

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday November 3, 2009  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-15)

2009-15/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2009-15/2      PRESENTATIONS

2009-15/2b      2010-11 Residence Rent Increase Proposal Presentation - Presented by Dima Utgoff, Residence Services. sponsored by Kory Mathewson, President.

2009-15/2c      U-PASS presentation- Presented by Chris Henderson, Director of Research & Political Affairs. Sponsored by Nick Dehod, VP Student Life.

Please see document LA 09-15.01

2009-15/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2009-15/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009-15/5      QUESTION PERIOD

2009-15/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2009-15/7      GENERAL ORDERS

2009-15/8      INFORMATION ITEMS

2009-15/8b      ApplyAlberta Integration Update

Please see document LA 09-15.02

2009-15/8c      Leah Trueblood, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 09-15.03

2009-15/8d      Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 09-15.04



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
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# **U-PASS Renewal**

## **Presentation to Students' Council**

**3 November 2009**

# U-PASS 2010-2013



Year	Current	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
\$/term	81.19	91.67	104.16	116.67
\$/month	20.3	22.92	26.04	29.17
Trips/week to \$ Neutral	3	3	3	3

- A PSE Pass in 2012-13 is projected to cost \$614.25/ academic year (Sept-Jan: \$74.25/mo, Feb-Apr: \$81.00)

# Students' Views on U-PASS



- 90% of U of A students pick up their U-PASS
- 84% of U of A students start using their U-PASS within a month
- 84% are satisfied or very-satisfied
- 57% use transit more with a U-PASS
- Transit use to campus has increased by 54.4% (2.75 million trips)

\* All Stats come from 2009 U-Pass survey

# Why the price increase?



- Student uptake larger than expected
  - Additional resources required by ETS to meet student demand
  - Overwhelming support by students
- No political appetite (on city councils) to keep status quo
  - City Auditors' report detailed major financial losses beyond expected municipal subsidy

# Program Changes



- Proposed program ramps up to target of 30% of Cash Fare
  - Cash Fare is what a single ride would cost on transit with no discount (currently: \$2.50)
  - 30% of CF would be the lowest cash-fare product in ETS other than Seniors passes
  - Only seniors pay less (~15%)
  - Program is currently at 20.45% of Cash Fare Policy

# Who's Paying What?



- In the first year of the current agreement (2007), each partner was expected to pay:
  - U of A Students: \$4.8 Million
  - U of A Admin: \$960,000
  - Municipalities: \$1.9 Million
  
- In the final year of the next agreement (2013), each partner will pay:
  - U of A Students: \$7.7 Million
  - U of A Admin: \$1.6 Million
  - Municipalities: \$2.4 – \$4 Million

# Exempted Students



- No additional opt-outs in new agreement
- Exempted students:
  - Students out of the service area for 50+% of their term as a part of their program
  - Students on co-op terms away from campus
  - Transit employees
  - DATS users
  - CNIB registrants

# Major Student Concerns



- Overcrowding on buses
  - Lobbying individual city councillors for more transit hours
  - Speaking at city council in favor of more transit hours
- Lack of late-night service
  - Exam-time pilot project in the works
- Students living outside the city
  - Lobby other municipalities with Edmonton city councillors
- Spring-Summer U-PASS
  - Future discussions with transit services

# Recommended Process Moving Forward



- 3 November 2009: U-PASS Presentation
- 24 November 2009: U-PASS referenda initiation (set intent, 1st reading)
- 2 December 2009: Question drafting by bylaw committee
- Early-mid December: Budget approval by City Council
- 12 January 2010: Final approval of referenda question (2nd reading)
- 1 February 2010: CRO deadline for receipt of referendum questions



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<b>To:</b>	Deans SU President ASC Campus Communicators Network	<b>From:</b>	Gerry Kendal Vice-Provost and University Registrar
<b>Dept:</b>		<b>Dept:</b>	Office of the Registrar and Student Awards
<b>Re:</b>	ApplyAlberta Integration Update	<b>Date:</b>	November 02, 2009

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**On Wednesday, November 4, 2009 the University of Alberta will integrate with *ApplyAlberta*.**

As of November 4, prospective U of A undergraduate students will be able to begin their application at either the U of A ([www.registrar.ualberta.ca/apply](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/apply)) or *ApplyAlberta* ([www.applyalberta.ca](http://www.applyalberta.ca)). Through *ApplyAlberta*, applicants will authorize the U of A to request the transfer of high school transcripts from Alberta Education and post-secondary transcripts from participating, integrated institutions within Alberta.

### More Information

For more information on *ApplyAlberta* go to:

[www.registrar.ualberta.ca/applyalberta](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/applyalberta) or <http://www.applyalberta.ca>

### Contacts

For inquiries, please contact Gerry Kendal, University of Alberta Vice Provost and Registrar, at [gerry.kendal@ualberta.ca](mailto:gerry.kendal@ualberta.ca)

**1. Developing the Portfolio:**

a) Externally:

- o Meet with Kathleen Jacques re: Re-branding the Portfolio Visual Identity. Very exciting meeting.

b) Internally

- Meet with the General Manager and Advocacy Director to discuss point one of this goal: Expanding and institutionalizing the VPA Transitional Structure, expanding the Resources/Infrastructure the Students' Union Allocates to the Portfolio, and Expanding the Suite of Issues the VPA works on

**2. Increasing the Profile and Power of the Council of Faculty Associations:**

- a) Working with the professional faculties on tuition.

**3. Build Sustainable Student Government in the Faculty of Science**

- a) After receiving eight excellent applications, we hired the governor this week Doug Cheung, experience with Science Fundamentals, to do interim duties and get everything ready so the new organization can focus on outreach.

**4. Lobby for the creation of a strong, student centered academic plan**

- a) Will begin in January.

**5. Develop Student Government**

- a) Attended COSA on behalf of the VPSL to check it out, have set up a meeting with the University Secretary.

**6. Support and Institutionalize the Role of the Academic Materials Consultant**

- Kristen is working to get her work on the wiki integrated with other advocacy materials, she is giving me a list of departments she wants us to target, presentation is done, and she is working with myself and the ECAA to discuss media strategy for the AMC.

**7. Create a Strategy for Transfer, International Students and Campus Associations to change SU Organizational Culture**

- Visit to Augustana, very productive. Will create a memorandum of understanding to help clarify expectations around services.

**8. Work with the Committee on the Learning Environment Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluation to approve through governance a new teaching evaluation tool**

Met with Kathleen to discuss the spring campaign about changing student culture around USRIs that we took to the Academic Planning Committee with our 'Roadmap to Peace' on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Prepared by:** Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Operations and Finance)

**To:** Students' Council 2009/2010

### **Athletics & Recreation Fee Advisory Committee**

There was another ARFAC meeting this afternoon. We received a summary breakdown of athletics & recreation fees, along with amount comparisons from institutions across the country. This information should be delivered along with the PAW presentation.

### **The PAW**

Also had another PAW meeting today. Nick and I were able to see conceptual drawings of the building—still preparing a presentation with all parties for council on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Centenary Planning**

Had a final centenary idea committee meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> with exec and management to talk about any more ideas for the centenary celebrations we might want to explore. A proposal is being drafted for several events and logistics will be hammered out at another meeting.

### **GSJS BoD**

The Gateway Student Journalism Society Board met on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The main order of business was the selection of members for the Gateway's audit committee. I've offered to sit on this committee.

### **Augustana**

Visited Augustana with the exec on October 29<sup>th</sup> (minus Nick). Was shown around by the Augustana Students' Association—many thanks to them! Looking forward to future visits.

### **Casino**

Last night wrapped up the last two days of SU casino volunteering. I can't thank the volunteers enough for giving up their time.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Health Centre Advisory Group**

November 5, 2009

### **Web Committee**

November 5, 2009