

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday May 26, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-03)

- 2009-03/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2009-03/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2009-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2009-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2009-03/4b Audit Committee- Report
Please see document LA 09-03.01
- 2009-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2009-03/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2009-03/7 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2009-03/7d **DEHOD/ FENTIMAN MOVES THAT** Students' Council, in accordance with the referendum question passed in the Winter 2009 Executive Election, ratify the Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding between Studentcare.net/works and the Students' Union, and direct members of the Executive Committee to sign the aforementioned memorandum.
- 2009-03/7e **FENTIMAN/DOLLANSKY MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2009-03/7f **DUNN MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee
- 2009-03/7g **CHIN/GLENISTER MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Audit Committee
- 2009-03/8 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2009-03/8d Vince Mireau resignation from council
Please see document LA 09-03.02
- 2009-03/8e Kory Mathewson, President- Report

Please see document LA 09-03.03

2009-03/8f Leah Trueblood, VP Academic- Report

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2009-03/8g Zach Fentiman, VP operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 09-03.05

2009-03/8h Beverly Eastham, VP External – Report

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2009-03/8i Nick Dehod, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 09-03.07

Report to Students' Council

2009-2010/AC01

Audit Committee

Dear Council,

At the May 19th, 2009 meeting of the Audit Committee:

The committee adopted the tentative meeting schedule of on-council Wednesdays at 8pm for the Spring/Summer semester. Due to a lack of sitting members at the meeting, this is subject to change upon additional input, but I will ensure council is updated.

Additionally, due to the workload, its time-sensitive nature, and the availability of current sitting members, the committee approved a motion to appoint an additional member to fill the vacant seat at the next meeting of Students' Council.

The formal and comprehensive review of standing orders was tabled to the next meeting.

An off-schedule meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, at 8pm in place of the Wednesday meeting of this week.

Sincerely,

Jaiman Chin

Councillors:

I am regretfully resigning my seat so that I can graduate on time. I have to take a bunch of Tuesday night classes and it would be unreasonable to have a proxy for the next three terms. I am especially frustrated that I won't be able to work as a part of BFC and GAC, but I'll get over it.

I hope you all had a great retreat!

Take good care,
Vince Mireau
Education Councillor

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Kory Mathewson, President



Executive Goal Planning Session – May 13 2009

“Collaborative Refinement” to further develop our goals for the 2009-2010 year.

Academic Planning Committee – May 13 2009

Additional graduate programs approved: MA in Native Studies, Doctor of Pharmacy, MEd in Health Sciences Education. Admission language change “conditional” to “early”.

Meeting with the Gateway (requested by Mike Kendrick Editor in Chief) – May 14, 20 2009

Regarding the presence of The Edmonton Sun in the Students' Union building.

Alumni Association Annual General Meeting – May 14 2009 – Mayfair Club

Retirements and Appointments occurred. Annual reports from stakeholders and committees.

Academic Goals Meeting (VP Academic Leah Trueblood) – May 15, 24 2009

Student/Instructor, Bear Tracks, Instructor Feedback, Faculty Associations, Academic Plan.

Executive Photo Shoot with Craig Turner (Web Content Editor, SU) – May 19 2009

Photos for the website and a possible awareness campaign.

Meeting with Khahn Nguyen (Senior Manager Marketing, SU) – May 20 2009

Discussed Student Survey first steps as well as improving SU web presence.

Advocacy Focus Group (Chris Henderson) – May 20 2009

With representatives from Arts and Nursing Faculty Associations, discussed web implementation of executive goal tracking.

Student Life Goals Meeting (VP Student Life Nick Dehod) – May 14, 24 2009

Campus Cup, Visibility Plan, Student Group Support/Collaboration, Orientation

Meeting with Rory Tighe (President, Lister Hall Students' Association) – May 21 2009

Discussed “Campus Cup” Dodgeball Tournament and improving food on campus.

Students' Union Calendaring Exercise – May 22 2009

Planning the year visually along with directors and managers in the organization.

Council Retreat – May 22-24 2009, Shunda Creek Hostel Nordegg, AB

Team Building, Sessions on Policy, Organization, Roberts Rules, Executive Goals

General Faculties Council – May 25 2009

Research Integrity Policy, Connecting the Dots for at risk behaviors.

*For the Good and Welfare of the University of Alberta Students' Union,
I remain,*

Kory Wallace Mathewson, President, University of Alberta Students' Union 2009-2010

1. Great Teaching

Proposal of a broad reaching academic advocacy campaign in the fall unlike what we have done before.

2. COFA: Council of Faculty Associations

Initiation of a branding process and an advocacy training session for FAs to prepare for the advocacy granting in the fall. Presentation on Faculty Associations at Council Retreat.

3. Undergraduate Research

Meeting with Frank Robinson to talk about the importance of an academic space and undergraduate research on in the new portal.

4. Textbook Price Freezes

Hiring is complete for the individual Kristen Badly, she and I will talk this week to begin the price freeze process.

5. Make the Academic Experience an Access Issue

TBA.

6. Open the Portfolio

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/uasuvpacademic>

Blog: <http://leahtruebloodvpacademic.blogspot.com/>

7. Academic Advising

The UPIO, James Eastham, has begun doing research on models across campus that work and alternative delivery models. For instance, very common to have online e-advising 24 hours a day.

8. Non-Traditional Student Communities

Will start attending International House meetings to listen starting next week as an outreach method. My approach to meeting the needs of non-traditional student communities will largely be contingent on what they asked for.

New!

I have spent a lot of time talking about how we are going to move forward on the recommendations made by the subcommittee on teaching and learning for USRIs. Which tools to use, etc. Please contact me if you are interested in further information.

Prepared by: Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Operations & Finance)
To: Students' Council 2009/2010

Important Initiatives

SGS Lounge

Plans are moving along to move computer terminals into the SGS Lounge in order to develop the current "Mac Lab" into office space for the new Student Groups Manager and two Student Groups Coordinators. The old SGS office space is looking to be developed into private, bookable meeting room space for student groups. What else would you like to see in the space? Let the VPSL and me know.

SUBtitles "Green Zone"

Development of an eco-friendly focused section in SUBtitles is pressing ahead. Side-note: Reusable bags have been designed and are on order.

Room At The Top

Renovations to start mid-June and are expected to last 3 – 4 weeks. On the hitlist: Flooring, walls, furniture, bar, bathrooms. Also, work has started to review and improve the menu. Everything is on-schedule so far.

Physical Activity and Health Complex (PAHC)

Preparing a formal report for a debrief meeting with University officials regarding the University of California facilities tour. Expect more information after June 23rd, 2009.

The Powerplant/Dewey's

Still waiting for the final word on retaining the billiards space. Estimated time of announcement: in two weeks. Stay tuned.

Other Information

Coke Contract

Expect the contract to come as an information item to the next council meeting. To be ratified by Students' Council the meeting after that.

CUPE Union Negotiations

Negotiations are still progressing along—taking a short break before we start up again in early June.

Report to Students' Council

May 26, 2009

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

It was wonderful to have spent the past weekend in Nordegg at Council Retreat with so many of you. I hope that those of you who were able to attend found it to be valuable for learning about Students' Council and in setting your personal goals for the year. Now is a good time to figure out what you hope to accomplish during the year, and if you have any questions or need some help figuring out what the best way to go about doing this is, please feel free to send me an email or drop by my office.

Universiade Bid

Unfortunately the University of Alberta lost the bid for the 2015 games to Gwangju, Korea this weekend. This is disappointing for students as we had hoped that the games would lead to the development of South Campus and the creation of more student residences spaces. Kory's remarks were published in the Sun this weekend and I would like to echo his comments and applaud the work of the bid committee and all levels of government for their hard work.

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

On Tuesday, May 19 I had a meeting with Duncan Wojtaszek (CAUS Executive Director) and Jenn Prosser (CAUS Research and Communications Assistant) to work on some initial planning for the annual Partnership Conference that CAUS is hosting in Edmonton this year. The conference will run from August 12-14 and will be attended by the Chairs and Executive Directors of the provincial lobby groups, as well as several members of the CASA home office staff. The conference will provide those in attendance the unique opportunity to discuss what is happening provincially at a federal level, scan for emerging trends in post-secondary, and discuss ways that our different groups can work together.

On Friday, May 22 along with Duncan Wojtaszek, Carol Neuman (recently hired ASEC (Alberta Student Executive Council) Executive Director), and Steven Kwasny (Policy Director for ASEC), I presented to the Student Finance Board in my capacity as CAUS Chair. Our presentation touched on the following three policy suggestions:

- Increasing the spousal contribution exemption for married and common law students
- Increasing the value of scholarships and offering more support past the first year of studies
- Increasing the monthly living allowances for students

We also noted our disappointment in not seeing the monthly living allowance increased by even CPI (Consumer Price Index) in the last provincial budget. Improving the living allowance calculation was one of the most important commitments from the government's Affordability Framework and without an increase this year the rate is not even keeping pace with inflation. This means that the student financial aid system in Alberta will require even more effort to fix in the future, and is now further contributing to the financial struggle that so many students face when trying to cover the costs of obtaining a post-secondary education.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

As mentioned in my last report, the first CASA conference, Policy and Strategy, is quickly approaching. Kory and I will be in Calgary from June 8-13 for this conference. The agenda was sent out last week and includes many different sessions including: government climate, equity training, strategic plan review, governance review, how to lobby, communications, on-campus outreach discussion, and of course many sessions on policy and policy review. I am looking forward to coming back with the priorities that the CASA membership sets for the year and will ensure that these priorities are presented to council shortly after Kory and I return.

Goal Setting

As for council, now is the time of goal setting for the executive. We have had several discussions about goals as an executive and each of us have been spending quite a bit of time developing our personal goals and coming up with a 'road map' for how we will get our goals accomplished. Council should be getting each of the executives goals in the agenda package for the June 9 meeting.

Communications

On Wednesday, May 20 the advocacy department and several of the executives, including myself, attended a focus group session on changes that we would like to make to the advocacy portion of the SU website. We were able to speak to several students about our ideas, what they would like to see, what would be most useful and relevant to them, and what they thought of the mock-ups that we had. It was a valuable experience and hopefully we will be able to finish this process and the changes to the advocacy pages of the website so that they are ready for students when they get back in September.

If you have any question about anything Council or Students' Union related, please feel welcome to come to 2-900 (on the second floor of SUB right by the top of the main stairs) and visit the executive. I may not always be in my office when you stop by, but I am more than happy to set up a meeting with you if you like. I can be reached at 780.492.4236 or vp.external@su.ualberta.ca.

Cheers!
~ Bev

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To: Students' Council 2009/2010

Council Retreat

A big thank you to all of the Councilors & presenters that attended. A special thanks to CAC & the CAC Chair for helping to organize the retreat. I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend and I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Please continue to ask any questions about the SU, Council, or issues as they arise.

Physical Activities & Health Center (PAHC)

We will be meeting with University officials regarding our California facilities tour later this month. We are currently working on a formal report for a debriefing meeting that will happen later in the month.

Programming

Our Programming & Venues Manager, Christine Rogerson, just returned to the office today and we'll begin finalizing some of the programming for the year over the next couple weeks. The Student Life Events Committee (SLEC) has a meeting on Thursday where we should be narrowing down themes for WOW. Alena & I are currently working with the Marketing Department on developing a visual identity for the Street Team.

U-Pass

The negotiations for the U-Pass will continue on Thursday. By late June or early July, we anticipate the negotiations will be completed.

Sustainability

I will be meeting with ECOS & the Office of Sustainability in the following weeks to discuss projects for the coming year. A special congratulations to ECOS as well, as they are currently finalists for the Alberta Emerald Awards!

Student Group Services (SGS)

In order to accommodate an extra person being in the SGS office, the VP Ops-Fi and myself have been exploring the option of moving SGS into the MAC Lab and turning the old office into a conference room for student groups. If you have any feedback or suggestions on the old office space, please let us know.

Student Distress Center

On May 12, 2009 The Support Network (TSN) terminated the Shared Volunteer Agreement with the Students' Union (Student Distress Centre). Effective September 12, 2009, our two organizations will no longer be conforming to the Shared Volunteer Agreement. The Support Network conducted the volunteer training and volunteers shared their time between the Edmonton Distress Line and the Student Distress Centre. Although this situation came about suddenly and there are still more questions than answers in terms of what SDC will look like in

September, we view this as an opportunity to make our service even better. In the coming weeks we will be working on creating a planning process to create a new vision of the Student Distress Center that continues to meet students' needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.