

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday July 22, 2010  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

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# Report to Council

10-07-20

Prepared by: Aden Murphy, VPX – July 15, 2010

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**To:** Students' Council of the University of Alberta

Hello Council!

Welcome to an exciting seventh meeting of UASU Students' Council. In attempt to appease our honourable speaker, I am submitting my report to Council on the main agenda.

## Goals Document

Part of my work for the past week and a bit has been to belatedly complete my expanded and elaborated goals for the year. This has been an interesting experience, as the goal upon which I campaigned hardest (Income Contingent Loan Repayment) will be the project upon which I will work the least, as it is being worked on by Advanced Ed & Tech already. On the other hand, issues upon which I didn't expect to work at all, I have spent considerable amounts of time on for the past two weeks.

## Partners Conference and New Federalism

As Chair of CASA, one of my additional duties is to be present at the Partners Conference, in Ottawa on August 16-17. This conference is the \_\_\_ annual meeting of CASA and its aligned provincial groups:

- CAUS – The Council of Alberta University Students
- ASEC – The Alberta Students' Executive Council
- OUSA – The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance
- ANSSA – The Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations
- NBSA – New Brunswick Student Alliance
- CSA – College Student Alliance
- FEUQ – La Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec

These groups, in addition to the embryonic Saskatchewan and BC student alliances, are generally aligned with CASA's goals and values. As all of these groups are working on the same kinds of things across the country, one of the reasons behind Partners is to have everyone meet and talk about advocacy. However, the other *raison d'être* for Partners is to discuss "New Federalism". This is the name given to efforts to reform how federal lobbying is organized. The problem behind this is that while CASA is effective, its effectiveness is constrained by its size and its budget. With our current structure, there's a limit on much CASA could grow while still being responsive and member-driven. New Federalism is an exploration of different structures to achieve the end goal of more effective lobbying.

Much of my time in the last two weeks has been spent working through the devilishly complex problem of changing the governance structure of an organization with very diverse members. In order to make the Partners Conference productive, I have come up with a draft roadmap of how the process will have to move forward. Further updates to come.

Ask questions if you're interested!



Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Hello Council,

CAC is finalizing the details surrounding the CRO Selection Committee, and is hopeful that interviews can take place in the coming couple of weeks. Additionally, CAC is reviewing the Council plates issue, and is looking into the possibility of moving to compostable plates. We hope to have an update on this for next CAC meeting at which it will be discussed further.

CAC also made changes to both CAC Standing Orders and Council Standing Orders. Both are attached for your information. The key changes were to clean up CAC Standing Orders and move items pertaining to Council Retreat and Council Scholarship over into Council Standing Orders.

Discussions on the Senate selection process will be taking place later this summer and into fall, and CAC is now getting set to look into the executive remuneration issue in detail. Expect more on this after the next CAC meeting.

*The following formal motions were made at the meeting:*

1. KAAI/COX MOVED THAT the Council Administration Committee direct the Chair to contact and appoint a former DIE Board tribune to the CRO Selection Committee, contingent upon the passing of Bill 11 in second reading.  
MOTION: CARRIED 4/0/0
2. ROSS/COX MOVED TO amend the Standing Orders of the Council Administration Committee.  
MOTION: CARRIED 4/0/0
3. KAAI/COX MOVED TO amend the Standing Orders of Students' Council.  
MOTION: CARRIED 4/0/0

See you at the next meeting!

Cheers,  
Craig

**Prepared by:** Rory Tighe, Vice President (Student Life)

**To:** Students' Council 2010/2011

### **Services**

I have finished meeting with each of our service directors and managers and heard their goals for the year. On the University Student Services side, The Dean of Students has finished the review process of all of their Services. There will be some minor structural changes and individuals moving offices. The main thing is the creation of a larger University Health Centre umbrella and academic umbrella to encompass a few of the individual services each relating to their area. The Services will still all exist individually, but will be working closer together under those umbrellas.

### **Programming**

Week of Welcome planning is going very well. We have been working on arts and crafts and it's looking really good. We are also making a new schedule of evening events for this year and I really think that this will make a big difference for new and returning students to the University. For the theme, twitter: #WOW2010#UASU

### **U-Pass**

I attended a U-Pass meeting with ETS and the municipalities and brought up the idea of an Undergraduate Spring/Summer universal transit pass. There were issues surrounding the logistics of splitting the summer up into two separate terms. If that is something that we want to pursue it may require conversations with the City.

### **Student Engagement**

The Student Engagement Group has had 3 meetings and things are progressing very well. After meeting with the writers of the Academic Plan, the purview of my document has changed. We are currently in the process of designing a process to move forward with. Also, the writers of the Academic Plan will be coming to give a presentation of their initial thoughts to the committee on Monday which is very exciting.

### **Residences**

I am working with the RHA to put together an MOU to Residence Services to establish how the RHA fits into the organization. We are also currently working with the Dean of Students and the Office of Judicial Affairs to finalize the new Residence Community Standards.

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](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca)

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## **GAC**

GAC met Tuesday, July 13, 2010 and decided to continue with a plan that may see a portion of the Access Fund's "endowment" plus reserves transferred to the Student Involvement Endowment Fund (the endowment that generates Students' Union scholarships).

## **Operating Policy Review**

I have a final draft of the manual ready to go—planning on delivering it to exec as information on its Thursday meeting and then approving it next week.

## **Campus Food Bank**

Met with Campus Food Bank representatives to put a final operating agreement together (modeled entirely off of the last 5-year agreement). Along with this, we are entering into serious discussions regarding their space needs—potentially a space adjacent to SFAIC could be the new home, providing an increased footprint in the building.

## **Student Group Granting Committee**

This committee met yesterday to deliver the summer round of student group grants—we're constantly trying to make improvements to the granting process such as clarifying the application forms or developing a scoring rubric for groups to follow.

## **Sustainability Audit**

Louise provided me with a draft of the work that's been compiled so far on this project. I haven't had time to go over it yet (it's over 100 pages!) but it scanning it, it looks like the final product will be very useful. Lots of work still to go until that point though!

## **Upcoming Dates of Significance**

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 @ 10:30am – Facilities & Operations Orientation Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2010 @ 3:00pm – WUSC SRP DFU Board Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2010 @ 7:00pm – GSJS BoD Meeting

Friday, July 23, 2010 @ 9:00am – Meeting to discuss renewal of Gateway operating agreement

Monday, July 26, 2010 @ 7:00pm – Operations @ Finance Advisory Board (topic of discussion: RATT)

Thursday, July 29, 2010 @ 6:00pm – Budget & Finance Committee

*August Long Weekend – Will be leaving the office around 3pm Friday to see family for the weekend. Nothing scheduled after 3pm, so looks like it shouldn't be a problem.*

Yours,

Zach

Good evening council,

This is an overview of a few things that I have been working on over the past couple weeks as well as important upcoming events;

#### Academic Plan:

I, along with Rory met with the Academic Plan Resource group and provided feedback on a draft outline of the Academic Plan. It was decided that the group would meet again to look over the changes that would be made from that feedback.

#### Fall Reading week:

Nick Dehod, Chris Henderson and myself met with Ada Schmude from the Registrar's office to discuss the details of how a fall reading week could be implemented in future years. Nick is still waiting to hear back from a few people before a formal proposal will be put together,

#### Undergraduate research:

I have been meeting with the UGAA discussing the White Paper I am writing on undergraduate research. I hope to have a draft finished next week so that we can move forward on this issue.

#### SU/Registrar's Office meeting:

The executive met with the Registrar's office to discuss what each group is working on and how we can best support one another. The Registrar is conducting a review of the awards it oversees, I shall be attending a meeting on that subject on the 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Vice Provost (Academic)

Also on the 29<sup>th</sup> I will be spending half the day with Dr Colleen Skidmore, the new VPA. We will spend the time going over how we see the relationship between the VPA and the SU progressing over her term.

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Greetings Council,

I took my two weeks off and from what I can tell everything went smoothly while I was away and no momentum was lost with any of our projects. If something has come up in the mean time, please be sure to follow-up with an email or ask a question during question period.

### **Counselor Meetings**

As I mentioned in previous meetings, I am hoping to have one on one's with every counselor to discuss goals and expectations for the year. If you did not receive an email to set-up a meeting time please make sure to follow-up with me so we can find a time.

### **Education Abroad Space**

Some space has freed up in the Education Abroad Space in HUB and we have been speaking with the University about the possibility of creating a new Infolink location and student group space within the lower bay. It is very uncertain over whether or not we will get the vacant space but it has provided us with an opportunity to begin discussing the Students' Union's presence in HUB.

### **Mental Health**

We have done a large amount of research on Fall Reading Week's across the country and begun discussing the pros and cons of a break with other members of the University community. We have had several discussions with the Registrar's Office about the logistics of creating a break. I also met with Dr. Cheeseman, the Vice Provost and Associate VP Human Resources to discuss the benefits the break would have for staff and what other opportunities existed for us to support mental health on campus.

We are currently waiting on getting more feedback and data before moving forward on the Fall Break. You can expect a presentation to Council either in late August or early September on what the options for a break are and what the next steps will be should we decide to move forward.

### **PAW Centre Steering Committee**

Last Friday I attended the start-up meeting for the PAW Centre Steering Committee. It is going to be a busy year for this project, especially in the coming months. A Functional Operational Plan needs to be completed over the next 6 weeks, along with the agreement between the Students' Union and the University, and finally a business plan. The hope is to begin construction on the project June 2011, with the actual building opening January 2013.



### **Prayer Space in Dinwoodie**

Vice President Fentiman and I met with the Muslim Student Association to discuss current prayer space needs. Unfortunately it is unlikely that the current space demands will be properly satisfied until the PAW Centre is completed in 2013. We will continue to work with the MSA to find interim solutions as best we can.

### **Strategic Planning**

We have had some discussion about this process over the last few weeks and more details will be provided in the presentation to Council tonight.

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at [president@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).

*“To hell with circumstances, I create opportunities” – Bruce Lee*