

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

September 29, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-12)

2009-12/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

2009-12/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2009-12/2c Tuition Presentation- Presented by Kory Mathewson, President. Sponsored by Kory Mathewson, President.

2009-12/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2009-12/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2009-12/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2009-12/5a **Kustra- to Councillor Seth:**

At the Student Group Services Leadership Summit on Friday, September 25, Students Council was publicly committed in your presentation to a new outreach program called SCOP that hasn't been approved or even discussed by CAC or Council. Why was Council not even e-mailed before they were publicly committed to a new pilot program?

2009-12/5b **Kustra- to Nick Dehod, Vice President Student Life:**

What can Council do now to correct the impression Student Group Executives may have that Students' Council members will be participating in a Council-wide and Council-approved new outreach program? Will the groups be informed that the announcement was premature and that no financial or time commitments have been made or approved by Council?

2009-12/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2009-12/6b **MASTEL/CLARKE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill # 7 in the second reading:

Principles

Student groups must have an executive committee comprised of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ undergraduate members and of which the President and Treasurer (or equivalent positions) must be students, a constitution that abides by Students'

Union legislation, and a membership of at least 2/3 undergraduate students.

Neither the number of grants that a student group may receive nor the annual grant maximum shall be specified.

Student groups will manage their financials responsibly and maintain financial records for auditing.

Student groups shall act on behalf of and for their members, and according to Students' Union policy pertaining to student groups.

Student groups shall serve their members in a way that is transparent, democratic, accountable, and fiscally prudent.

Student groups shall promote community, benefit their members and the community, and be non-commercial.

The Students' Union may terminate a student group's registration or suspend a student group's activities.

The Vice President (Student Life) shall not be required to table at Students' Council a list of student group privileges and procedures for the suspension thereof.

Please see document LA 09-12.01

2009-12/6c

MASTEL/CLARKE MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill # 8 in the second reading:

Principles

Any new dedicated fee unit, or increase to an existing dedicated fee unit beyond the current rate of change, shall be required to:

- Implement an unconditional online opt-out for the total amount of the fee
- Reaffirm majority support for the total amount of their fee by campus-wide referendum at least once every five (5) years.

Exemptions shall be made for the Students' Union Membership Fee and any fee that is implemented for the direct purposes of bond or mortgage which was approved by Students' Council.

Please see document LA 09-12.02

2009-12/6d

MASTEL/CLARKE MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill # 9 in the second reading:

Principles

Any group or organization, excluding the Students' Union, who collects a dedicated fee unit through the Students' Union's ability to collect a levy may be responsible for a maximum of one (1) dedicated fee unit.

Please see document LA 09-12.03

2009-12/6e

DEHOD/CLARKE MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy committee, Students' Council renew the Political Policy, Student fees - Capital Projects, with the following changes outlined in the track changes.

Please see document LA 09-12.04

2009-12/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2009-12/7a

KUSMU MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.

2009-12/7b

KUSMU MOVES TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.

2009-12/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2009-12/8d

Petros Kusmu resignation from the Bylaw Committee and Grant Allocation Committee.

Please see document LA 09-12.05

2009-12/8e

Board and Committee members

Please see document LA 09-12.06

2009-12/8f

CAC- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.07

2009-12/8g

Kory Mathewson, President- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.08

2009-12/8h

Jennifer Huygen, CRO- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.09

2009-12/8i

Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.10

2009-12/8j

Beverly Eastham, VP External- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.11

2009-12/8k

Nick Dehod, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 09-12.12

Bylaw 5600

A Bylaw Respecting Student Groups

1. Any group is a student group that registers as such with the Students' Union.
2. In order to register as a student group with the Students' Union, a group must
 - (1) be registered as a student group with the University of Alberta; and
 - (2) have an executive committee comprised of at least ~~2/3~~3/4 undergraduate students and of which the President and Treasurer (or equivalent positions) must be students.
 - (3) A constitution that abides by students' union legislation; and
 - (4) Have a membership of at least 2/3 undergraduate students
3. Student groups' registration with the Students' Union shall expire on April 30 of each year.
4.
 - (1) Where there is a portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to be paid to Student Groups, no group that is not a Student Group shall receive a grant from that portion of the Students' Union operating budget.
 - (2) Neither the number of grants that a student group may receive nor the annual grant maximum be specified. No Student Group shall receive more than three thousand dollars in funding from the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups in a single fiscal year.
 - ~~(3) There shall be no fixed number of grants that a Student Group may receive~~
5. Student groups will manage their financials responsibly and maintain financial records for auditing.
6. Student groups shall act on behalf of and for their members, and according to students' union policy pertaining to student groups.

April 1, 2008

January 8, 2008

Jan 11/05 – Implemented May 1/05

Sept 14/04

Aug. 07/01

May 7/01

Nov. 14/96

Nov. 28/95

7. Student groups shall serve their members in a way that is transparent, democratic, accountable, and fiscally prudent.
8. Student groups shall promote community, benefit their members and the community, and be non-commercial.
9. The students' union may terminate a student group's registration or suspend a student group's activities.

510. The Vice President (Student Life), in conjunction with the University of Alberta, shall develop and table at Students' Council

(1) a list of student groups' privileges; and

(2) a procedure through which these privileges can be suspended.

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shall be identical to the previous year's operating budget until Students' Council does approve an operating budget.

- (3) Students' Council shall approve a set of budget principles dictating the priorities to be enshrined in the operating budget prior to the approval of each operating budget.
- (4) A budget process shall be set out in standing orders of Students' Council.

Fees

7. (1) The Students' Union's operating budget shall include the level of the base Students' Union membership fee.
- (2) The base Students' Union membership fee shall not fluctuate by more than fifteen percent from year to year
- (3) In addition to the base Students' Union membership fee, Chair of Audit Committee shall maintain a schedule of dedicated fees to be collected.
- (4) The fees on the schedule shall be divided into Class A Fees, ~~and~~ Class B Fees and Class C Fees.
- (5) Class A Fees may be amended or abolished only by
 - (a) Students' Council, or
 - (b) referendum.
- (6) Class B Fees may be amended or abolished only by
 - (a) a joint resolution of Students' Council and one other body, specified in the schedule; or
 - (b) referendum.

(7) Class C Fees shall

- (a) include all new fees established after September 2009;
- (b) include all established fees that are being increased beyond its indexed rate of change;

March 24/09

Sept 9/08

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March 21/06

April 12/05 – Implemented May 1/05

April 5/05 – Implemented May 1/05

- (c) implement an unconditional online opt-out for the total amount of the fee;
 - (d) be reaffirmed by majority support for the total amount of their fee by campus-wide referendum at least once every five (5) years;
 - (e) exclude the Students' Union Membership Fee and any fee that is implemented for the direct purposes of bond or mortgage which was approved by Students' Council.
- (87) Unless otherwise specified in the schedule, all fees in the schedule increase annually at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index for the province of Alberta.
- (98) Each Class A Fee, ~~and~~ Class B Fee and Class C Fee listed on the schedule shall be allocated to a reserve specified in the schedule.
- (109) the schedule shall stipulate whether each fee is payable by students enrolled at Augustana Faculty

Loans

8. Except as otherwise noted in Student Union bylaw, the Executive Committee has the exclusive authority to approve loans of Students' Union funds.

Contracts

9. A contract shall require the approval of Students' Council where
- (a) the term of the contract exceeds one year;
 - (b) there are no means by which the Students' Union may cancel the contract on six months notice or less; and
 - (c) the contract requires of the Students' Union a financial commitment exceeding five thousand dollars in any one year or twenty-five thousand dollars in aggregate.

Signing Authority

10. All cheques and contracts, excepting cheques issued to individuals selling items on consignment through the Students' Union, must be signed by at least one of the Vice President (Operations and Finance) or the President.

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THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:13

Effective Date: January 7, 2009

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Expiration Date: January 30, 2011

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Student Fees

- *Topic:*

Capital Projects

WHEREAS the University has numerous sources of revenue and should not depend solely on students to finance capital projects;

WHEREAS the University should not be spending tuition revenue on capital projects;

WHEREAS as capital projects benefit the University and serve a wide range of communities beyond undergraduate students;

WHEREAS there should be consultation with students as to the creation, use, and termination of student fees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT tuition revenues shall not be used to fund capital projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be used to fund the construction of academic or research space;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall participate in defining the purpose and scope of any project where a student fee is involved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all capital projects funded directly by a student fee dedicated to that project must include proportional commitments from other stakeholder groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be implemented until such a time as students have the ability to receive benefits from their contribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any capital project funded directly by a dedicated student fee shall have a governance structure that includes adequate student representation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any dedicated student fee that funds a capital project shall be eliminated upon the final payment of the agreed upon student contribution.

Policy History:
Reference/Vote
Created 2006-15

Board/Committee
UPC

Date of Council Approval
April 3,2007/ SC 06-24/5a(ii)

I will be resigning my seat from the Bylaw and GAC due to me sitting on too many committees right now and my work/course-load is too much.

Petros

**Audit Committee
Members 2009-2010**

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**The Audit Committee is composed of seven councillors.*

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** The Budget Committee is composed of seven voting members of Students' Council.*

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Members 2009-2010**

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**The Council Administration Committee is composed of five voting members of Students' Council as voting members and the Speaker of Students' Council as a non-voting member.*

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**Policy Committee
Members 2009-2010**

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05/05/2009

Jazz Singh	Member	jaskaran@ualberta.ca
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* The Policy Committee is composed of nine voting members of Students' Council.

**Grant Allocation Committee
Members 2009-2010**

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*The Grant Allocation Committee is composed of seven voting members of Students' Council selected by Students' Council, three individuals appointed by the University of Alberta Recreation Action Committee as non-voting members (they will only attend meetings at which grants are being made from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund), three individuals appointed by the University of Alberta University Athletics Board as non-voting members (they will only attend meetings at which grants are being made from the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund).

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Members 2009-2010**

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University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2009-September-29th

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council:

CAC met last week to discuss a Council Wiki and begin the planning process for Fall Retreat. Thank you to Chris Henderson, Leah and Bev for a very thorough demonstration of the Advocacy wiki. Everything looked great and I am excited to see further work on a council wiki.

CAC began planning Fall Retreat for Saturday, October 17th. The retreat will consist of an introductory No0b (those newly elected to council) session followed by a general review of council goals and progress thus far.

Besides some logistical and minor housekeeping items nothing else was discussed. In light of some recent events I would like to further point out that no other major issues were brought forward to CAC last week, nor have they been brought forward to me since.

Warm regards,

Rachel

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Kory Mathewson, President



Sustainability Awareness Week – Sep 16 2009

Board Finance and Property Committee – Sep 16 2009

Council of Faculty Associations at Campus Saint-Jean – Sep 16 2009

Tuition Discussion – Sep 17 2009

Survey Feedback Session – Sep 17 2009

Board Advisory Committee – Sep 17 2009

Energy in Alberta Planning Session – Sep 17 2009

Community and Government Relations Board Subcommittee – Sep 21 2009

Academic Planning Committee – Sep 23 2009

Survey Draft #4 Complete and Tested – Sep 23 2009

Phone meeting with Dean Taylor – Sep 24 2009

Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights – Sep 25 2009

Celebration of Teaching and Learning at Jubilee Auditorium – Sep 25 2009

Student Group Services Leadership Summit at Telus Building – Sep 25 2009

General Faculties Council – Sep 28 2009

Academic Materials Consultant Visioning – Sep 29 2009

Major topics of discussion around the University of Alberta boards and committees are:

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- 2009/10 Budget and 2010/11 Budget Forecast
 - H1N1 Preparation
 - Temporary Suspension of Medical Documentation for Student Absences Procedure
 - Branding discussions/focus groups
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*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*

Students' Union Elections Office	
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To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr. Craig Turner Speaker, Students' Council➤ Ms. Leah Trueblood Vice President (Academic), Students' Union➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar University Secretariat
From:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ms. Jennifer Huygen Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	2009 Students' Council and General Faculties Council By-Election Results

Results

The Students' Union would like to congratulate the following individuals who were elected by students in their faculty during the September 2009 By-Election:

Students' Council

Campus Saint-Jean	Emerson Csorba
Education	Ngina wa Kaai
Nursing	Jenna Parsonage

General Faculties Council

Arts	Damini Mohan
Business	Craig Turner Colten Yamagishi
Campus Saint-Jean	Andrea Vogel
Education	Ngina wa Kaai
Nursing	Alysha Pashulka Jacquelin Benito
Science	Wei Qiang Katie Horvat William Peachman

NOTE 1: Vacant positions left on Council for the 2009–10 term: Education (1), Open Studies (1).

NOTE 2: Vacant positions left on GFC for the 2009–10 term: Arts (1), Education (2), Engineering (1), Physical Education and Recreation (1).

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NOTE 3: The Law Students' Association (LSA) by-election was held in conjunction with the Council and GFC by-election to facilitate shared use of the SU online voting system.

Statistics

Please see Attachments #1–2 outlining voter turnout and turnout percentages per faculty.

Polling stations were set-up in the following locations for one or both days of the election: SUB, CAB, Tory/Business Atrium, Law, Education, Medical Sciences, and Campus Saint-Jean.

We had a wonderful troupe of Poll Captains and Poll Clerks to help out manning the physical polling stations; however, future need for these stations will be assessed before the March election, as more than 80% of votes cast were done at non-station computers.

Timeline

The following dates were presented to Council during the summer and remained unchanged during the course of the by-election. The nomination deadline was extended until September 16, 2009 for those positions that had remained vacant after the close of day on September 14, 2009.

- September 14th – Nomination Deadline & mandatory candidates' meeting
- September 16th – Campaign Period Begins
- September 23rd – Campaign Period Ends
- September 24th/25th – VOTING DAYS

Rulings

One ruling was made over the course of the election. Please see www.su.ualberta.ca/vote for the details.

Expense Summaries

Expense summaries for each candidate have been approved by the CRO and are included as Attachment #3.

Closing Remarks

The CRO would like to congratulate those students who put their names forward for candidacy for vacant seats on both Students' Council and GFC. This year's by-election was much smaller than those of recent memory—only 20 positions on both

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governing bodies were vacant, and we had 12 candidates running for 13 positions, none of which were contested races. I would like to see more effort go towards recruiting candidates for future elections to increase the competitive spirit of the election and consequently the election as a forum for debate, campaigning, and participation.

Despite the small size of the 2009 by-election, the CRO was pleased to see an increase in voter turnout, and believes that this was facilitated by the convenience of online voting and a more concentrated marketing effort on the days of the election (which included postering, using the SU Facebook group, and sending a campus-wide email to those students in eligible faculties).

Finally, the CRO would like to thank Jason Ward and Whitematter for their help in administering the online voting system and for providing the CRO with technological wisdom and moral support.

Totals For Stations

Total	CAB	EDU	FSJ	MED	LAW	SUB	TBA	nonstation
803	51	11	22	1	23	13	20	662

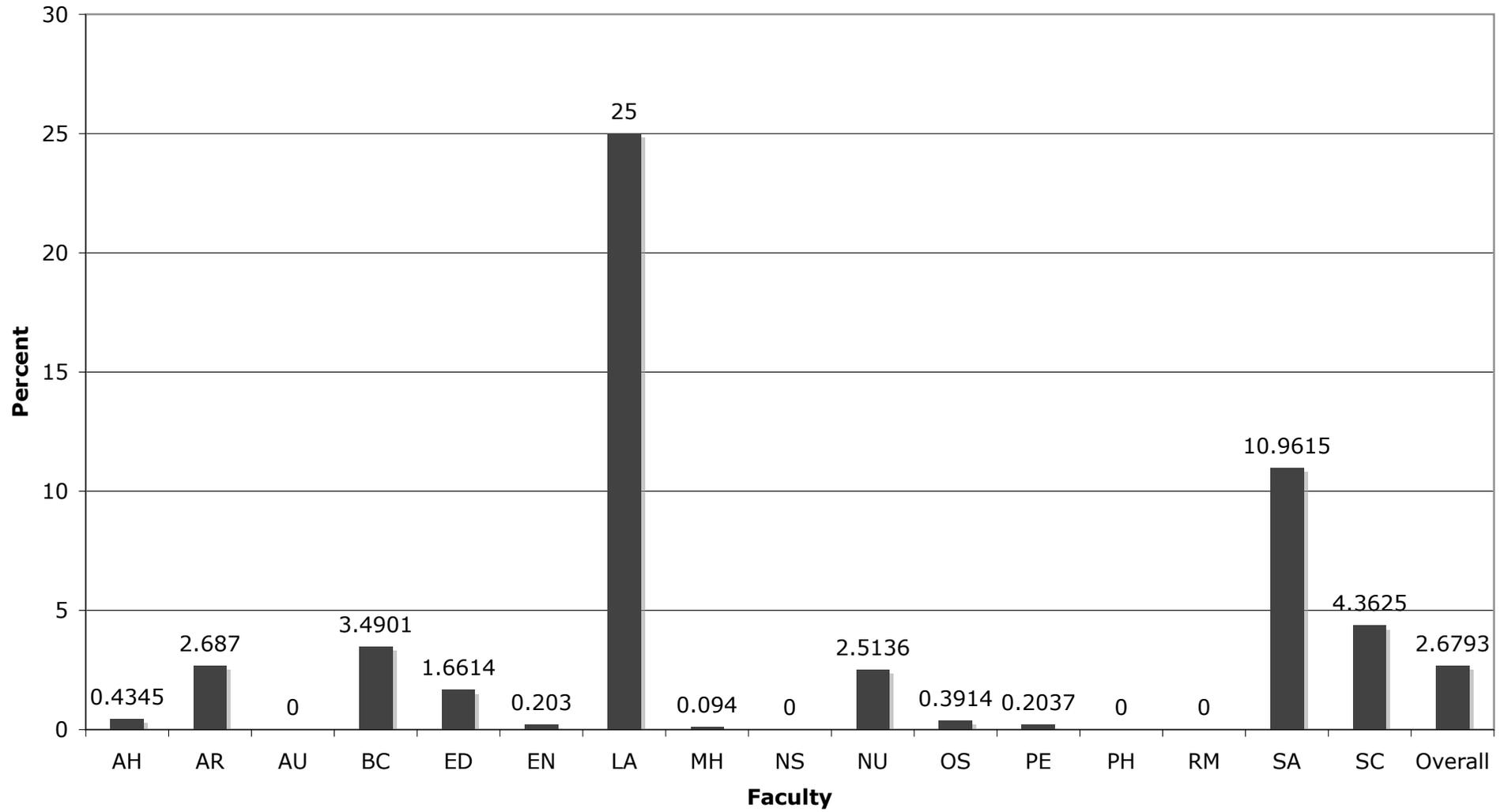
Turnout by Faculty

faculty	percent
AH	0.4345
AR	2.687
AU	0
BC	3.4901
ED	1.6614
EN	0.203
LA	25
MH	0.094
NS	0
NU	2.5136
OS	0.3914
PE	0.2037
PH	0
RM	0
SA	10.9615
SC	4.3625

Raw Counts

count	percent
803	2.6793

Percent Participation By Faculty



Expense Report Summary

Position	Candidate	Expense Summary
Arts (GFC)	Damini Mohan	\$0.00 spent • \$15.00 fine applied to campaign budget Total: \$15.00
Business (GFC)	Craig Turner	\$0.00
	Colten Yamagishi	\$0.00
Campus Saint-Jean (SU)	Emerson Csorba	\$0.00
Campus Saint-Jean (GFC)	Andrea Vogel	\$0.00
Education (SC)	Ngina wa Kaai	\$0.00
Education (GFC)	Ngina wa Kaai	\$0.00
Nursing (SC)	Jenna Parsonage	\$0.00
Nursing (GFC)	Alysha Pashulka	\$0.00
	Jacquelin Benito	\$0.00
Science (GFC)	Wei Qiang	\$0.00
	Katie Horvat	\$0.00
	William Peachman	\$0.00

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

Room At The Top

So, I've been getting a lot of criticism for the new French fries in Room At The Top—much more criticism than was received for the old fries. So we'll have the old (tastier) fries back by the end of this week.

Reminder: Vote for your favourite name finalist here:
<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/roomatthetop>

Campus Food Focus Group

Wednesday, September 23 was the first food focus group that I attended for Nick while he was at a conference in Indianapolis. It included student representatives from residence, international students, and Campus St. Jean.

Campus Food Bank

I've met with representatives from the Campus Food Bank to initially discuss the implementation of a contingency allocation, capital budget, and capital reserve. I am looking forward to assisting them with these topics in the future.

Student Group Leadership Summit

I facilitated a session for Vice President Finances (Treasurers) of student groups during the Student Group Leadership Summit's first day on Friday, September, 25.

Academic Materials Meeting

Met with the President, Vice President (Academic), Academic Materials Consultant and several others from the Advocacy Department to discuss Students' Union strategy for academic materials. Fun!

Communications and Marketing Manager

Still have not hired yet—have held several interviews however.

Improved responses to September 15, 2009 Question Period:

I sent out this email to council a couple days after September 15, 2009 to provide further detail to questions asked that council meeting.

NICOL: I've put the bug in the appropriate ears to determine solutions (dampening measures) for the acoustic situation in Room At The Top.

KUSMU: Net revenue according to draft audited financial statements I am provided with for the 2008-2009 year indicate a net revenue from Room At The Top of \$77,940. (I think I mentioned roughly \$75,000 in Students' Council). The current budget is expecting a net revenue of \$98,019 before cost apportionment. In my personal opinion, it might be a tad ambitious given the potential drop in discretionary income of students overall--but the revitalization (space, service, product, programming together) will assist us in reaching our budget goal for this year in the face of economic pressures.

Your second question pertained to the remainder of the Projects Allocation. The amount remaining is \$36,840. That said, I believe there was \$3,000 allocated from the previous year's Projects Allocation that was not taken into account when the executive allocated \$2,700 from this year's PA. If this is the case, the visual elements will be taken from the \$3,000 accrued forward--not the allocated amount from this year's PA. (I believe I mentioned we were sitting between \$35,000 and \$40,000 in Students' Council)

COX: The water-only machine will be removed from SUBtitles, responding to your question regarding its vicinity to the Green Zone and the mixed messages it might create. I am informed the water has already been removed and the machine will be returned to Coca-cola in the next week or so.

EDWARDS:

Students' Council allocated the following to the project:

2009-10 Capital Budget	\$41,460.00
2008-09 Project Accrual-Furniture	\$11,000.00
2008-09 Project Accrual- Bar	\$2,000.00
2008-09 Project Allocation for TV's	\$10,000.00
2009-10 Project Allocation	\$28,000.00

Sub-total: \$92,460.00

Plus the new contingency item (for those items that I mentioned were unexpected repairs/maintenance): \$8,272.71.

= \$100,732.71 budgeted/allocated for the Room At The Top project in its entirety.

We are running a total cost of \$106,950.62 (a variance of \$6,217.91 after the inclusion of contingency funds). (You'll see the contingency is reported as a variance in the Bar component). This is partially due to the use of conservative estimates as we have need received the invoices for all items yet.

The majority of the overage, aside from the needed contingency spending was due to difficulties with the floor. Unlike the water damage/plumbing/electrical problems which we've allocated from contingency--the floor in the end proved to be more expensive

than was originally anticipated, due to additional labour time required to deal with the uncommon adhesive used with the original flooring.

Although I do believe this is a manageable variance given the scope of the project (it is a reasonable % variance overall), this further confirms flaws in the Students' Union's capital budgeting process, which the Senior Manager (Finance and Administration), the General Manager, and myself will attempt to rectify before the next capital budget is developed.

I hope this helps provide the additional detail you should be demanding from me in question period. If you have further questions or comments, let me know!

Report to Students' Council

September 8, 2009

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

Welcome to our newly elected councillors Emerson Csorba, Ngina wa Kaai, and Jenna Parsonage as well as to all of the newly elected GFC reps!

Meetings

Past Meetings

Sept 10: Meeting with Ashvin Singh re: 2010 National Debating Championships
Sept 10: Think Tank hosts Pints and Politics on SUBstage
Sept 10: SU Policy Committee
Sept 11: Meeting with Jeff Wright re: UofA annual giving letter
Sept 13: CAUS Meeting in Lethbridge (driving back Monday, Sept. 14)
Sept 15: Public Interest Alberta, Post-Secondary Campaign: Don't Cut Us Out
Sept 15: Meeting with Rachel Notley
Sept 16: CoFA at Campus Saint Jean
Sept 17: Budget Advisory Committee
Sept 17: Senate Fall Reception
Sept 18: Senate Plenary
Sept 19: Exec Committee
Sept 22: CAUS office painting day
Sept 22: CAC
Sept 23: Provost Town Hall on Budget
Sept 23: Exec Committee
Sept 23: Tuition Discussion hosted by Dollansky
Sept 23: Policy Committee
Sept 24: Student Financial Assistance Appeals Committee
Sept 25: Interviews with the Gateway and CUP on MacEwan University and PIA
Sept 25: Student Group Leadership Summit
Sept 26: Moving the CAUS office day

Upcoming Meetings

Sept 29: Academic Materials Consultant Visioning
Sept 30: Tuition Planning Meeting
Oct 1: Student Financial Aid Meeting
Oct 1: Centenary Planning Meeting
Oct 1: Alumni Recognition Awards
Oct 2: Pecha Kucha in Myer Horowitz
Oct 3: UofA Open House
Oct 3: Executive Retreat at Dehod's humble (and fruit fly filled) abode

External Updates

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

www.caus.net | **twitter: #caus09**

With help from some wonderful individuals the CAUS office was moved in record time (under an hour) this past Saturday. Duncan and I spent some time painting the office last week and it looks quite good, despite our collective lack of knowledge on how one goes about painting a wall.

CAUS is currently working on trying to set up meetings with Minister Horner to discuss our budget submission that we sent out at the end of August. Once we are able to have a meeting with Minister Horner we will continue our budget submission meetings with members from the opposition parties.

MacEwan University

So, the rumours turned out to be true, and Grant MacEwan College was turned into Grant MacEwan University on September 24th. There is an article in the Gateway today about the changes that I would encourage any interested councillors to read.

CAUS issued a news release on this announcement, just as we did with the Mount Royal announcement, which can be found at <http://caus.net>. The message was reasonably similar to the message that we released for the Mount Royal announcement, and stressed that it is important for all Universities in Alberta, regardless of whether they are research or teaching focused, to offer a world-class education for students.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

www.casa.ca | **twitter: CASAdaily, #casaacae**

On September 16, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance to provide an oral presentation of its 2010 Pre-Budget Submission. You can find both the written submission (available for download) and the remarks that were made on the website: www.casa.ca

National Student Survey

Things are still inching along with the NSS. I don't have much new news for this report, but hopefully I shall have some more information for the next one.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Open House

This Saturday, October 3rd is the Annual University of Alberta Open House. Unfortunately this is the same day that the executive team has scheduled for an executive retreat and thus none of us are able to be at the table. Due to this predicament, I am looking for some enthusiastic councillors who want to attend the open house and tend to the SU table. We will split the day up into shifts, so if you have any free time that you would be willing to give up in order to let people know about the

wonderful people involved in the SU, and the good things that we do it would be much appreciated. Please contact me or my AVPX, Justin Benko (avpex@su.ualberta.ca), if you are interested. Thanks!

Student Group Leadership Summit

The Student Group Leadership Summit was held this past Friday and Saturday. The executive team took part in the summit on Friday and this provided an excellent opportunity to talk with some very involved students about changes they would like to see made on campus and within the Students' Union. Attendance this year was also up by 86 people, which is fantastic. Congrats go out to the Student Group Services team for a well organized and well attended summit!

Pecha Kucha

Pecha Kucha night 5 is being hosted by Edmonton NextGen this Friday, October 2, in the Myer Horowitz theater. It should be a very interesting evening filled with unique ideas and people. I hope to see some of you there! Tickets are available through www.tixonthesquare.ca

ChangeCamp

This is a very interesting event that is being organized for October 17th and is being held in the Lister Conference Centre. ChangeCamp is a participatory and web-enabled face-to-face event that brings together citizens, policy-makers, technologists, design-thinkers, change agents and media creators to answer one question: "How do we re-imagine government and citizenship in the age of participation?" I encourage all councillors who are available on this date to attend as it looks like it will be a very interesting day (also, I believe it is free).

Of Interest

BlogRoll

Daily updates, great coverage of events and news in Edmonton and beautiful pictures all rolled into one fantastic blog. Check out:

The Edmontonian

<http://theedmontonian.com>

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Co-curricular Record

As was mentioned at the last council meeting, we are currently working with the University on a Co-curricular Record. If implemented, students that volunteer with the SU (Council, Services, SLEC) or the University Student Services, would be eligible for the record, and if successful with these groups, the CCR would be extended to other student involvement opportunities as well. Although we had hoped to have the CCR ready in October, we are still working out some of the logistics around the program and being cautious moving forward to better ensure its success. We are still hoping for it to be completed sometime in the fall semester however there is the possibility that the project will not be ready until sometime in the winter.

“Greening of the Campus”

From September 19th to September 23rd, I was in Indianapolis with the ECOS Director, Louise Veillard. We attended a conference on sustainability practices at post-secondary institutions across North America. The conference was beneficial in terms of providing new ideas for Louise and myself, as well as giving us a perspective of where the SU and University of Alberta are compared with their peers.

Health & Dental Plan

The numbers are in: 37.7% of students changed their coverage and of that 37.7%, 32% opted out. The opt-out rate falls within the range that was expected. Since the deadline we have been receiving emails and calls from students who missed the change of coverage period and having conversations about changes we can make for next year. I'd like to thank the volunteers and councilors who through on a green jacket to help get the word out on the plan prior to the deadline. I should have more data for the next council meeting but I'd be happy to answer any questions you have in question period.

The Physical Activities & Wellness Centre (a.k.a. The PAW)

As of our last meeting, PAHC has officially become “The PAW”. We are currently in the midst of investigating different governance structures for the facility for when it goes to referendum.

Student Leadership Summit

Last weekend was Student Group Services' Student Leadership Summit. This year saw an increase in numbers from around 100 delegates last year to over 175 this year. So far I've heard positive feedback from the weekend about the sessions and presenters, and I'd like to thank the SGS Team (Lana Cuthbertson, Kayla McCarthy, & Kelin Flanigan) as well as all of the volunteers, for their hard work. Councillor Seth was also present at the Student Leadership Summit to introduce an initiative called SCOP (Student Council Outreach Program). Please follow-up with him during question period to get more information on the initiative.

U-Pass

Overall, U-Pass distribution went exceedingly well and I'd like to thank the folks in Infolink for all of their hard work. Three years into the program, students are very aware of the program as well as how to get their sticker. In terms of current U-Pass negotiations, we will be attending an Edmonton TPW Committee meeting on October 6th.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.