer Payments, Faculty Association Membership Fees, Faculty Association Special Fees, and Faculty Membership Fees.</p>	

Financial Report Requirements	Bylaw 3000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7. 11,12 Bylaw 8350: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II.2 Bylaw 8400: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.b Bylaw 8451: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Bylaw 8461: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 	<p>All Faculty Associations and Campus Associations shall provide an annual report of its finances to its membership and to the Students' Union. This report shall include the Association's current fiscal year's budget and the previous fiscal year's audited financial statements.</p> <p>All Faculty Associations or Campus Associations with a Campus Association Transfer Payment, Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee shall append additional information to their annual report. This appendix shall include evidence of compliance with Students' Union Bylaw, evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union and information requested by Audit Committee.</p> <p>No funds raised by a Campus Association Transfer Payment, Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee shall be dispersed to a Faculty Association or Campus Association until such time as the Students' Union Audit Committee has approved this dispersal. Where they are in compliance with Students' Union Bylaws the Audit Committee shall approve the dispersal of funds to them by June 30th of that fiscal year or within four calendar weeks, whichever is later.</p> <p>All Faculty Associations or Campus Associations with a Faculty Membership Fee shall append additional information to their annual report. This appendix shall include evidence of compliance with the Bylaw Respecting The Students' Union Membership Fees and a recommendation regarding the continuation or termination of the Faculty Membership Fee.</p>	ASA AUFSJ ASA BSA ESS NUA ESS LSA
Campus Association Transfer Payments (1)	Bylaw 3000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7. 11,12 	<p>The purpose of a Campus Association Transfer Payment is to provide financial support for the operation of a Campus Association. Only a Campus Association is eligible for a Campus Association Transfer Payment. All base members of the Campus Association shall have a percentage of their Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association.</p> <p>The percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association shall be determined by dividing the total Political/Governance spending of the Students' Union by the total Students' Union membership fees collected; then multiplying this number by one hundred; then subtracting this number from one hundred.</p> <p>The percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association shall be calculated every four years or upon the mutual agreement of the Campus Association and the Students' Union.</p>	ASA AUFSJ
Campus Association Transfer Payments (2)	Bylaw 3000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7. 11,12 	<p>The Augustana Students' Association shall begin receiving a Campus Association Transfer Payment on September 1st, 2009.</p> <p>The Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean shall continue receiving a Campus Association Transfer Payment on a modified formula agreed to by Audit Committee, with the new formal taking effect on September 1st, 2010.</p>	ASA AUFSJ
FAMF/FASF	Bylaw 8451	The purpose of a Faculty Association Membership Fee is to provide financial support for the operation of a	ASA

(1)	Bylaw 8461	<p>Faculty Association or Campus Association, if applicable, including fees for membership in relevant regional or national organizations.</p> <p>The purpose of a Faculty Association Special Fee is to provide financial support for special initiatives or projects of a Faculty Association or Campus Association and is not to be used as part of the operating budget of an Association.</p> <p>A Faculty Association or Campus Association is eligible to create a Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee.</p>	BSA ESS NUA
FAMF/FASF (2)	Bylaw 8451 Bylaw 8461	<p>Herein Faculty Association Fee shall refer to Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee as the context requires.</p> <p>The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall consult with its Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations, if such exist, regarding the creation and administration of a Faculty Association Fee. The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall consult with its membership, at a General Meeting, regarding the creation and administration of a Faculty Association Fee. The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall notify the Students' Union by December 15th, of the year before the fee is to be implemented, of its intent to create a Faculty Association Fee.</p> <p>The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall submit a proposal to Students' Council by January 15th, of the year the fee is to be implemented. The proposal shall outline the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the purpose of the fee; the amount, per student per term, of the fee; the scope of membership of the fee; the dates the fee is to begin and cease being collected; the refund mechanism of the fee; the allocation of the fee; the financial oversight of the fee; <p>proof of consultation as required by section 18 of this bylaw; and endorsement of the fee by the Faculty Association or Campus Association.</p> <p>Students' Council shall approve or deny the proposal by January 31st, of the year the fee is to be implemented, or within four weeks of the submission of the proposal, whichever is later. The proposal, as approved, shall govern the implementation and administration of the Faculty Association Fee.</p> <p>The Faculty Association Fee will only be implemented if approved in a faculty wide referendum where the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all the base members and only the base members of the Faculty Association or Campus Association are eligible to vote; a minimum voter turnout of 15% was achieved; a majority of votes cast are in favor of the fee; and 	ASA BSA ESS NUA

		<p>the referendum was conducted in accordance with the Faculty Association or Campus Association's legislation and Students' Union bylaw.</p> <p>The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall confirm the referendum results, and compliance with section 22 of this bylaw, to the Students' Union by March 31st, of the year the fee is to be implemented.</p> <p>The Students' Union shall inform the Office of the Registrar of the implementation of the Faculty Association Fee by April 15th, of the year the fee is to be implemented.</p> <p>The proposal, as approved by Students' Council, shall only be amended by the joint consent of the Faculty Association or Campus Association and Students' Council.</p> <p>Amendments shall not result in an increase in the duration or amount of the Faculty Association Fee.</p> <p>Upon the derecognition of a Faculty Association or Campus Association with a Faculty Association Fee, Students' Council shall either terminate the Faculty Association Fee or allow the successor to the Association to also become the successor to the Faculty Association Fee.</p>	
FAMF/FASF (3)	Bylaw 8451 Bylaw 8461	<p>Herein Faculty Association Fee shall refer to Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee as the context requires.</p> <p>A Faculty Association Fee shall be subject to the following restrictions: the Faculty Association Fee shall only be collected from the base members, members classified as 'off-campus' by the Office of the Registrar may be excluded from the Faculty Association Fee; the Faculty Association Fee shall be assessed at a uniform rate for all members; the Faculty Association Fee shall begin being collected on September 1st, of the year the fee is to be implemented and shall cease being collected on August 31st, of the year the fee is to be terminated; the Faculty Association Fee shall be collected for a term that does not exceed four years; and the Faculty Association Fee shall have a mechanism by which those members who are philosophically opposed or unable to pay the fee may be reimbursed.</p> <p>A Faculty Association Membership Fee shall be further subject to the following restrictions: If Departmental Associations or Program Associations exist then a portion, based on enrolment or another method satisfactory to Students' Council, of the fee shall be designated for supporting them; and If Affiliated Associations exist then a portion, based on a method satisfactory to Students' Council, of the fee may be designated for them.</p> <p>The Faculty Association Fee shall be collected as part of the Students' Union fee by the Office of the Registrar and included on a student's fee assessment.</p>	ASA BSA ESS NUA
Faculty Membership Fees	Bylaw 3000: • 7. 3, 4 & 7 • Schedule Bylaw 8400	<p>The Students' Union will no longer allow the establishment of a Faculty Association Membership Fee.</p> <p>The Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Faculty Membership Fees shall exist solely to govern the currently existing Faculty Membership Fees of the Engineering Students' Society and the Law Students' Association.</p>	ESS LSA

Dear Students' Council:

The following is the timeline (explanatory notes provided) of the collapse of the University of Alberta Science Undergraduate Society (UASUS) and its replacement by the Undergraduate Science Student Representatives (USSR), which has since changed its name to the Science Students' Association (SSA). If anything is unclear please do not hesitate to ask me for clarification.

Summer Foreshadowing

UASUS has been on the downward slide for the last four or more years; this summer I met several times with the President of UASUS to explain that there were significant areas where UASUS needed to improve its operations. Two key areas were the need to drastically update their constitution and the need to reinstate their Science Council of Departmental Association (CoDA).

Wednesday, November 5th – Science CoDA Meeting

This was the first (and so far only) Science CoDA meeting of the year. UASUS invited me to speak on the role of a Departmental Association or Program Association within a faculty. This was an extremely positive discussion that motivated the student leaders present to begin taking their roles seriously and to rethink student governance within the faculty of Science.

Wednesday, November 5th – Science By-Election

A student came to me concerned with the “shadiness” of the UASUS by-election approached me. I was like, “What by-election? I met with UASUS today and there was NO reference to a by-election happening today.” There was extreme shadiness with several different aspects of the by-election so I decided to follow up on it.

Thursday, November 6th – Notify Dean of Science

I sit on several University Hall committees along with many Associate Deans. After a morning meeting I spoke to the Associate Dean for Science and briefly informed her of what occurred the previous day, and committed to consulting the Dean's Office should things proceed further.

Thursday, November 6th – President of UASUS Meeting

I met with the President of UASUS to discuss the incident of the previous day; he confirmed the details of the by-election and added new violations that I had not been aware of. We had a very serious discussion where I emphasized the scope of concerns with UASUS and recommended that UASUS choose to dissolve itself under SU Bylaw I.5.a. He agreed to call an emergency meeting of his executive.

Wednesday, November 12th – UASUS Emergency Meeting

During the three hour long emergency meeting the scope of concerns with UASUS was laid out on the table. Despite my recommendation that they dissolve themselves the UASUS executive voted to continue existing and to work to rectify the problems they faced.

Wednesday, November 12th – Resignation of the Vice President (Communications) of UASUS

During the emergency meeting the Vice President (Communications) tendered a letter of resignation. However, the resignation was not to take effect until the end of the term and was to be kept in confidence until such time as the Vice President (Communications) chose to disclose it. In retrospect this was shady as well; I should have insisted that the science student body be informed immediately upon the filing of the letter of resignation.

Wednesday, November 12th – Gateway Interview and Thursday, November 13th – Gateway Article

Immediately following the emergency meeting several members of the UASUS executive and I went were interview by *The Gateway*. The next day a front-page article and editorial cartoon about UASUS were run in *The Gateway*. The two take home messages were that UASUS was optimistic they could fix their problems and I was skeptical that they could.

Thursday, November 13th to Wednesday, December 9th – Interlude

So this is the time frame where I was often out of the province. Meanwhile, back home on campus movements were afoot. The Departmental Associations and Program Associations were awakening to a new sense of responsibility within the faculty. USSR was beginning to coalesce. Students at large were talking and paying attention. UASUS was doing stuff; I say stuff because for a Faculty Association on the chopping block not a month before they were doing precious little to change the reality of the situation they were in. I was seriously underwhelmed.

Meanwhile, lots of groups and individuals within the faculty approached me to ask for clarification of SU Bylaw 8350, to explain their (FA, DA or PA) role within the faculty, and to gain a broader understanding of what was actually going on. It became abundantly clear that no one was on the same page and something needed to be done to correct this.

Tuesday, December 9th – Dean of Science (Proxy) Meeting

I met with several representatives from the Dean of Science's Office. I had several goals for the meeting. The first was to get confirmation on several questions I had such as what happened for the Dean's Review committee last year, how many vacancies are currently on Science Faculty Council, etc. The second was to answer any questions the Dean's Office had of the SU. The last was to seek a commitment that no matter the outcome of the undergraduate politics, a renewed UASUS or a new FA, that the Dean's Office was committed to working together with the student leadership.

Let us be blunt and honest. Over the last several years Dean's Office has bent over backwards to slow the downward slide of UASUS. They have provided support and made accommodations to aid UASUS that were neither recognized nor acknowledged by UASUS. Speaking now, after everything has been resolved, it is very satisfying to see that the Dean's Office will finally have a Faculty Association worth supporting.

Wednesday, December 10th – First Letter to the Science CoDA

As mentioned previously within the student leadership in Science there was widely varying levels of knowledge and understanding of what was happening. To put everyone on the same page I wrote out a nine-page letter to circulate to UASUS, USSR, DAs, PAs, SU Science Councillors, GFC Science Councillors, the Dean of Science, the Dean of Students and the Gateway (over 150 individuals). Five of these pages were an itemized breakdown of the SU's concerns with UASUS; most of the rest of the letter outlined what the various groups roles in relation to the issue should be. This letter was finished after midnight and thus was circulated with several spelling errors and with an abundance of bluntness.

Thursday, December 11th – President of UASUS Meeting

I met with the President of UASUS to go over, sub-point by sub-point, the five pages of concerns in the previous nights letter. He acknowledged that all criticisms were valid and that overall the assessment of UASUS's state was accurate.

Thursday, December 11th – Dean of Students Meeting

I met with the Director of Student Group Services (who has been fully informed of all things occurring throughout this process, as per Bylaw 8350's requirements) and the Dean of Students to discuss the situation. The Dean emphasized that the needs of Science students must be the core focus and that their point of view must be fully respected by the SU.

Friday, December 12th – Resignation of the President of UASUS

I received the formal resignation of the President of UASUS, effective immediately.

Friday, December 12th – The USSR Applies for Section 5-c

I received the formal application from the USSR to be recognized as the Science Faculty Association in the place of UASUS. Included was a proposal outlining the proposed actions of the USSR during the probationary period, a copy of the USSR Constitution, and a copy of the USSR Policy Manual.

Monday, December 15th – The UASUS Applies for Section 5-a

I received the formal application from UASUS to be derecognized as the Science Faculty Association. AKA – what I had requested of them on November 12th. By doing so they hoped to trigger the peaceful period of month long consultation and transition that marked the period between the implosion of the Arts Students' Association and the creation of the Collective Body for Arts Students.

Monday, December 15th – I Applied for a Hearing by DIE Board

The situation was blindingly obvious; the USSR application was clearly received by the SU first so we should follow the process of Section 5-c. However, I wrote up a set of questions to ask DIE Board's opinion on since this was a completely unprecedented circumstance. I was under the mistaken impression that DIE Board must meet within 72

hours (the reality is seven days) and I would receive an answer before making a decision of Friday. Due to the timeline constraints (I felt strongly that a decision must be reached before the end of the term instead of dragging this throughout the month of January) I made my decision without the DIE Board ruling. In retrospect the answers were too obvious to waste DIE Board's time with anyway.

Monday, December 15th – Second Letter to the Science CoDA

Another update email; it addressed the occurrences of the last several days. This time it was only three pages long and was proof read.

Tuesday, December 16th – USSR Meeting

I met with the Director of Student Group Services and the USSR executive to discuss in detail the USSR's proposal. We additionally went through the Conditions of Probation of a Faculty Association to explain what the SU would require of the USSR if they were recognized as the Faculty Association.

Friday, December 19th – UASUS Derecognized; USSR Recognized

In the morning the paperwork was signed which official made the switch from UASUS to the USSR as the Science Faculty Association. Letters were filed with the Dean of Science, Dean of Students, Speaker of Students' Council, President of the USSR and Acting President of UASUS. Instructions for a smooth transition were also given by the SU to these groups.

Friday, December 19th – Third Letter to the Science CoDA

The last update email; it addressed the occurrences of the morning and officially announced to the Science CoDA the change in FA. One page long; getting better at being concise.

Monday, December 22nd – Chair of Biology Meeting

The Department of Biology did not have a Departmental Association prior to the November 5th Science CoDA meeting; instead six Program Associations covered many (but not most) of the Biology students. The Biology Undergraduate Group came into existence over the next few weeks to try to fill this void; a brilliant initiative that came out of nowhere and rapidly gained my full support. Unfortunately, the timing and proximity to UASUS implosion meant that the Chair's Office was being very hands off about BUG. I met with the Chair to address all questions and concerns and to encourage him to work together with BUG in the department. The meeting was phenomenally positive.

Tuesday, December 23rd – Gateway Interview

The *Gateway* once again interviewed me, with the article to be expected early in the Winter Term. They had been cc-ed on all three letters to the Science CoDA; every effort was made to be open and transparent throughout this process.

Friday, January 2nd – USSR Becomes SSA

This next sentence makes me very sad. Science student leaders were not as upset about UASUS imploding or the change taking place during the last week of exams as they were about the USSR being the name of the new FA. All the political turmoil going on and the biggest concern that was brought to my attention by multiple people was that the name was offensive to some people. To address this and refocus the dialogue on the actual functioning of the Faculty Association the USSR changed its name to the Science Students' Association (SSA).

Thursday, January 8th – SU Express News

Okay, in retrospect this clearly should have been posted on December 19th; Mea Culpa. An SU Express News story was posted to inform the general student body of the change of FA in the Faculty of Science.

Tuesday, January 13th – Gateway Article

So, I am led to expect that there was an article in the Gateway earlier today. However, I was also expecting the article for last Tuesday. Should any questions arise out of the article I shall address them in the presentation to Students' Council which you are watch occur right now.