

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

February 24, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-22)

2008-22/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2008-22/2 PRESENTATIONS

2008-22/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2008-22/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2008-22/5b BOG - Report

Please see document LA 08-22.01

2008-22/5c Council Administration Committee- Report

Please see document LA 08-22.02

2008-22/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2008-22/6s **SHULTZ/QUEVILLON MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, adopt the following principles on P3s as a Political Policy:

- 1) The University of Alberta is a public institution and should not have to have to enter partnerships with private companies for capital projects.
- 2) The University of Alberta should be funding infrastructure and the building of residences with money from the government.
- 3) The planning, operation, and administration of student residences should be directed primarily by the concerns and interests of students.
- 4) The University of Alberta should not take on the risks of entering a P3 because the costs would be transferred to students to pay for.
- 5) The administration of the new student residences should be modeled after and tied into the existing administration of other University of Alberta residences.

2008-22/6t **DUNN MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #49 in first reading based on the following principles.

Bill #49- Committee Chair Reports
Principles (first reading)

1. Chairs of standing committees shall, prior to concluding their terms as chairs,

submit transition reports.

2008-22/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2008-22/7a

Janelle Morin, President- Report

Please see document LA 08-22.03

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

BOG

Hello Council:

There has not been a Board meeting since the Budget decision so I don't have any Board-related updates for council.

I have been very impressed with the advocacy blog and would encourage council to follow it.

I am starting a new job closer to campus so if any councillors would like to do lunch or a hot espresso based beverage let me know. I am open for meeting anyone considering a run at the BOG rep position as well now that it is open-season again.

I put the written questions on the agenda because I will not be able to make this evenings council because of work commitments until later this evening so unfortunately I will be missing the Gateway presentation. That is why I wanted the questions submitted in advance, with the hope of getting a written response for the council record.

Thanks,

Michael Janz

Report to Students' Council

2009-Feb-24

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council!

CAC's last meeting was dominated by house keeping items. I have a few really important updates for you so read on for goodies! Next weeks CAC meeting will address some issue that have the potential to be controversial. I strongly recommend you come for three reasons:

1. You are all members and I would love to hear your thoughts/opinions on the issues
2. These issues are pertinent to many of you (job description and exec pay review)
3. I'll bring snacks :)

Some things you may want to read up on:

1. UPC/EPC Combination Committee

At next week's CAC meeting we will be discussing combining UPC/EPC. This has the potential to be somewhat controversial and I welcome feedback and opinions about the issue, especially from those of you who currently or who have in the past sat on the committees.

2. Exec Pay Review

I have been told by our VP Ops/Fi that an Exec Pay raise would be extremely difficult (to the point of impossible) to incorporate into next years budget. I still feel however, that it is important to get some proposals on paper and archived so that future CAC's may look back and note how long this has been an issue. Our wonderful Nicole Buchholz has been helping me put together a document that compares other SU Exec's salaries/benefits. Opinions regarding an Exec pay raise are varied (even among our own Exec) and as such I strongly encourage you to provide me with your own thoughts/opinions.

3. Councillor Job Description

Where'd it go? Let's find out! The final draft of the proposal received no further feedback and as such we now need a place to put it. Should it compose the requirements for the Council scholarship? Should it go in bylaw? Should it go in standing orders? Feel strongly about it? Let me know!

4. Retreat

I am having a tough time getting us booked in to a place for May. The dates we had originally set are booked solid at our top locations. As a result I will have to compromise on one of the following: date, budget or driving time. If you have any strong opinions about where the compromise should be please let me know. Also, CAC will be discussing the retreat set up in a month's time. Please e-mail me your thoughts and feedback on previous retreats you have attended. Expect a few e-mails from me as I will be polling council on a few issues.

5. Last term's minutes

Found them! Will seek approval of them at next week's meeting.

6. Coffee/Bubbletea/Keg Dinner

Have an idea you want CAC to look at? Feel strongly about a current issue? Just want to spend time in my presence? Take me up on my coffee/bubbletea offer or if you're feeling really ambitious ask me about my 40% Keg discount.

Hope midterms are treating everyone well!

Warm regards,

Rachel

PS Twitter: I'm addicted. HELP! Uh I mean "Tweet!"

Report to Council Edition 20.0

Janelle Morin, President 2008-2009

February 24, 2009

Dear Council:

Ah, election season. It's been a great run so far, but even with elections underway, I would like to emphasize that the year is not yet over – not even close! Two more months of work ahead of us, and we plan to use every last moment of those two months.

President Samarasekera's Review Committee

Steve and I are sitting on the President's review committee, and will be taking student feedback about strengths and weaknesses in her term. As mentioned last meeting, while we will be seeking out specific people to interview, Council feedback (or general feedback from undergraduate students for that matter) is welcome, provided you have some context for your comments. Let us know if you'd like to do a 10 minute interview.

Student Financial Aid Project

As mentioned earlier in the year, one of the major tasks of this university will be a review of the financial aid system on campus. There is no central point for applications to be submitted and money received; no one has a clear idea of exactly what funding is available; and the system has never been looked at in a coherent, systematic way to evaluate its effectiveness at addressing need. When we know where the holes in the system lie, we'll be able to use that knowledge to recruit more funding. Administration has agreed to use the Budget Advisory Committee this Friday as a working group for this project. We hope to have a great deal of work on financial aid done before the end of the year. (By the way – Restricted Access was a fantastic leverage point to use in convincing the university that financial aid should be a priority – thanks again to those of you who were involved!)

Government Relations

With three conferences coming up in the next month – the CASA lobby conference in Ottawa, the CAUS lobby conference in Edmonton, and the (first ever!) City Council lobby conference, we will be having over 100 meetings with MLAs, MPs, and Councillors about a range of student issues. I met with the university's Associate Vice-President Government & Corporate Relations to talk about their messaging, to have a sense of where our messages overlap and diverge. For more information, see our coming reports after the conferences.

Foodbank Fundraiser: Millionaire Mac 'n Cheese

If you're looking for something fun to do this Thursday, come out to the Foodbank's formal fundraiser in St. Joseph's College! It will be a great time for an even better cause. Tickets are \$7, and donations are welcome.

Working Group on Social Responsibility

The Student Umbrella for Social Justices (SUSJ) raised concerns at the beginning of the year that the Students' Union should promote social justice and sustainability. Through discussions with group members, it was agreed that while our lobbying mandate must be student-focused, the Students' Union should be reviewing its operations to ensure they are socially responsible, and as a result, we've struck a working group. The group will discuss some mechanism to ensure they SU is doing all it can to be a responsible leader socially and environmentally, and we hope to propose a mechanism for such before the end of March.

Council on Aboriginal Initiatives

Due to particular challenges many Aboriginal students face, the university has struck the Council on Aboriginal Initiatives to discuss such plans as the new Aboriginal Residence and other barriers Aboriginal students on campus face. While this committee has only met twice since September, I've found it very interesting – particularly, administration is considering creating a new Vice Provost for Aboriginal Initiatives on campus. If you are interested in more information, please let me know.

Elections Fun

The candidates are in the hot seat, and I hope you all have a chance to check out their platforms, ask them questions, and vote. Best of luck to all candidates – you'll need it – it's a long three weeks, but the end result of making a difference on campus is worth it. (And the adage is true – win or lose, every candidate has a major impact on the issues brought to the forefront and often unsuccessful candidates' ideas end up implemented.)

Cheers,
Janelle