

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday August 3, 2010
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2010-08)

2010-08/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2010-08/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday August 17, 2010

2010-08/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-08/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-08/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 10-08.01

2010-08/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010-08/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2010-08/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-08/6a **TURNER MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer Selection Committee, appoint Jaskaran Singh as Chief Returning Officer for the 2010-2011 term.

2010-08/6b **COX MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #12 that Students' Council amend the Political Policy Academic Materials in first reading based on the following principle:

1. the Students' Union will educate professors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them.

Please see document SC 10-08.02

2010-08/6c **COX/TIGHE MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #9 the Political Policy Public Transit in second reading.

Principles:

1. That the Students' Union advocate that the regional municipalities and

transit services carefully monitor service demand arising from U-pass implementation, consider input from stakeholders and commit all resources necessary to maintain reliable, safe and timely service;

2. That the Students' Union advocate for a more affordable option than a regular adult pass for spring and summer students;
3. That the Students' Union negotiate a new, long-term U-Pass contract to be implemented upon the expiry of the current contract;
4. That the Students' Union advocate that the regional municipalities and transit services expand their current service systems, prioritizing LRT, BRT and implementation of Smartcard technology, to better meet the needs of the University of Alberta students.
5. That this policy expire on April 30th, 2013

Please see document SC 10-08.03

2010-08/6d

RAO/ROSS MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt Bill #13 adopt the Political Policy Deferred Maintenance in first reading based on the following principles:

1. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates to the provincial government for a one-time capital funding package to be delivered over a period of years to remedy historically accumulated deferred maintenance liability.
2. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates to the provincial government for the institution of an ongoing operational funding envelope to the University, designed to provide for adequate ongoing preventative maintenance.
3. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates to the University to adequately prioritize preventative maintenance in future budgets.
4. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates to the University to follow construction practices that minimize future maintenance costs.
5. that this policy expire on April 30, 2013.

Please see document SC 10-08.04

2010-08/6e

ROSS/RAO MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt Bill #14 adopt the Political Policy Affordable Housing in first reading based on the following principles:

1. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences.
2. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide a large-scale, one-time infusion of capital funds to address deferred maintenance in existing residential facilities.
3. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds towards the development of additional student

housing.

5. that this policy expire on April 30, 2012.

Please see document SC 10-08.05

2010-08/6f

COX/TIGHE MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #11 the Political Policy General Elections Rally in second reading.

Principle:

1. That the Students' Union does not negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the 50 minutes block in which classes are cancelled.

Please see document SC 10-08.06

2010-08/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2010-08/7a

DEHOD MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) student councilors to the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee.

2010-08/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2010-08/8a

CAC Report

Please see document SC 10-08.07

2010-08/8b

Policy Committee Report

Please see document SC 10-08.08

2010-08/8c

James Eastham, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 10-08.09

2010-08/8d

James Eastham, VP Academic- Goals

Please see document SC 10-08.10

2010-08/8e

Nick Dehod, President- Report

Please see document SC 10-08.11

2010-08/8f

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 10-08.12

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council August 3, 2010

1. The following motions were passed on July 22.

DEHOD/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$2500.00 for the purpose of Rory Tighe (Vice President of Student Life) and Ian Moore (Ecos Director) to attend the AASHE 2010 Conference in Denver Colorado from October 10-12, 2010

5/0/0 CARRIED

FENTIMAN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1100.00 for the purpose of Aden Murphy (Vice President, External) and Chris Henderson (Director of research & political Affairs) to attend the Partners 2010 Conference in Ottawa from August 16-17, 2010

5/0/0 CARRIED

MURPHY/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$28,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Students' Union van from the casino allocation

5/0/0 CARRIED

2. The following motions were passed on July 26.

DEHOD/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve WOW Wall of Gold Request from September 1-14, 2010 and the SAW Wall of Gold Request from October 15-25, 2010.

4/0/0 CARRIED

FENTIMAN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1100.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Laptop from CSD from the casino fund.

4/0/0 CARRIED

FENTIMAN/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$900.00 for the purpose of purchasing new furniture for the Peer Support Center from the casino fund.

4/0/0 CARRIED

TIGHE/DEHOD MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1500.00 for the purpose of funding for joint training for Students' Union Services from the casino fund.

4/0/0 CARRIED

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:*7

Effective Date: **July 20, 2010**

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2012**

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

- *Topic:*

Academic Materials

WHEREAS the true cost of being a student is composed of many factors, such as tuition, fees, foregone wages, and academic materials;

WHEREAS the real cost of academic materials continues to rise;

WHEREAS students are increasingly required to purchase peripheral academic materials and other equipment to succeed in their courses;

WHEREAS these peripheral materials are not standardized across courses and faculties, which often leads to the mandatory purchase of several versions of the same equipment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will pressure academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations, and post-secondary institutions to engage in practices designed to lower the costs of academic materials to students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will educate professors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate for peripheral academic materials to be standardized across the institution to avoid needless expenditures.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote
Created 2007-11/5b(i)
2007-20/5b(i)

Board/Committee
UPC

Date of Council Approval
September 18 '07 1st reading
February 5 '08 2nd reading

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POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i> 1	<i>Effective Date:</i> May 29,2007	<i>Page 1 of 1</i>
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2010	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	External Policy Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i> - <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i> Deferred Maintenance	
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS provincial funding cutbacks from the early 1990s onward forced the University of Alberta to make difficult budgetary decisions;

WHEREAS funding for routine building and systems preventive maintenance was significantly cut back, which has yielded a considerable backlog of deferred maintenance;

WHEREAS the accumulation of significant deferred maintenance liability represents both a failure of the government to adequately fund the operations of the University, as well as evidence of a failure of our University to adequately prioritize basic maintenance;

WHEREAS deferred maintenance is injurious to the quality of the undergraduate learning experience and presents a potential health and safety hazard;

WHEREAS; it is inappropriate for the University and the government to expect current and future undergraduates to fund the correction of historically deficient resource allocations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate to the provincial government for a one-time capital funding package to be delivered over a period of years to remedy the historically accumulated deferred maintenance liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate to the provincial government for the institution of an ongoing operational funding envelope to the University, designed to provide for adequate ongoing preventive maintenance;

Policy History:
Reference/Vote
6/0/0
Created 2007-02

Board/Committee
EPC

Date of Council Approval
May 22, 2007
May 29,2007/ SC 2007-03/5b(i)

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i> 18	<i>Effective Date:</i> April 3,2007	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 2
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2009	
<i>Affordable Housing:</i>	External Policy Committee	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i> Affordable Housing Policy	
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS the cost of housing, in addition to tuition and other academic costs, is a significant financial burden for students;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta faces large deferred maintenance deficits on many of its residences;

WHEREAS deferred maintenance negatively affects the quality, affordability and safety of residences;

WHEREAS municipal property taxes on residences represent an increased strain on affordability for students;

WHEREAS vacancy rates in the Edmonton area are critically low;

WHEREAS a lack of affordable housing discourages both prospective and current students from pursuing post-secondary education;

WHEREAS a lack of affordable housing represents an even greater barrier to traditionally underrepresented groups;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has identified increasing access to Post Secondary Education for traditionally underrepresented groups as a priority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate that the Government of Alberta remove the ability of municipalities to assess property taxes on residences; or, provide provincial funding to residences to pay municipal property taxes;

Policy History:
Reference/Vote
5/0/0

Board/Committee
EPC

Date of Council Approval
April 3,2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate that the Government of Alberta provide a large-scale, one-time infusion of capital funds to address deferred maintenance in existing residential facilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing.

Policy History:
Reference/Vote
5/0/0

Board/Committee
EPC

Date of Council Approval
April 3,2007

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:***3**

Effective Date: **August 4,2009**Page **1** of **2**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2013**

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

General Election Forum

- *Topic:*

Class Consideration

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on voters making an informed choice when electing their representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that one outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is "an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";¹

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is largely a commuter campus where the only reasonable time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between the fundamental right to be involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is an integral part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-13:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-15:00;

WHEREAS the Students' Union Chief Returning Officer has the discretion to change the format of the forum;

¹ University of Alberta General Faculties Council Policy Manual. GFC Policy 111.1 - *Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluations* (University of Alberta GFC 2000).
http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID_page=39298

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Created 2006-07/5a(i)

Board/Committee

UPC

Date of Council Approval

September 12,2006/SC06-10/5a(i)

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support the cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 13:00 for the purposes of facilitating students attendance of the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process that ensures no student is penalized for attending the forum in lieu of class between 13:00 and 15:00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University to ensure that instructors comply with the existing stipulation that classes be cancelled for the purposes of the election forum, as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar Academic Schedule (Section 11.1);

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the 50 minute block in which classes are cancelled.~~

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



Season 102 - Episode 8

Starring: Aditya RAO, Steven HUYNH, Michael ROSS as Antonia JOHNSON, Aden MURPHY, James EASTHAM, and Rory TIGHE with Natalie COX as Chair

Also Starring (just not this episode): Rapahel LEPAGE FORTIN and Petros KUSMU

Previously on the P.C.:

1. The P.C. was pleased to note that the VPX report was exactly 1 minute, zero seconds, and 20 milliseconds long. However, questions on the report took it to about three minutes in length.
2. Not to be outdone by VP MURPHY, VP TIGHE finished his report in twenty-six seconds. The battle continues.
3. The P.C. debated the International Student Differential Policy for almost an hour, before referring it to the VPX and the VPA. Don't fret Council; you'll be seeing this policy soon.
4. The P.C. sent motions to council regarding Deferred Maintenance, Affordable Housing, and General Elections Rally.
5. The P.C. briefly looked at the Quality of Instruction and Student Evaluation of Teaching policies and received input from Grading and Assessment Expert, Dustin Chelen.
6. The P.C. cancelled their August 24th meeting.

Next time on the P.C.:

1. The P.C. will look at International Student Differential, Quality of Instruction, and Student Evaluation of Teaching policies
2. The P.C. will explore the Student Space policy.
3. Will the P.C. finally make a motion on International Student Differentials? Stay tuned!

Good evening Council,

The past two weeks I have worked on the following:

Bylaw 8XXX review:

I have been working on drafting changes to the 8XXX bylaws, right now I am finalizing the changes, and drafting principals. I will begin consultation with FA's in September, and will bring motions forward at council after that process has concluded.

FA meetings:

In a similar vein, I have set up meetings with all of the FA's to introduce the SGA, and to talk about how the SU and FA's can work together this coming year. So far I have had only one meeting (the ESA), which went well.

Awards review

The Registrar's office is conducting a review of student awards on campus. I attended a three-hour meeting that started to draft an awards strategy. We will meet again in August to formalize said strategy.

Meeting with Dr. Colleen Skidmore

As of writing this I am T-24 minutes from having my first formal meeting with new Vice Provost Dr. Skidmore. I will update council on how it goes.

Facilities and Operations Orientation

The Executive met with the Facilities and Operations senior team to discuss the role of F&O within the university as well as opportunities to work together this year.

Goals document:

I have attached my goals document for your perusal, feel free to ask me any questions you might have.

Academic Materials

Summary: The cost of academic materials represents an ever-increasing barrier to post secondary education access to students. This year there is a possibility for the U of A Students' Union to take a leadership role in efforts to reduce the cost of textbooks. As well as reviving the Canadian Roundtable of Academic Materials, the UASU in partnership with the U of C SU and Brock SU are considering forming a digital textbook publishing consortium in order to shape this newly emerging market.

Tasks: Work with UCSU and BUSU to:
 Research textbook writing, review and publishing process
 Identify target subjects for initial efforts
 Develop business model for the consortium
 Commission textbook

Milestones: Consult with other Students' Unions to coordinate a CRAM conference
 Meeting in Calgary to decide on feasibility of plan: July
 Set strategic direction and decide on business model: TBD
 Commissioning of textbook: TBD

CRAM Conference: October

Deliverables: Opportunities to shape the textbook market through the use of both market pressure and lobbying publishers. This could result in significant savings for students in the long term.

The Council of Faculty Associations

Summary: As far back as 2003, the SU has been trying hard to build the capacity of Faculty associations, some of these efforts have left faculty associations in a political vacuum. This, combined with events in last years tuition debate highlight the need to develop a strategy to ensure that FA's have everything they need to represent their constituents.

Tasks: Hire an advisor who would work with faculty associations to help build capacity
 Re-visit 8XXX series bylaws
 Work with Council and COFA to define the role of Faculty Associations within the SU
 Ensure the success of FA's currently on probation
 Creation of an operating policy clarifying the SU's responsibilities to Campus Associations

Milestones: Hire SGA: May
 Draft changes to 8XXX bylaws: September

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Deliverables: An increased, and more well defined role and mandate for COFA, as well as strengthened Faculty Associations.

Undergraduate Research

Summary: In the Students' Union's submission to this years academic plan, we took the position that if students were going to experience all the drawbacks of attending a research intensive institution, that they should also receive all the benefits. This would be shown in an expansion of undergraduate research opportunities centralized within an office of undergraduate research.

Tasks: Set a specific vision for the Office of Undergraduate research
Ensure that Undergraduate research is highlighted in the University's Academic Plan
Host an undergraduate research conference

Milestones: Undergraduate research vision document: July 1
Hiring a special projects coordinator to plan a conference: TBD
Conference: February or March

Deliverables: Increased emphases on experiential learning opportunities on campus, as well as a larger focus on the work that undergraduate students are doing.

Student Governance Advisor

Summary: The Students' Union has always lacked the capacity to properly support all of the students involved in governance positions. In fact, we don't even know how many students are involved in these activities. In order to rectify this, a student governance advisor would be able to function like the SU version of the University Secretariat.
In order for the position to succeed, it will be important to define the role of the SGA, both in terms of its relationship with the SU, and with students at large

Tasks: Draft job description and hire the SGA
Work with the SGA to define the positions role in the organization

Milestones: Hire SGA: May

Deliverables: A higher level of support for students in governance positions, particularly Faculty Associations, and GFC student caucus.
A scan of governance activities that students are involved in at all levels of the University.

Excellence in Teaching

Summary: Great teaching is central to a high quality student experience. In order to

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ensure the U of A has the quality of education expected from a world class institution we must ensure that the academy makes excellence in teaching a core value.

- Tasks:* Push for the adoption of the recommendations set out in Dr. Bob Luth's report on assessment and grading
Ask to expand Dr. Luth's Provostial fellowship on assessment and grading to include all forms of assessment (ie teaching assessment)
Renew the Professor of the Week program
Lobby for more support for instructors (research release, professional development opportunities, expansion of CTL)
Insist on more (any?) support for graduate students and TA's.
- Milestones:* Launch of professor of the week program: September
- Deliverables:* More recognition of professors who invest time into undergraduate education.
A greater discourse on undergraduate education issues on campus

Improving the Student Experience

- Summary:* The university can be a confusing place for students who do not understand the policies and processes that govern undergraduate student issues. In order to make the academic experience of students as smooth as possible, the SU should advocate for student friendly policies as well as educating undergraduates about the processes currently in place
- Tasks:* Publish and distribute the "10 things you should know" document
Find student delegates for the Academic Processes and Policy Review Committee.
Move forward on the "3 R's project"
Expansion of "10 things" document to CSJ and Augustana
- Milestones:* Printing and distribution of the 10 things document: Orientation/WOW
3 R's project portfolios created: March
- Deliverables:* Both the elimination of excessive regulations and increased awareness about current practice resulting in the streamlining of the undergraduate academic experience.

Academic Relations Group

- Summary:* In the past, the Academic Relations Group has been an advisory board to the Vice President (Academic). This year, with the dissolution of the Associate Vice President Academic position, ARG will help to fill some of the VP (Academic) ex-officio seats on various committees. The ARG will also be tasked with the continued effort to open up the VP

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(Academic) portfolio to the wider campus community.

Tasks: Form ARG
Decide on and ratify Terms of Reference and scope and mandate

Milestones: Creation of ARG: June/July

Deliverables: The involvement of more councilors and more students at large in the academic portfolio and a wider discussion about academic issues among the undergraduate student population.

Awards Night

Summary: With the dissolution of the Associate Vice President Academic, awards night will need to be moved to a different area of the Students' Union. SFAIC seems to be the logical choice, at least for the distribution and selection of applications. The planning of the actual awards night may end up falling under our programming department.

Tasks: Work with the Manager of Student Services and the VP (Operations & Finance) to find an appropriate home for awards night
Consult with GAC on proposed changes.

Milestones: Create and implement an awards night action plan: September 1

Deliverables: The smooth transition of awards night from the Associate Vice President Academic to a new home within the Students' Union.

Improving Academic Student Services

Summary: There are numerous issues with the current student services on campus, by strengthening and possibly centralizing these units we would help to improve the efficiency of students support services.

Tasks: Work towards the creation of a Student Academic Centre
Discuss possibilities with the Dean of Students,
Possible SUB expansion → talk with GM and VP OF

Milestones: Pass the General Space Program through FDC: Soon

Deliverables: A plan to consolidate student services in order to provide them with more centralized support.

Student Space

Summary: The availability and of student space on campus greatly affects how students interact with their university. To that end we should ensure that there are not only enough spaces to meet the demand of students, but also that the quality of that space, be it classroom, study or casual, be designed to foster engagement within the academy.

Tasks: Work closely with CTL and FDC to ensure that the outcomes of the FDC learning spaces subcommittee are acceptable to the SU.

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Lobby the Office of the Architect to include not just the quantity, but the quality of space in its annual review of campus spaces.

Work with CTL to equip instructors with knowledge on how to use existing classroom space in innovative ways

Milestones: Brief VP OF on classroom spaces committee: June

Deliverables: A better picture of the quantity and quality of student space on campus, as well as a vision for more pedagogically sound teaching spaces.

OECD IMHE

Summary: With support from the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Peter Ochs, the UGAA and myself will be attending the OECD Institutional Management in Higher Education conference in the fall. Currently, the OECD is developing the Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes, a program that the U of A is interested in implementing. It will be very helpful if the SU can be a repository of knowledge on this subject, as it will allow us to influence the way it is implemented.

Tasks: Attend IMHE

Record information about AHELO and use to draft lobby document

Milestones: IMHE: September 13-15

Deliverables: An in depth knowledge of the AHELO program, an outline of needed steps for its implementation and an assessment of its impact on the learning environment at the U of A

Vice Provost (Academic)

Summary: Dr. Coleen Skidmore will be replacing Dr. Olive Younge as the Vice Provost (Academic). Traditionally, the person in this role has been a point of entry for the SU into U-Hall so it will be critically important to develop a good relationship with Dr Skidmore.

Tasks: Develop a working relationship with the Vice Provost (Academic)

Set up monthly meetings with Dr. Skidmore

Milestones: Dr Skidmore takes office: July 1

SU orientation: Mid July

Monthly meetings: monthly

Deliverables: A close relationship with the VP (Academic) will allow the SUVPA to better navigate the GFC subcommittee framework, as well as gain valuable insight into upcoming University projects.

July 29, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Greetings Council,

Things are still quieter on campus but as July ends you can start to feel that things are picking up. Once again, 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. Also, if you will not have time until school starts, just fire an email indicating that is the case so I'll stop giving you a hard time.

Enjoy the last month of summer.

Alumni Association

This week the Executive had lunch with the Alumni Association to discuss collaborative opportunities for the year. To give a brief update, they have expressed interest in increasing their support for some of our programming events as well as highlighted a desire to focus one event on mental health around midterm time.

Budget Orientation

I have been allocating time in my schedule to increasing my familiarity with the University's budget and budgeting process. It is expected that the University will face similar fiscal realities as they faced in the previous year however the degree of these pressures is still unclear. I feel that is critical we find ways to be proactive in the budgeting process and that we stay on top of the discussion throughout the year. I'll update Council as the year progresses and there is more to report.

Edmonton Presidents Meeting

Last Friday I met with the student association Presidents of NAIT and Grant Macewan. We discussed priorities that each association had for the year and discuss if there were any collective municipal goals for the year. We also agreed to have meetings every few months to keep each other in the loop on what is happening at our respective institutions.

Executive One-on-Ones & Executive Retreat

Just as I have been scheduling one on ones with councilors, I have also been scheduling one on ones with the Executive Committee to go over their goals and see how their projects are coming for the year. On August 6th we will be having a day long Executive Retreat to review the last 3 months and discuss what the coming months will look like.

Facilities & Operations Orientation

Last week the Executive Committee met with the Facilities & Operations Senior Manager team to have introductions and discuss upcoming priorities for the year. The main items we expect to be touching base with them this year include residences, Infolink expansion, and the future of the Power Plant.

Joint Services

Several discussions have begun with the Dean of Students Office about how the SU services can work with the DOS' services. As the Dean of Students moves offices and services around on the second floor, we have had a meeting to discuss the possibility of moving the Peer Support Centre to the second floor in a space adjacent to the other mental health services. We will keep you updated on how things progress.

Office of Safe Disclosure & Human Rights Stakeholder Meeting

At this meeting we had several discussion about stakeholders feedback of the Office of Safe Disclosure & Human Rights first year. It was generally recognized that combining the Safe Disclosure and Human Rights offices into one has been a better model for providing those services, resulting in less confusion and run-around for where to go with these issues. However it was agreed that the next step was improving awareness visibility of the office (especially with undergraduate students) in the coming year. I hope to have a follow-up meeting with the Office in the next month.

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.

"To hell with circumstances, I create opportunities" – Bruce Lee

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday July 20, 2010
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2010-07)

2010-07/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

2010-07/1a Announcements -

2010-07/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2010-07/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2010-07/2a Federal Government and Lobbying Presentation- Presented by Aden Murphy, VP External. Sponsored by Aden Murphy, VP External.

2010-07/2b Strategic Planning Presentation- Presented by Nick Dehod, President. Sponsored by Nick Dehod, President.

2010-07/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nick Dehod, President- Oral Report

2010-07/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Craig Turner, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Natalie Cox, Policy Committee Chair- Oral Report

RAO/FRENCH MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders that deal with the timing of recess.

Motion: CARRIED

FRENCH/KAAI MOVED TO recess at 6:55pm

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting called back to order at 7:10pm

2010-07/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question period extended 15 minutes

2010-07/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2010-07/6a **TIGHE/HUYNH MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #11 that Students' Council amend the Political Policy General Elections Rally in first reading based on the following principle:

1. That the Students' Union does not negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the 50 minutes block in which classes are cancelled.

Speakers List: Tighe, Cox Huynh

Motion: CARRIED

2010-07/6b **RAO/TIGHE MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Students' Union adopts Bill #7 the political Policy Academic Materials in second reading.

Principles:

i. that the Students' Union will pressure academic material manufacturers, retail outlets, other student organizations, and post-secondary institutions to engage in practices designed to lower the costs of academic materials to students;

ii. that the Students' Union will educate professors about the costs of textbooks and about alternatives available to them;

iii. the Students' Union will advocate for peripheral academic materials to be standardized across the institution to avoid needless expenditures; and

iv. that this political policy will expire on April 30th, 2012.

Speakers List: Rao

Motion: CARRIED

2010-07/6c **COX/ISKANDAR MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, reconsider Bill #2 in first reading, based on the following principles:

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

Speaker List: Cox, Turner, Fentiman, Ross, L'Abbe, Murphy, Tighe

Motion to reconsider: CARRIED

FENTIMAN/MURPHY MOVED TO amend the motion to read

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

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2010-07/6d

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

All cheques and contracts must be signed by at least one of the Vice President (Operations & Finance) or the President.

1. The Vice President (Operations & Finance) or President may delegate this authority to a member of the Executive Committee or Senior Management of the Students' Union if:

a. Both the Vice President (Operations & Finance) and the President are simultaneously unavailable and time is of the essence; or

b. It is practical to do so.

Speakers List: Cox, Turner, Fentiman

Motion: CARRIED

2010-07/6e

PARSONAGE/STAN MOVES THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #10 in second reading:
Principles:

1. In the event that less than two members of the DIE Board are available to serve on the CRO selection recommendation committee on at least seven days' notice, the Council Administration Committee may make an appointment to the selection recommendation committee from outside of the DIE Board, for each DIE Board seat on the committee unable to be filled.

2. In the event that less than two members of the DIE Board are available to serve on a DRO selection recommendation committee on at least seven days' notice, the Council Administration Committee may make an appointment to the selection recommendation committee from outside of the DIE Board, for each DIE Board seat on the committee unable to be filled.

Speakers List: Parsonage, Turner, Cox

Motion: CARRIED

2010-07/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2010-07/7a

FENTIMAN/TIGHE MOVES THAT Students' Council ratify the operating agreement between the Students' Union and the Campus Food Bank.

Speakers List: Fentiman, Morin, Turner, Tighe

Motion: CARRIED

ROSS/KAAI MOVED TO adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm