

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday November 2, 2010
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-15)

2010-15/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2010-15/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-14/2b Bee Clean Presentation- Presented by Tarik Accord & Merryn Edwards, Justice for Janitors. Sponsored by Councillor Rao/Councillor Gordon.

2010-15/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-15/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010-15/4a DIE Board Ruling #1 regarding Case 2010/11-02 (Ross v. CRO).

Please see document LA 10-15.01

2010-15/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2010-15/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-15/6e **TURNER MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the DIE Board Tribune Selection Panel, appoint John Devlin, Timothy Mallett, Megan Mickalyk, Kelsey Norton, Imane Semaine and Joanna Waldie to the position of DIE Board Tribune.

2010-15/6f **KUSMU/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 20 in second reading. Principles:

1) That the current Awards Committee be dissolved.

2) That all mandates and responsibilities of the current Awards Committee be transferred to the Grant Allocation Committee.

3) That the Grant Allocation Committee may delegate this authority as it deems necessary.

Please see document LA 10-15.02

2010-15/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2010-15/7c **FENTIMAN MOVED TO** appoint one (1) member of Students Council to the

Bylaw Committee.

2010-15/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2010-15/8b

Advisory Review Committee for Vice-President (Research)

Please see document LA 10-15.03

2010-15/8c

Nick Dehod, President- Report

Please see document LA 10-15.04

2010-15/8d

Bylaw Committee- Report

Please see document LA 10-15.05

2010-15/8e

Zach Fentiman resignation from the Bylaw Committee

Please see document LA 10-15.06

2010-15/8f

Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 10-15.07

2010-15/8g

Rory Tighe, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 10-15.08

Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board

Ruling of the Board

(1) HEARING DETAILS

Style of Cause:	Ross vs. CRO
Hearing Number:	Ruling #1, 2010/2011
Hearing Date:	October 27, 2010
DIE Board Panel Members:	Chris Le, Co-Acting Chief Tribune, Chair Ashvin Singh, Co-Acting Chief Tribune Mary McPhail, Tribune
Appearing for the Applicant:	Michael Ross
Appearing for the Respondent:	Jaskaran Singh, the Chief Returning Officer
Intervener(s):	None
Observer(s):	Marc Dumouchel Jay Ward Craig Turner

(2) ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION / INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS

Upon reviewing the results from the 2010 Students' Council by-election, Engineering Councillor Michael Ross submitted the following request to the D.I.E. Board ("the Board"):

"As a differential existed between the two candidates on the very first round of voting, it is the understanding of the applicant that this differential should be the one examined under Bylaw 2000, Section 63 (8), in its application to the by-election results. As this conflicts with the results of the differential used to determine the winner, it is requested that the results of the by-election are recalculated in accordance with bylaw, and that the current process by which election results are determined be re-examined."

(3) RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Excerpts of Students' Union Bylaw 2000 (*A Bylaw Respecting the Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda of the Students' Union*):

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 place 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 place 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 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.

(4) FACTS

[1] Mr. Ross reviewed the results from the September 2010 Students' Council by-election and saw that after Sangram Hansra was declared the first winner, a tie occurred for the next ranking of Science Councillor. The tie was resolved in reference to a differential in votes found in "round 1". Arlo Grundberg was eliminated and Robert McDougall was declared the next winner.

[2] The election results show multiple "round 1". The first "round 1" in the Science Councillor race had 27 first-place votes for Mr. Grundberg and 22 first-place votes for Mr. McDougall. The second "round 1", which followed after Mr. Hansra's victory and reflected redistributed votes as per Bylaw 2000, Section 63 (6), had 30 first-place votes for Mr. Grundberg and 32 first-place votes for Mr. McDougall.

[3] Students' Union election results are determined by a computer code. The results appear to have been calculated according to the second "round 1".

[4] Section 63 (8) states that in the event of a tie, "the candidate that had the fewest first place votes on the first count in which a differential existed shall be eliminated."

[5] Mr. Ross requested that the Board recalculate the election results in accordance to the bylaw.

[6] Mr. Ross presented the results from 2007 Council election. He pointed out that after the first winner was declared in round 8 of the Science Councillor race, the next round of counting was labelled "round 9". When a tie was found in round 10, a candidate was eliminated based on the differential in round 1.

[7] Mr. Ross presented the results from the 2008 Council election. He used the Arts Councillor race to demonstrate the label for the rounds was reset after each winner was declared. For example, Patrick Wisheu won after round 10, and the next round of counting was labelled "round 1".

[8] Mr. Ross suspects that there was a change in the code between the 2007 election and the 2008 election that changed the way the algorithm looked for "round 1". He argued that the way the 2007 code performed should be the way that election results are calculated.

[9] Mr. Ross further highlighted that the term "position" in Section 63 (11) was ambiguous. He said that "position" can mean "Councillor" in general or it can mean a specific seat, i.e. "Science Councillor #1", "Science Councillor #2", and so on.

[10] Mr. Ross requested that the Board clarify the term "position" in Section 63 (11).

[11] Mr. Singh explained that he brought up this case with Mr. Jay Ward, the current primary IT support for the Students' Union. Mr. Ward believed that Mr. Ross' reading is correct.

[12] Mr. Singh deferred to Mr. Ward to explain the current situation. Mr. Ward looked at the differences between the code from the 2007 Students' Council election and the 2008 Students' Council election. He found three changes but stated that none of them affected the code for breaking a tie.

[12] Mr. Ward stated that the election code was made public when it was first created. Bugs were corrected through such external, independent review. The code was also available to all candidates for review.

[13] Mr. Ward reran the election results according to Mr. Ross' interpretation, and the outcome was different from the current election results. The results are listed below.

- 1 - Sangram Hansra
- 2 - Arlo Grundberg (SC)
- 3 - Robert McDougall (SC)
- 4 - Antoinette Chamoun
- 5 - Finbarr Timbers
- 6 - Daniel Bell (SC)
- 7 - None of the Above (Science SC)

[13] Mr. Marc Dumouchel, the IT person who was in charge of running the 2008 election, was not clear where the changes came from.

[14] Mr. Dumouchel objected to Mr. Ross' interpretation of the election results and said that the current bylaws support the manner in which the election results were determined. He argued that the word "repeat" in Section 63 (11) is not clear whether it directs the CRO to return the beginning of the entire race or to the race after a winner had been declared.

[15] Mr. Turner pointed out that Bylaw 2000 was created in the summer of 2007. It was the consolidation of several bylaws that governed elections, plebiscites, and referenda.

[16] Mr. Ward stated that the computer code was written based on the old bylaws and not on Bylaw 2000.

[17] Mr. Dumouchel gave a demonstration of how the computer code counts the votes on a ballot. He raised the issue of valuing the votes marked by voters. Should the second-place votes (i.e. second preference) have a bearing on the election results? Are those second-place votes of equal importance to first place votes?

(5) ANALYSIS

[18] Section 63 outlines how balloting and counting shall occur during the elections. Section 63 (1) calls for the use of "preferential balloting".

[19] The Board agrees with Mr. Ross that the term "position" is ambiguous. We created arbitrary terms to clarify to the two situations. We will use "position" to refer to a general "Councillor" where there is one position and candidates receive votes to determine where they rank relative to each other. We will use "seat" to refer to the concept that voting selects "Councillor #1", "Councillor #2", and so on.

[20] Having the terms "position" and "seats" is helpful because it helps the Board determine whether to emphasize the first-place vote or the second-place vote. Another way of stating the situation

is that the Board is trying to see whether the bylaws are calling for a big race or a race with several positions.

[21] Section 63 (11) and (12) calls for a repetition of “the process” of declaring victorious candidates until all candidates are “preferentially declared victorious”.

[22] There is no clear explanation of what “the process” is. This was important to the Board in determining whether voting was for a “position” or “seats”.

[23] If voting selects for “position”, then Mr. Ross’ interpretation is correct; elections are a “big race”. If voting selects for “seats”, then Mr. Singh’s election results stand; elections are “a race with several positions”.

[24] Given that Section 63 (8) is the central point of contention, the Board sought to clarify whether Section 63 (8) was included in the process. Since Section 63 (8) occurs in the cluster of instructions found in Section 63 (5)-(7) and (9)-(10), we inferred that Section (8) is included in the process.

[25] Upon further examining Section 63 (8), the Board noted that the tie breaker was determined by the first-place votes on the “*first count* in which a differential existed” (emphasis added). “First count” suggests that the elections are “a big race”. In this case, it does not matter whether there are multiple “round 1”. The wording gives clear instruction that the CRO should have referred to first “round 1” (“the first count”) and should have eliminated Mr. McDougall and not Mr Grundberg.

[26] The Board discussed the wording in Section 63 (1) and Section 63 (3). Those two subsections make a point of stating that any candidate that receives a vote after the first choice is “less desirable”. The Board sees this to mean that the candidate that receives the first-place vote is the voter’s most desired preference. This is significant because these subsections precede the process described in Section 63 (5)-(10). Hence, the Board interprets that the spirit of the process, and specifically Section 63 (8), is to use the voter’s most desired preference to break ties.

[27] Based on the discussion in [25] and [26], the Board found that elections vote for a “position” and that Section 63 placed priority on first-place votes.

(6) DECISION

[28] The Board rules in favour of Mr. Ross. The election results from the September 2010 Students’ Council by-election for the Science Councillor race are overturned.

[29] The Board interprets Bylaw 2000, Section 63 to mean that voting occurs for a “position” and that candidates are ranked in order of preference for that position. Voting does not occur for “seats”.

[30] The Board directs Mr. Singh to recalculate the September 2010 Students’ Council by-election Science Councillor race in light of this ruling.

[31] The Board directs Mr. Singh to update the computer code for Students’ Union elections in light of this ruling.

[32] Given that candidates were given the opportunities to scrutinize election results and to appeal them, the Board does not recommend recalculating past election results.

[33] The Board suggests that Students' Council update Bylaw 2000, Section 63 to clarify the terms "position" and "process".

The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board functions as the judicial branch of the Students' Union, and is responsible for interpreting and enforcing all Students' Union legislation. Please direct all inquiries regarding the D.I.E. Board or this decision to the Chief Tribune at: <sga@su.ualberta.ca>.

Bylaw 100
A Bylaw Respecting Students' Council

1. Definitions

In this bylaw

- (a) "Councillor" means any member of Students' Council except
 - i. the President of the Students' Union,
 - ii. a Vice President of the Students' Union,
 - iii. the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - iv. the Speaker of Students' Council, or
 - v. the General Manager of the Students' Union;
- (b) "faculty" means
 - i. any entity designated by University of Alberta General Faculties Council policy as a faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Extension,
 - ii. all undergraduate students registered at the University of Alberta in Open Studies;
- (c) "faculty population" means the average number of undergraduate students enrolled in a given faculty in a Fall term and the Winter term immediately following it;
- (d) "introductory meeting" means the annual meeting of those persons elected to serve on Students' Council for the coming year;
- (e) "legislation" means
 - i. Students' Union bylaws,
 - ii. Students' Union political policies,
 - iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
 - iv. general orders of Students' Council;
- (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of Students' Council or, in his/her absence, any individual designated as having the responsibilities of the Speaker of Students' Council;
- (g) "standing committee" means
 - i. the Audit Committee,
 - ii. the Budget and Finance Committee,
 - ~~i. the Awards Committee,~~
 - ~~the Budget and Finance Committee,~~
 - iii. the Bylaw Committee,
 - iv. the Council Administration Committee,
 - v. the Elections Review Committee,
 - vi. the Grant Allocation Committee, or
 - vii. the Policy Committee;
- (a) "Students' Council" means the Council of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as constituted by statute of the province of Alberta;
- (b) "Students' Union" means the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as incorporated by statute of the province of Alberta; and

- (c) “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.

3. 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~~dependent 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.

- (11) The Chief Returning Officer shall review the allocation of Councillors before each election and determine if the allocation remains valid. If the allocation is no longer valid the Chief Returning Officer shall re-determine the allocation of Councillors and shall report the re-determined allocation to Students' Council as set out in (10).

4. Eligibility

- (1) All members of Students' Council except for the Speaker and the General Manager of the Students' Union are required to be members of the Students' Union.
- (2) Every Councillor is required to be enrolled in the faculty he/she represents.
- (3) No person shall simultaneously hold more than one position on Students' Council.

5. Removal of Members

- (1) Any member of Students' Council wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Speaker.
- (2) The Speaker shall table in Council any letters of resignation he/she receives.
- (3) Resignations take effect on the date specified in the letter of resignation or, if no such date is specified, at the time that the letter is tabled in Students' Council.
- (4) Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councillor.
- (5) Any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council shall be removed from any Students' Union office that is the result of his/her position on Students' Council or of which his/her position on Students' Council is the result.
- (6) The Students' Union shall immediately recommend that any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council be removed from any office in an external organization that results from his/her position on Students' Council, or from any position from which he/she is removed as a consequence of (4) or (5).

6. Replenishment

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall
- (a) appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or
 - (b) call a by-election for the position.
- (2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.

- (3) Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
 - (a) has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
 - (b) has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
 - (c) is a member of Students' Council.
- (4) The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
 - (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
 - (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
 - (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above.
- (5) Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.
- (6) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Council shall select a new Speaker of Students' Council.

7. Start-Up

- (1) All members of Students' Council except the Speaker of Students' Council and the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be elected on an annual basis.
- (2) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall submit to the Speaker, as soon as practically possible, a report containing the results of any election of members to Students' Council.
- (3) The Speaker shall convene and chair the introductory meeting as soon as practical after all elections have been completed except any portion of the meeting in which the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.
- (4) At the introductory meeting, the Students' Council-elect shall
 - (a) select the ensuing year's Speaker of Students' Council,
 - (b) select the compositions of the ensuing year's standing committees, and
 - (c) set the meeting schedule for the ensuing year's Students' Council, with the first meeting to occur not before the last scheduled meeting of the current Students' Council and not later than May 7, and the last meeting to occur not later than May 7 of the succeeding year.
- (5) At the first meeting of any year's Students' Council, all members of that Students' Council except the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be installed in a ceremony to be presided over by
 - (a) the previous year's Students' Union President, if available,
 - (b) the previous year's Speaker of Students' Council, if the previous year's President is unavailable, or

- (c) the incoming Speaker of Students' Council, if neither the previous year's President nor the previous year's Speaker of Students' Council is available.
- (6) Upon the execution of (5), power is transferred from one year's Students' Council to the next.

8. Speaker of Students' Council

- (1) The Speaker is responsible for
 - (a) chairing all meetings of Students' Council;
 - (b) the budget and logistical needs of Students' Council;
 - (c) requesting a report from the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions requiring them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in bylaw; and
 - (d) representing Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board; and
 - (e) other duties as may be required by Students' Council from time to time.
- (2) The Speaker shall have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical needs of Students' Council.
- (3) The President of the Students' Union reports to the Speaker for of purpose of all Students' Council business.
- (4) The Speaker reports to Students' Council.
- (5) The Speaker may be dismissed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council.
- (6) The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be the Deputy Speaker of Students' Council and shall carry out the duties of the Speaker in the absence of the Speaker of Students' Council.

9. Proxies

- (1) Any councillor may appoint a Students' Union member in his/her faculty as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term of office. The councillor may appoint a short or long term proxy where:
 - (a) A short term proxy is defined as having attended or being appointed for one Council meeting; and
 - (b) A long term proxy is defined as having attended at least one Council meeting and has been appointed for at least two consecutive Council meetings.

- (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)
- (5) A proxy's appointment is not effective in the attendance of the Councillor who appointed him/her.
- (6)
- (7) A Councillor who has designated a proxy retains access to all resources that he/she would otherwise be entitled.

10. 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.

11. 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 divergent from 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;

- (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.

12. Standing Committee Membership

- (1) The Bylaw Committee and the Grant Allocation Committee each consists of seven (7) members of Students' Council.
- (2) The Budget and Finance Committee consists of
 - (a) six (6) members of Students' Council; and
 - (b) the Vice President (Operations and Finance).
- (3) 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).
- (4) The Audit Committee consists of seven members of Students' Council who are not also members of the Executive Committee.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- ~~(7) The Awards Committee consists of~~
 - ~~(a) the Vice President (Academic) or designate,~~
 - ~~(b) seven undergraduate students selected annually by Students' Council, and~~
 - ~~(c) a secretary, appointed by the chair, as a non-voting member.~~
- (78) 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.
- (89) 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.

13. Chairs of Standing Committees

- (1) Each standing committee shall be chaired by a member of that standing committee elected by the voting members of that standing committee using the following procedure:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) A candidate shall require a majority of voters to indicate him/her as their first choice in order to be elected.
 - (c) Voters shall be entitled to mark as few as zero candidates for any given position or as many as all of them.
 - (d) A section of a voter's ballot shall be considered spoiled where
 - (i) that voter has indicated the same number for more than one (1) candidate;
 - (ii) that voter has not included the number one (1) next to any candidate;
 - (iii) that voter has indicated more than one (1) number next to the same candidate;
 - or
 - (iv) that voter has used non-consecutive numbers.
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) 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.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) 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, and where this tie has existed on every count, 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 Speaker of Students' Council.
 - (i) The process set out in this section 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.
 - (j) Where "None of the Above" is declared victorious, no candidates shall be declared victorious.

~~(1)~~ The chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be a permanent member of the Council Administration Committee.

~~(1) Notwithstanding (1), the Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President (Academic) or designate.~~

14. 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.

~~(1)~~ The Elections Review Committee has a quorum of three (3) members.

~~(1) The Awards Committee has a quorum of the chair and four (4) additional members.~~

15. 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.

(3) Standing committees may adopt such standing orders as do not conflict with legislation.

(4) The Speaker, and through him/her chairs of standing committees, shall have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of standing committees, including but not limited to

- (a) the creation and publication of agendas for committee meetings,
- (b) the creation and publication of minutes for committee meetings,
- (c) the booking of meeting rooms,
- (d) the duplication of required documents, and
- (e) access to Students' Union archives.

(5) Any permanent member of a standing committee may designate any member of students' council or his/her long term proxy as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term,

provided that his/her proxy so-designated fulfills the eligibility requirements to serve on the standing committee in question.

- (6) Every standing committee named at the introductory meeting shall hold a meeting before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to
 - (a) elect a chair,
 - (b) set initial standing orders, and
 - (c) set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.
- ~~(4)~~ Voting members may be permitted to teleconference/videoconference in to standing committee meetings, at the discretion of the chair, except under conditions in which the committee is in camera. For in camera portions of a standing committee meeting, the meeting must take place in person.

~~(1) The Awards Committee is exempt from (1), (5), and (6).~~

17. Reporting Structure

- (1) The chair of each standing committee shall, after each meeting of the committee, submit to Students' Council a report including
 - (a) any decisions made by the standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council,
 - (b) any recommendations made by the standing committee to Students' Council,
 - (c) any standing orders adopted by the committee, and
 - (d) a summary of all motions passed by the standing committee at the meeting in question
- (2) The Speaker shall table each report from each standing committee in Students' Council.
- (3) No decision made by a standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council is effective before it has been provided to the Speaker as part of the standing committee's report to Students' Council.

18. Mandates of Standing Committees

- (1) The Audit Committee
 - (a) shall review any Dedicated Fee Unit or Faculty Association for compliance with any funding agreements and contracts held with the Students' Union;
 - (b) shall investigate breaches of contract with the Students' Union;
 - (c) shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership;
 - (d) shall monitor the use of funds allocated by the Students' Union to the Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean;
 - (e) shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund and the Refugee Student Fund;

- (f) shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursement of the CJSR FM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- (g) has the authority to approve disbursement of the CJSR FM88 Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- (h) shall annually select the Students' Union auditor
- (i) shall oversee the Students' Union external audit and include it with the Committee's report on the audit to Council;
- (j) shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
- (k) shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purposes of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
- (l) shall review for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget the transactions of the Students' Union organizational units;
- (m) shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
- (n) shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;
- ~~(a)~~ has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee and/or member of the Executive;

~~(a)~~

~~(2) The Awards Committee~~

- ~~(a) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing student involvement, such awards to be funded by the Student Involvement Endowment Fund and/or external sources, provided that~~
 - ~~i. not more than eight and one half percent of the balance of the Student Involvement Endowment Fund is spent in this fashion in any one year,~~
 - ~~i. no single award has a value greater than two thousand five hundred dollars,~~
 - ~~i. no award is awarded to a member of the Awards Grant Allocation Committee,~~
 - ~~i. no monetary award is awarded to any person who is not an undergraduate student,~~
 - ~~i. no person receives more than one monetary award in a single year,~~
 - ~~i. no monetary award is awarded to a salaried employee of the Students' Union, and~~
 - ~~i. the Awards Grant Allocation Committee awards all externally funded awards delegated to it by the Executive Committee;~~

- ~~(a) shall bestow all externally funded awards delegated to it by the Students' Union Executive Committee; and~~
- ~~(a) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing outstanding undergraduate teaching at the University of Alberta.~~
- ~~(a) The Awards Committee may establish such rules and procedures as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its mandate.~~

(3) The Budget and Finance Committee

- (a) shall recommend budgets to Students' Council as may be required by Students' Union legislation;
- (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on alterations to the Students' Union operating budget;
- (c) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on expenditures of funds from the Projects Allocation; and
- (d) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on legislation dealing with Students' Union finances as it considers appropriate or as required by Students' Council.

(4) The Bylaw Committee

- (a) shall draft bylaws as required by Students' Council;
- (b) shall draft referendum and plebiscite questions as required by Students' Council;
- (c) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union bylaws where such recommendations are not the purview of any other standing committee; and
- (d) has the power to make, to Students' Union bylaws, alterations that do not alter the meaning of the bylaws in question.

(5) The Council Administration Committee

- (a) has authority to amend, adopt, or rescind standing orders of Students' Council after an initial set of standing orders has been adopted by Students' Council;
- (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on the structure of Students' Council and standing committees;
- (c) shall oversee the Speaker and the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- (d) shall oversee the progress of Students' Council's legislative agenda;
- ~~(a) shall recommend to Students' Council a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Officer on or before April 15 of each year; shall, in conjunction with the Vice President (External), recommend to Students' Council on such nominations to the University of Alberta Senate as may be required of the Students' Union.~~

(e)

~~shall recommend to Students' Council a composition for the Awards Committee on or before April 15 of each year;~~
~~shall, in conjunction with the Vice President (External), recommend to Students' Council on such nominations to the University of Alberta Senate as may be required of the Students' Union.~~

(6) The Elections Review Committee

- (a) shall review the *Bylaw Respecting the Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda of the Students' Union*;

- (b) shall solicit feedback from key stakeholders on the Bylaw referenced in (a) and the elections process it prescribes;
- (c) shall submit a report to Students' Council detailing their findings and recommendations by the last meeting in November.

(7) The Grant Allocation Committee

- (a) has authority to set and implement policy regarding the disbursement of the Access Fund;
- (b) shall provide for the existence of an appeals mechanism for the Access Fund;
- (c) shall recommend a budget for the Access Fund to Students' Council on or before April 30 of each year;
- (d) shall approve an administrative budget for the Access Fund, for a fiscal year congruent with that of Students' Union, and provide a report to Students' Council which contains the approved budget no later than March 31 of each year;
- (e) shall recommend to Students' Council changes to legislation affecting the Access Fund as it considers appropriate or as required by Students' Council;
- (f) shall make grants and has the authority to set an implement policy regarding the disbursement of funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Refugee Student Fund, and the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups;
- (g) has authority to grant loans to student groups in amounts not exceeding \$1,500 per student group; and
- (h) may delegate the granting of funds, with the exception of the Access Fund, where the Grant Allocation Committee has established standing orders identifying the delegate and comprehensive regulations within which the delegate must exercise its discretion when granting.
- (i) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing student involvement, such awards to be funded by the Student Involvement Endowment Fund and/or external sources, provided that
 - i. not more than eight and one half percent of the balance of the Student Involvement Endowment Fund is spent in this fashion in any one year,
 - ii. no single award has a value greater than two thousand five hundred dollars,
 - iii. no award is awarded to a member of the Grant Allocation Committee,
 - iv. no monetary award is awarded to any person who is not an undergraduate student,
 - v. no person receives more than one monetary award in a single year,
 - vi. no monetary award is awarded to a salaried employee of the Students' Union, and

- vii. the Grant Allocation Committee awards all externally-funded awards delegated to it by the Executive Committee;
 - (j) shall bestow all externally-funded awards delegated to it by the Students' Union Executive Committee; and
 - (k) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing outstanding undergraduate teaching at the University of Alberta.
 - (l) The Grant Allocation Committee may establish such rules and procedures as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its mandate and may delegate this authority as it deems necessary.
- (8) The Policy Committee
 - (a) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy;
 - (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta;
 - (c) shall receive reports from the Students' Union Executive Committee on advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness; and
 - (d) can make editorial changes to all political policy.
 - (9) Standing committees have the authority to make recommendations to Students' Council on matters related to their mandates but not explicitly set out in this bylaw.
 - (10) Students' Council has the authority to require recommendations from standing committees on matters related to their mandates but not explicitly set out in this bylaw.

19. Conflict-of-Interest

- (1) No person shall use a Students' Union position that he/she holds to further personal business interests.
- (2) No person may hold a Students' Union position who
 - (a) is party to any contract or agreement with the Students' Union, excepting contracts or agreements directly relating to that person's employment by the Students' Union; or
 - (b) has any interest in a contract or agreement with the Students' Union, excepting contracts or agreements directly relating to that person's employment by the Students' Union.
- (3) ~~(2)~~ Does not apply to any person by reason only
 - (a) of the receipt of any properly-approved honorarium, commission, or allowance from the Students' Union;
 - (b) of being a non-executive member of any registered student group which has any contract or agreement with the Students' Union; or
 - (c) of the sale of goods or services to the Students' Union in the ordinary course of business, at competitive prices, and in accordance with Students' Union procedures.

- ~~(4)~~—No member of Students' Council shall vote on a motion relating to a student group or organization of which he/she is a member unless that organization is a faculty association.

- (4) Neither any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee nor the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall apply for a remunerated position with the Students' Union unless the selection of that position is ratified by Students' Council.

20. Nominations to University Bodies

- (1) The four individuals nominated by the Students' Union to the University of Alberta Senate shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union Vice President (External), and
 - (b) three members of the Students' Union selected by Students' Council, after receipt by the latter of a recommendation from the Council Administration Committee.
- (2) The two individuals nominated as ex-officio representatives of the Students' Union to the University of Alberta General Faculties Council shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union Vice President (Academic), and
 - (b) the Students' Union Vice President (Student Life).
- (3) The two individuals nominated by the Students' Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union President, and
 - (b) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.
- (4) The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative shall be elected at the same time and in the same fashion as the Students' Union President and Vice Presidents.
- (5) The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative shall have access to sufficient administrative resources for the discharge of his/her duties.

21. No Force or Effect

Any decision of Students' Council that is in conflict with federal or provincial statute or with the Common Law is of no force or effect.



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Date: October 6, 2010

To: Nick Dehod, President
Students' Union (SU)

From: Jackie Wright
Secretary to the Advisory Review Committee
Office of the President

Re: Advisory Review Committee for Vice-President (Research)

Dr. Lorne Babiuk's term as Vice-President (Research) ends on June 30, 2012. Vice-President Babiuk has advised President Indira Samarasekera that he would like to stand for a second term of office. In consultation with the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr. Brian Heidecker, President Samarasekera has asked that an Advisory Review Committee for Vice-President (Research) be struck.

Would you please arrange for the appointment of two appointed members by the Students' Council by **Friday, December 10, 2010**? Dr. Samarasekera will chair the committee.

The committee meeting date is scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2011, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in Room 3-15 University Hall.

The appointed members should be able to attend this meeting and should note there **may** be additional meetings.

The composition of the Advisory Review Committee for Vice-President (Research) is attached for your reference.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Jackie Wright

Copies: Indira Samarasekera, President and Vice-Chancellor
Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)



EXCERPT FROM UAPPOL:

**Composition of Search and Review Committees for Vice-Presidents (Appendix A):
Position Definitions and Conditions of Eligibility**

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of the President
Approver:	Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee

COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY SEARCH AND REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Refer to General Faculties Council Policy Manual § 5 (Academic Staff, Academic Staff Agreements, and Support Staff) for definitions of Staff Categories.

VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

President as Chair of the Committee

Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Two members of the Board of Governors as appointed by the Board

Three members from Categories A1.1, A1.5, or their counterparts in A1.6, who do not hold administrative positions as defined in Section 7, elected by the faculty and the academic staff representatives on GFC

One Dean elected by Deans' Council

One Chair elected by Chairs' Council

One member of the AAS:UA appointed by the AAS:UA

Two members of the Students' Union as appointed by the Students' Council

One member of the Graduate Students' Association appointed by the GSA

One member of the Non-Academic Staff Association appointed by NASA

Once members have been elected to any of the above-noted Vice-Presidential Advisory Search/Review Committees, the President may in consultation with the Board Chair or Chair of the Board of Human Resources and Compensation Committee (BHRCC) name up to two additional full-time faculty members (Categories A1.1, A1.5, or their counterparts in A1.6) to the Advisory Search/Review Committee to ensure broad representation from the University.

STAFF WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Staff who are on leave are not eligible to search on advisory and review committees for Vice-Presidents. The term leave includes: administrative leave, sabbatical, political, medical, parental, childbirth, disability, assisted, secondment.

Staff who hold the following administrative positions at the time of the initial nomination are not eligible to serve: Vice-President, Associate or Assistant Vice-President, Dean, Associate or Assistant Dean or Department Chair.

November 2nd, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Greetings Council,

Because we have Council two weeks in a row, this report will be shorter. As always, I encourage you to ask me questions during question period if you want information on anything that is not covered here. I would also like to thank everyone organized and participated in this year's Fall Council Retreat. I thought that there was a lot of fruitful discussions and it was great to see so many councilors attend. I would also like to thank the councilors that participated in an informal dedicated fee unit discussion prior to Council retreat. I think it was a constructive start to an item that numerous councilors are interested in this year.

Council of Alberta University Students' (CAUS) Meeting in Lethbridge

On October 27th, the Vice President External and I drove down in the evening for our CAUS meeting in Lethbridge. Items on the agenda included mandatory non-instructional fees, provincial elections strategy, and the Partner's Conference that we recently attended. For more information on these topics, ask the Vice President External or myself.

Fall Reading Week Consultation

The last few days I have been having more meetings with various groups on campus with regards to a fall reading week. I am in the process of meeting with various associate deans and staff from residence services. I hope to begin bringing this through committees this month.

Physical Activity & Wellness Centre (The PAW)

We are getting closer to completing our agreement with the University for The PAW. A larger portion of my time has been devoted to this project over the last month for both the agreement as well as with three-hour design meetings every two weeks. The project is coming along and I look forward to being able to share some of the work that has been done at a future meeting of Students' Council.

Sustainability Assessment

This weeks meeting will be on energy and waste management. At this point I am still hopeful that we will have the project done by the end of the semester. More updates to come.

Once again, this report is short however I would strongly encourage you to review last week's lengthier report to Council. There is much happening and I certainly appreciate your feedback.

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.

(BY)LAW & ORDER

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Starring: Jenn PARSONAGE, Natalie COX, Farid ISKANDAR, Kim FERGUSON (proxying for Malori STAN), Sangram HANSRA (came later- so Vanessa JOHNSON was his proxy until his arrival) and Petros KUSMU as Chair.

Missing in Action: Zach FENTIMAN

This week on Bylaw:

- Bylaw's October 28th Meeting discussed a little bit more on the Impeaching the Executives and Councillors off of Council by taking Craig Turner's advice about the issue via email. For example, we made it clearer that we want to also be able to impeach the BoG Representative, as well.
- Additionally, we focused a lot of our time working with Bylaw 100 and Bill #20

Next week on Bylaw:

- Upcoming Bylaw's Meeting, we'll FINALLY (HOPEFULLY) translate our procedures into bills that we can submit to Council in first reading. But will most likely debate a bit more about the procedure itself, being that I have received a lot more advice from other Executives and 'hacks' about the issue.
- Our next meeting is on November 4 (upcoming Thursday!) @ 5PM (most likely) in SUB 6-06. The meeting itself won't be longer than an hour and a half.
 - FYI: Also, we decided to have Bylaw on ON COUNCIL Thursdays @ 5PM, for now.
- If you're not a part of Bylaw but want to be a part of this HISTORICAL AND IMPORTANT BILL TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL, then feel free to drop by and give some of your input. 'Please come?'

Mistakes on last week's Bylaw Report to Council:

- Councillor FERGUSON was proxying for Zach FENTIMAN, not Malori STAN
- And Vanessa JOHNSON is not a part of the Bylaw committee, but Hansra was. Meaning he missed out the previous meeting.

"In the Students' Union, the students are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the Executives, who get remittances and free food, and the Students' Councillors, who only get the free food (and some scholarship money, too—but that's barely anything C'mon.). These are their bylaws."

Please accept this as my resignation from the Bylaw Committee--as the Grant Allocation Committee meets at the same time as Bylaw, I will be unable to maintain my membership at the current time.

Thanks,

Zach Fentiman

November 2, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Health and Dental Plan Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 6:00pm I will be attending a health & dental plan committee meeting with Rory Tighe. This group meets a handful of times per year to go over usage and opt-out statistics as well as implement any policy changes that may be necessary. I am expecting only the former to be discussed at the time of writing this report.

Grant Allocation Committee Meeting

The Grant Allocation committee met Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 5:00pm and received updates from SFAIC staff on the integration of the awards program. Specifically, the hiring for a part-time, hourly awards coordinator position was ongoing (application deadline was November 2) and ensuring the program meets FOIPP requirements were discussed. Delivery of the program at Augustana campus was also discussed, and it was generally accepted that the financial assistance university staff at Augustana that assist in delivering the Access Fund would likely be able to assist in the delivery of the awards program as well. The committee also had preliminary discussion on changes to its standing orders in light of council's impending bylaw change providing the committee the authority to administer the awards program.

Personal Academic Stuff

One final midterm and group assignment for this week—afterwards smooth sailing to finals.

Sustainability Assessment Meeting

Another sustainability assessment meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 2:00pm.

FACRA Operating Agreement

I will be meeting with Kevin Wilson (of CJSR) to complete the renewal of an operating agreement on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 10:30am.

Strategic Planning Committee

I will be attending the next strategic planning committee on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 8:00am.

Yours,
Zach

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

To: Students' Council 2010/2011

Programming

I have been spreading the word about Campus Cup as far as I can. It looks like we will have a few University staff teams, which is very exciting! There are still some spots available so please spread the word as far and fast as you can.

As I mentioned before, Antifreeze planning is coming along nicely. We should have packages ready to go out in the next couple of weeks so start thinking about a team for that as well. We will also be planning the SU Kids Christmas Party over the next few weeks.

Residences

The new Residence Community Standards has started its governance process with a vote in favor at Campus Law Review Committee. It will be coming to The General Faculty Council Executive for a vote in the next month.

We have been using our Residence Budget Advisory Committee meetings to talk about Rent Increases and the Lister Meal Plan as it relates to the Food Service Provider contract. The Residence Rent increase proposal looks modest and we have had clear access to budget clarification answers. There is a proposal put forward to raise the Lister Meal Plan minimum rate that has been the focus of discussion over the past week.

Alcohol Policy

I had a chance to sit down with the Student Affairs Officer from the Office of the Dean of Students to talk about the Universities Alcohol Policy. There are many questions that have come from this discussion that I will be working towards answers for over this year. There seems to be a need for clarifications on the authority and rules of alcohol policy on campus. This also relates to bigger risk management questions regarding student group events on campus. I will be doing research about this over this month.

Student Services

All the services have submitted their questionnaires and we have just completed our individual meetings with all of the directors and managers. We will be meeting to discuss the timeline and process moving forward. I expect to have the review finished by the end of the first semester and am very excited about some of the recommendations that could come forward from it. We generally seem to be doing fairly with our service delivery (from an SU perspective) but there is always room for improvements. I will also look forward to hearing the perspective of students who do not work within the organization out of the survey

Microwaves

I have met with the Science Faculty Association to talk about putting microwaves back up in CAB. Since the conversation 2 microwaves have been added, 1 to CAB and 1 to Bio Sci. Another one will be added to CAB later this week and I am looking at having two more added to

the cafeteria area. Please let me know if you notice other buildings with broken microwaves or areas where a microwave would be of good use.

Fees

Zach and I met with the Registrars office regarding the fee assessment page. We provided feedback as to how the page could be clearer for students and it was taken very positively. I hope that the changes can be implemented by the end of this academic year.

As always, 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