

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday June 8, 2010
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-04)

2010-04/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2010-04/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-04/2a The ISSS shall give an introductory presentation to council outlining the following: Organizational structure, executive goals, and current activities. The presentation is meant to introduce the new Science Faculty association to Students' Council, and give councilors a base understanding of the ISSS objectives for the year.

2010-04/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-04/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010-04/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2010-04/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-04/6b **KUSMU/SAIDANE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #1 in the second reading:

Principles:

1. The Vice President (Operations & Finance) be a mandatory standing member of the Grant Allocation Committee; and
2. The Vice President (Student Life) be a mandatory standing member of the Grant Allocation Committee.

Please see document LA 10-04.01

Please see document LA 10-04.12

2010-04/6c **KUSMU MOVES THAT** Students Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #2 in second reading:

Principles:

1. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be elected using the balloting procedures outlined in Bylaw 2000

Please see document LA 10-04.02

2010-04/6d

KUSMU MOVES THAT Students Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #3 in second reading:

Principles:

1. That council recognize the World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Program Dedicated Fee Unit Board as proposed in LA 10-03.02.
2. That the distribution of WUSC funding be updated as referenced in LA 10-03.02.

Please see document LA 10-04.03

Please see document LA 10-04.04

2010-04/6e

COX/JOHNSON MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4 that Students' Council renew (to expire on April 30th, 2013) the political policy, Capital Projects, making amendments in first reading based on the following principles:

1. That any capital project funded directly by a dedicated student fee shall have a governance structure that includes adequate student representation; and
2. That any dedicated student fee that funds a capital project shall be eliminated the final payment of the agreed upon student contribution.

Please see document LA 10-04.05

2010-04/6f

EASTHAM/JOHNSON MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #5 that Student's Council adopt the political policy, Engagement, in first reading based on the following principles:

1. That the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster the campus community by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement.
2. That the Students' Union shall advocate that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and larger community.
3. That this political policy expire on April 30th, 2012.

Please see document LA 10-04.06

2010-04/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2010-04/7c

KUSMU moves to appoint one member to the FACRA Board of Directors

2010-04/7d

COX/TURNER MOVE THAT Students' Council adopt Bill #6 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. That a Students' Union political policy prohibits any person from representing

any opinion divergent from Student's Union political policy as being the opinion of the Students' Union; and

2. That a Students' Union political policy does not prohibit any person from representing any opinion not expressed by Students' Union political policy as being the opinion of the Students' Union.

Please see document LA 10-04.07

2010-04/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2010-04/8b

Petros Kusmu resigns from FACRA

Please see document LA 10-04.08

2010-04/8c

Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 10-04.09

2010-04/8d

James Eastham, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 10-04.10

2010-04/8e

Policy Committee Report

Please see document LA 10-04.11

- (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded on a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Council Administration Committee; and
 - (c) do not expire, but shall be reintroduced by the chair of the Council Administration Committee at the first meeting of each year's Students' Council.
- (4) General orders of Students' Council
- (a) are any non-procedural motions of Students' Council that do not adopt, amend, or rescind other legislation; and
 - (b) expire concurrently with the authority of the Students' Council that adopted them unless otherwise specified in the motion.

11. Standing Committee Membership

- (1) The Bylaw Committee consists of seven (7) members of Students' Council.
- (2) The Grant Allocation Committee consists of
- (a) five (5) members of Students' Council;
 - (b) the Vice President (Operations and Finance); and
 - (c) the Vice President (Student Life).
- (3) The Budget and Finance Committee consists of
- (a) six (6) members of Students' Council; and
 - (b) the Vice President (Operations and Finance).
- (4) The Policy Committee consists of
- (a) six (6) members of Students' Council;
 - (b) the Vice President (Academic);
 - (c) the Vice President (External); and
 - (d) the Vice President (Student Life).
- (5) The Audit Committee consists of seven (7) members of Students' Council who are not also members of the Executive Committee.
- (6) The Council Administration Committee consists of
- (a) five (5) permanent members of Students' Council; and
 - (b) all members of Students' Council except the Speaker and the General Manager.
- (7) The Elections Review Committee consists of
- (a) five (5) members of Students' Council;
 - (b) a maximum of one (1) member from the Executive Committee; and
 - (c) the Chief Returning Officer as non-voting member.
- (8) The Awards Committee consists of
- (a) the Vice President (Academic) or designate;
 - (b) seven (7) undergraduate students selected annually by Students' Council; and
 - (c) a secretary, appointed by the chair, as a non-voting member.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision in this bylaw, standing committees may appoint nonvoting members to themselves by passing regulations to this effect as part of their standing orders.

(10) Non-voting members of standing committees

- (a) are not entitled to move, second, or vote on motions of standing committees,
- (b) are not entitled to chair standing committees, and
- (c) do not count towards quorum of standing committees.

12. Chairs of Standing Committees

- (1) Each standing committee shall be chaired by a member of that standing committee elected by that standing committee.
- (2) The chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be a permanent member of the Council Administration Committee.
- (3) Notwithstanding (1), the Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President (Academic) or designate.

13. Quorum of Standing Committees

- (1) The Audit Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Bylaw Committee, and the Grant Allocation Committee each have a quorum of four (4) members.
- (2) The Policy Committee has a quorum of five (5) members.
- (3) The Council Administration Committee has a quorum of three (3) permanent members.
- (4) The Elections Review Committee has a quorum of three (3) members.
- (5) The Awards Committee has a quorum of the chair and four (4) additional members.

14. Functioning of Standing Committees

- (1) Standing committees shall establish meeting schedules on a trimesterly basis, in advance, with the trimesters being
 - (a) May to August,
 - (b) September to December, and
 - (c) January to April.
- (2) No meeting of a standing committee shall occur unless
 - (a) every quorum-counting member of the standing committee has received at least seventy-two hours notice of the meeting, or
 - (b) every quorum-counting member of the standing committee consents to the meeting taking place.

- (j) “Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative” means the individual, other than the Students’ Union President, nominated by the Students’ Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors.

2. Composition of Students’ Council

- (1) Students’ Council is composed of
 - (a) the President of the Students’ Union,
 - (b) the Vice Presidents of the Students’ Union,
 - (c) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - (d) thirty-two Councillors,
 - (e) the Speaker, and
 - (f) the General Manager of the Students’ Union.
- (2) The Speaker and the General Manager of the Students’ Union are entitled neither to move, second, or vote on motions of Students’ Council, nor to serve as voting members of standing committees.
- (3) Each Councillor shall represent exactly one faculty.
- (4) Each faculty shall be allocated a number of Councillors equal to the number of Councillors times its faculty population divided by the sum of all faculties’ faculty populations, with any remainder being discarded.
- (5) A faculty shall be allocated Councillors for upcoming Students’ Council elections dependant upon that faculty continuing to include undergraduate students in their student body at the time of the election, and in the next academic year.
- (6) Notwithstanding (4), every faculty shall be allocated at least one Councillor.
- (7) If more than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, they shall be revoked from faculties with more than one Councillor in ascending order of remainder until only thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (8) If fewer than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, additional Councillors shall be allocated to faculties entitled to at least one Councillor under (4) in descending order of remainder until thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (9) In the event that two faculties have equal remainders and that this equality prevents the processes set out in (6) and (7) from allocating exactly thirty-two Councillors, the number of Councillors shall be temporarily increased by the minimum amount necessary.
- (10) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union shall determine the allocation of Councillors annually before February 15, and shall forthwith table with Students’ Council a report detailing the allocation of Councillors and the statistics used to reach that allocation.

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- (2) Funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall not be used for
 - (a) funding projects that are receiving other Students' Union funding;
 - (b) transportation;
 - (c) supplementing University of Alberta staff wages;
 - (d) awards; or
 - (e) volunteer appreciation.
- (3) Not more than one quarter of the funds available in the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund in any one year shall be allocated to any one project or recipient.
- (4) The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be allocated on an annual basis and shall not be allocated to commitments extending beyond one year from the time of granting.
- (5) Recipients of funding from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.

The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund

8. (1) The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of
 - (a) saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams; and
 - (b) the promotion of varsity athletics.
- (2) Recipients of funding from the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.

The Refugee Student Fund

9. (1) The Refugee Student Fund, administered by the Student Refugee Program Board, shall be used for the support of four undergraduate refugee students

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- (a) one refugee student in his/her first year of study;
- (b) one refugee student in his/her second year of study;
- (c) one refugee student in his/her third year of study; and

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<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:13 PM Replaced: Not more than three percent of the funds availa...</p>	<p>(2) Not more than three percent of the funds available in the Refugee Student Fund in any one year shall be used for administrative purposes.The Student Refugee Program Board (SRPB) shall allocate from the total fee collected an amount equivalent to the current HUB 4-bedroom residence rate, to be distributed to the student in his/her first year of study for the cost of housing for the first 12 months of their stay.</p>
<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:16 PM Deleted: Sixty-six percent of the Fund's annual reven...</p>	<p>(2) Sixty-six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her first year of study.</p>
<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:13 PM Added: Paragraph Break</p>	<p>(3) Sixteen percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her second year of study.The SRPB shall allocate 3% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2) to be distributed to the WUSC Local Committee for various administrative duties throughout the year, provided that a budget for these activities is forwarded to the SRPB.</p>
<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:16 PM Formatted: None</p>	<p>(4) The SRPB shall allocate 2% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2) to the WUSC SRP Contingency Fund.</p>
<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:17 PM Added Text</p>	<p>(5) Seven percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her third year of study.During their four year tenure, each SRP student shall receive the total amount that is collected by the dedicated fee unit during their first year of sponsorship, minus the various costs associated with 2, 3 & 4. Specifically, this amount shall be disbursed as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar)</p>
<p>Petros Kusmu Today, 11:18 PM Replaced: Seven percent of the Fund's annual revenues sh...</p>	<p>(a) In his/her first year: 66% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the student shall receive an amount totaling to 39% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2) that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the first six months; ii. the student shall receive an amount totaling to 27% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2) that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the last six months;
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- (b) In his/her second year: 16% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2);
- (c) In his/her third year: 7% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2); and
- (d) In his/her fourth year: 6% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (2).

(6) ~~Six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.~~ Where a SRP student requires more than the amount allotted in (5), or requires a different payment scheme, this shall be decided by two-thirds majority by the SRPB. The SRPB shall submit a report detailing funds dispersed at the next Students' Union Grant Allocation Committee Meeting immediately following such disbursement of funds.

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First Reading	2005-04-05
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Implementation	2005-05-01
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Updated	2007-02-13
Updated	2009-11-03

World University Service Canada *Student Refugee Program Board*

Startup

The Student Refugee Program Board (SRPB) shall be appointed before 31 May of each year.

At a May meeting of Students' Council, the Vice President (Operations & Finance) of the Students' Union shall announce the date of the first meeting, at which the chair of the board shall be selected, and it shall be the responsibility of the chair at the first meeting to establish the dates of subsequent meetings.

Mandate

This board shall facilitate the transition of the University enrolled Student Refugee Program (SRP) student. The board is responsible for liaising with the WUSC Local Committee, WUSC Sponsorship Committee, and the University of Alberta Students' Union in order to administer the WUSC Refugee Student Program Dedicated Fee Unit.

The SRP students must be registered and attending the University and shall submit their class timetable notice to the chair of the SRPB before the first fall meeting.

Composition

The SRPB shall be composed of:

1. The SRP Coordinator of the WUSC Local Committee
2. The Vice President (Operations & Finance) of the Students' Union
3. One Councilor, appointed by the Students' Union
4. One member of the Local Committee
5. One representative of the University of Alberta administration (non-voting)

Chair

A chair shall each be selected by the SRPB at the first meeting of each year. The chair shall be responsible for moderating meetings and ensuring the business of the SRPB proceeds. The chair shall be a non-voting member and only vote in the event of a tie.

Secretary

A secretary shall each be selected by the SRPB at the first meeting of each year. The secretary shall be responsible for coordinating meetings with assistance from the chair, maintaining a SRPB member contact list, and producing agendas and minutes for each meeting of the SRPB.

Quorum

Quorum for each meeting shall consist of the chair, the SRP Coordinator, and at least two other members of the SRPB.

Finances

1. Funds shall be collected pursuant to the Students' Union Bylaw Respecting Dedicated Fees (Bylaw 6000).

2. The SRPB shall allocate from the total fee collected an amount equivalent to the current HUB 4-bedroom residence rate, to be distributed to the student in his/her first year of study for the cost of housing for the first 12 months of their stay.
3. The SRPB shall allocate 3% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)* to be distributed to the WUSC Local Committee for various administrative duties throughout the year, provided that a budget for these activities is forwarded to the SRPB.
4. The SRPB shall allocate 2% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)* to the WUSC SRP Contingency Fund
5. During their four year tenure, each SRP student shall receive the total amount that is collected by the dedicated fee unit during their first year of sponsorship, minus the various costs associated with 2, 3 & 4. Specifically, this amount shall be disbursed as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar):
 - i. In his/her first year: 66% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)*,
 - a. the student shall receive an amount totalling to 39% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)* that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the first six months.
 - b. the student shall receive an amount totalling to 27% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)* that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the last six months.
 - ii. In his/her second year: 16% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)*,
 - iii. In his/her third year: 7% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)*,
 - iv. In his/her fourth year: 6% of the *remaining amount after the allocation in (2)*.
6. Where a SRP student requires more than the amount allotted in (5), or requires a different payment scheme, this shall be decided by two-thirds majority by the SRPB. The SRPB shall submit a report detailing funds dispersed at the next Students' Union Grant Allocation Committee Meeting immediately following such disbursement of funds.

Conduct of Business

The SRPB shall:

1. Ratify the selection of refugee students made by the University of Alberta WUSC Sponsorship Committee,
2. Be responsible for approving the dispersal of the WUSC Refugee Student Program Dedicated Fee Unit,
3. Collect and table at its meetings the minutes of the University of Alberta WUSC Sponsorship Committee meetings,

4. Submit a final budget to the Students' Union Grant Allocation Committee and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) no later than 31 July of the following year.
5. Submit its meeting minutes to the Students' Union Grant Allocation Committee and the Vice President (Operations & Finance), and
6. Not subsidize WUSC SRP Students for more than four years.

Meetings

The SRPB shall meet at the call of the Chair and at least once per Fall and Winter Term.

The secretary shall contact all SRPB members at least one week prior to the meeting being held.

Accessing the Contingency Fund

To access the contingency fund, a written request must be submitted to the chair of the SRPB. This request must be approved by two-thirds majority, and the beneficiary of the accessed funds must at all times be the SRP student.

The Students' Union shall not be required to follow the above process if the fund is being accessed in order to balance any discrepancy arising from the disbursement of the SRP levy.

Dismissal

Any member of the SRPB, except the Students' Union Vice-President (Operations & Finance) and the WUSC SRP Coordinator may be dismissed by a two-thirds majority vote.

In the event that an SRP Student is unable to continue their studies, future payments shall be forfeited to the WUSC Contingency Fund.

Final Report

The chair shall submit, prior to 30 April, a written final report to the Students' Union Grant Allocation Committee detailing the SRPB's activities and recommendations for the year.

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.

Policy History:
Reference/Vote
Created 2006-15

Board/Committee
UPC

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

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:14

Effective Date: April 3,2007

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Expiration Date: April 30, 2009

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Involvement

- *Topic:*

Involvement

WHEREAS a comprehensive and holistic student experience is one that balances exceptional traditional education in tandem with abundant and compelling involvement opportunities, both on campus and in the larger community;

WHEREAS involvement opportunities can be effectively integrated as part of traditional educational programs;

WHEREAS involvement opportunities lead to improvements in the mental, physical and social health on campus and the larger community;

WHEREAS community and campus involvement actively develops the leadership qualities of individuals;

WHEREAS meaningful involvement requires significant chronometric and financial investment on the part of students;¹

WHEREAS the University has declared the importance of student involvement in building a great university;²

WHEREAS the University has recognized the importance of supporting student-led involvement initiatives;³

¹ University of Alberta Senate Task Force on Student Engagement, *Student Engagement: A Shared Responsibility*, (University of Alberta, 2005), p. 25.

² Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 2-3, Learning, Discovery and, Citizenship §1-3, 7.

³ University of Alberta Senate Task Force on Student Engagement, *Student Engagement: A Shared Responsibility*, (University of Alberta, 2005), p. 66.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote
Created 2006-15

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

WHEREAS Students' Union led initiatives emphasize student involvement on campus and within the community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavor to encourage the University to actively foster better access to volunteer opportunities both on and off campus by increasing funding to Students' Union led initiatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavor to encourage the University to promote the importance of Community Service Learning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavor to convince the University to identify and reward the sacrifices of students who donate their time to improve their communities and campus.

- (2) A short term proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her, excepting the right to serve on standing committees.
- (3) A long term proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her.
- (4) A proxy's appointment is not effective in the attendance of the Councillor who appointed him/her.
- (5) A Councillor who has designated a proxy retains access to all resources that he/she would otherwise be entitled.

9. Conduct of Meetings

- (1) Quorum of Students' Council is a majority of its current voting membership.
- (2) Where legislation does not contradict it, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be observed at all meetings of Students' Council.

10. Legislation

- (1) Students' Union bylaws
 - (a) are directives perpetually requiring and/or prohibiting action on the part of the Students' Union;
 - (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded by two simple majority votes of Students' Council occurring not less than seven days apart; and
 - (c) do not expire.
- (2) A Students' Union political policy
 - (a) is a directive to the Executive Committee dictating on what issues Students' Union advocacy efforts should be directed;
 - (b) shall be explicitly tied to a standing committee;
 - (c) requires the Executive Committee to submit an implementation plan to the standing committee to which it is tied;
 - (d) prohibits any person from representing any opinion not expressed by Students' Union political policy as being the opinion of the Students' Union;
 - (e) is not binding on the Students' Union except as noted;
 - (f) is adopted, amended, or rescinded on two simple majority votes of Students' Council held not less than seven days apart; and
 - (g) shall expire, but may be renewed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council
- (3) Standing orders of Students' Council
 - (a) are ongoing instructions to members of Students' Council and Students' Union staff respecting the manner of execution of Students' Council logistics;

Also, I'd like to resign from the First Alberta Committee Radio Association (FACRA). So we'll have to nominate someone in council on Tuesday to the Committee.

June 8, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Operations & Finance Advisory Board

As I've been touting, an initiative that I'd like to kick-start is the Operations & Finance Advisory Board, which anybody is invited to join. This group will ideally meet once a month or so, and would discuss and advise on topics relevant to the portfolio—things like business practices, customer service standards, building/space improvements, and much more are on the table. Send me an email at vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca if you're interested!

Hiring Manager of Office and Administrative Systems

Continuing with the hiring process I will be involved in interviews for this position this week. I will brief you on the outcome when we make a decision.

Student Group Services Granting

We're working on updated application forms and guidelines to make it easier for student groups to access grants by clarifying expectations. Also, we're investigating the development a budget creation tool in order to help groups in their applications.

Goals & Other Documents

I'm also working on a formal goals outline document for our collective use for the year (as stated at council retreat). I'm also preparing a first-pass operating policy manual and figuring out how to best go about proposing changes to Bylaws 3000 & 6000.

Upcoming Dates of Significance

Thursday, June 10, 2010 @ 6:00p – Budget & Finance Committee

Monday, June 14, 2010 @ 6:00p – Health & Dental Plan Committee

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 @ 5:30p – Grant Allocation Committee

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 @ TBD – Students' Union General Staff Meeting

Yours,

Zach

Good Evening Council!

This past week has been largely filled with committee work. A few issues that were addressed were:

Assessment and grading: Dr. Luth's report was tabled at CLE, and he announced that he will continue his tenure as Provostial fellow for the next year.

Open Studies admissions: ASC SOS approved the amendment to the Open Studies admission process. This will streamline applications, removing a double standard that existed between U of A applicants and external applicants who had been RTW'd

This week I hope to move forward with meetings regarding the office of Undergraduate Research, Awards night and begin planning on the start up of ARG.

Yo Council,

Here's a breakdown of the exciting-ness that has been policy and what is coming up:

1) We've looked at the policies referring to Capital Projects, Engagement, and Public Transit.

2) Next week we'll be looking at Public Transit (again), Post Secondary Learning Act, and Academic Materials.

If you have any thoughts about any of these policies, it would be appreciated if you either conveyed your message to me (ncc@ualberta.ca) prior to policy committee meeting or come to policy committee so as to save council time.

3) We're going to be reviewing the formatting of Political Policies.

4) Policy Committee is awesome and held at 7:00pm, off-council Tuesdays.

Cheers,
Natalie

- d. that voters shall be permitted to rank as many as all or as few as zero of the candidates for each position.

61. Limitations During Voting

- (1) During voting, candidates, campaign managers, members of sides and volunteers shall not encourage members to vote or engage in any campaign activities.
- (2) During voting, candidates, campaign managers, and registered members of sides shall not be within twenty (20) feet of any polling station except to vote themselves.

62. Ballots

- (1) Ballots shall list each candidate running for each position, followed by, in each position, the voting selection "None of the Above."
- (2) For the purposes of Section 60(3) (b) "None of the Above" Shall be considered a candidate.
- (3) Where a referenda or plebiscite question(s) is/are on the ballot, the ballot shall list "yes" followed by "no" for each referendum or plebiscite question.
- (4) Where a voter's intention is clear, that voter's ballot shall be counted.

63. Balloting and Counting— Executive, Board of Governors and Councillor Elections

- (1) Balloting shall be conducted by preferential balloting, in which each voter shall rank his/her choices for each position using natural numbers with one (1) representing the first choice, and increasing numbers representing less desirable choices.
- (2) A candidate shall require a majority of voters to indicate him/her as their first choice in order to be elected.
- (3) Voters shall be entitled to mark as few as zero candidates for any given position or as many as all of them.
- (4) A section of a voter's ballot shall be considered spoiled where
 - a. that voter has indicated the same number for more than one (1) candidate;
 - b. that voter has not included the number one (1) next to any candidate;
 - c. that voter has indicated more than one (1) number next to the same candidate;
 - or
 - d. that voter has used non-consecutive numbers.
- (5) In the event that no candidate receives a majority of first place votes in a given race, the candidate with the fewest first place votes shall be eliminated.
- (6) Any voter who has indicated an eliminated candidate with a number shall have the candidate marked with the next highest number following the number by which the eliminated candidate has been indicated take the place of the eliminated candidate, and

so on, in such a way that all candidates indicated by that voter as less desirable than the eliminated candidate are registered as being one (1) step more desirable than originally indicated.

- (7) Where a ballot is left with no first place vote for a given race, the section of that ballot in question shall be considered spoiled.
- (8) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first place votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, the candidate that had the fewest first place votes on the first count in which a differential existed shall be eliminated.
- (9) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first places votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the C.R.O. shall cast a ballot.
- (10) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first places votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is a not a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the candidate to be eliminated shall be selected from those candidates with the fewest first place votes by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O.
- (11) The process set out in Section 63 shall continue for each position until such a time as a candidate receives a majority of first place votes for that position at which point that candidate shall be declared the victorious and removed from the ballot, and the process repeated with the remaining candidates not yet declared victorious.
- (12) The process set out in Section 63 shall continue for each position until such time as all the candidates are preferentially declared victorious.
- (13) Candidates shall be allocated seats as specified in Bylaw 100.
- (14) Where "None of the Above" is declared victorious, no further candidates shall be declared victorious.
- (15) Where a joke candidate is declared victorious, the seat to which that joke candidate has been elected shall be considered vacant.

64. Requirements to Receive a Deposit

- (1) Where a candidate receives, on the first count, a number of first place votes totaling at least five percent (5%) of the total votes cast for his/her position, that candidate's deposit shall be refunded.