

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday November 23, 2010  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-17)

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| 2010-17/1  | <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u>  |
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- 2010-17/8h**      Nick Dehod, President- Report  
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- 2010-17/8h**      ERC- Report  
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- 2010-17/8i**      Aden Murphy, VP External- Report  
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November 23, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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**PAW Centre Planning Committee**

On Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 9:00am, another PAW Centre Steering Committee meeting took place and myself and Marc attended.

**Student Group Capital Purchasing Discussion**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 11:00am, Student Group Services, Rory, myself, and Kelin (SGS Manager) met to discuss how to move forward offering capital items for student groups instead of offering capital grants, as well as to talk about implementing a free-for-use resource room (like the one we saw at UBC). Kelin is now putting together a list of quotes for equipment and materials, and we'll likely see a Casino and/or Projects Allocation request at Executive Committee in a few weeks to start this off. This is definitely something BFC should consider building into SGS' budget for next year (capital equipment purchasing allowance and resource room replenishment).

**Grant Allocation Committee Meeting**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 5:00pm, the Grant Allocation Committee met and made (approval pending) revisions to its standing orders—a few more adjustments are needed before approving the standing orders as a whole at GAC's December 2, 2010 meeting.

**AUFSJ Campus Association Transfer Payment (CATP) Meeting**

On Friday, November 19, 2010 at 9:30am, James and I had a meeting to discuss the campus association transfer payment (i.e. SU Membership Fee remittance), along with representatives from the AUFSJ. We were able to clarify the process moving forward, as well as the requirements of FA/CA financial reporting. The next step is to re-calculate the percentage remitted based on the formula outlined in the 8000 series bylaws, and continue the discussion.

**DFU Discussion**

On Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 4:00pm, part two of the DFU discussion is slated to occur. Ideally, we will continue the discussion we had prior to council retreat, and maybe hammer out a plan moving forward.

**Sustainability Assessment Meeting**

On Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 2:00pm, the next Sustainability Assessment meeting will be held.

**General Faculties Council Facilities Development Committee**

On Thursday, November 25, 2010 at 2:00pm, the GFC FDC will meet. The PAW Centre's initial Functional Master Plan report will be tabled for approval by the committee. You can find more information at this website: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/governance/FDC.cfm>

Yours,  
Zach

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Report to Students' Council  
November 23, 2010

Hello Council,

Firstly, I would like to announce that the Audit Committee has by far the best initials of any board or committee to ever carry out the work of the Students' Union. With that in mind, keep reading to find highlights of the Audit Committee's work over the summer and fall, as well as the items to be addressed at the upcoming meeting.

## **Next Meeting - 5pm, November 24, 2010 (606 SUB)**

1. The A.C. will review the financial statements of the Augustana Students' Association.
2. The A.C. will review the financial statements of the Nursing Undergraduate Association.
3. A tentative meeting schedule for the Winter term will be discussed, subject to conflicts with other committees' schedules.

## **Fall Term**

- After reviewing the audit by KPMG, our external auditor, the A.C. approved the SU's 2010 financial statements.
- The A.C. reviewed submissions from SLS and approved disbursement of DFU funding.
- The A.C. reviewed submissions from APIRG and approved disbursement of DFU funding.
- The A.C. reviewed profit and loss statements for the Ombudservice, SFAIC, Student Development Centre, and Student Help and found no major concerns.

## **Spring/Summer Term**

- The A.C. reviewed credit card statements from the month of May for all departments with credit cards and found no concerns.
- The A.C. reviewed profit and loss statements for Dewey's, L'Express Catering, Cram Dunk, and Juicy and found no major concerns.

Cheers,  
Andy "AC" Cheema

Good Evening Council,

Here is an update on some of the things that have happened or are happening in the world of academia.

### **Access Copyright**

The University has chosen not to resign its agreement with Access Copyright. This means that next semester instructors will not be able to place required textbooks on reserve in the library, that coursepacks must be printed by Dec 31, and it will affect how instructors use and distribute other copyrighted material to their students.

If anyone has any questions on this issue, feel free to ask myself or Aden and we will provide you with more information.

### **More Zeros**

The provincial government has told the university that there will be another year of 0% base operating increases. This will extend the freeze until 2014.

### **Calgary Trip**

The Vice President External and myself are traveling to Calgary this Wednesday to visit their undergraduate research symposium, and gather ideas that we can use at our institution.

### **UGAA interviews**

President Dehod, the DRPA and myself spent yesterday conducting interviews for the UGAA. That process will continue over the next few days.

### **Grading focus groups**

I am looking for a handful of people who would like to get involved in a discussion about grading at the U of A. If you are interested, let me know. We will be meeting before December 15.



# CAC SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: Nov. 16, 2010

Time: 4:15 pm

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## Action Items

1. FERGUSON/ROSS moved that the Nov. 16, 2010 agenda be approved as tabled	<i>CARRIED</i>
2. COX/FERGUSON moved to move camera	<i>CARRIED</i>
3. ROSS/COX moved to move camera in	<i>CARRIED</i>
4. COX/ROSS moves Scott Fenwick and Stephanie Bpezinski to be approved	<i>CARRIED</i>
5. COX/FERGUSON moves all amendments as presented to council standing orders	<i>CARRIED</i>
6. FORTIN/COX moved for the request of \$10 (for posters and distribution of posters in HUB) by GORDON	<i>CARRIED</i>
7. FORTIN/COX moved that the meeting be adjourned	<i>CARRIED</i>
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# GAC SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: Nov. 18, 2010

Time: 5:00pm

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## Action Items

1. FENTIMAN moved that the Nov. 18, 2010 agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
2. FENTIMAN/ CHEEMA moved that the Oct. 28, 2010 minutes be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i>
3. QIANG/TURNER moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:04 pm	<i>CARRIED</i>
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November 23rd, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Greetings Council,

I have discussed it with the Executive Team and because of all of the presentations we anticipate to happen next week (CASA, Mental Health, Strategic Plan), **we will not be presenting our mid-term reports until the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Students' Council.** Given that I was in Ottawa all of last week and given that I have now only been in the office for two days, I do not have as much to report since what you saw in my report last week.

### **CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa Nov. 13-19**

You will be getting a presentation on this next week, but here is a summary of this years lobby conference:

The six main lobby recommendations that CASA focused on this year were:

- Amending the Canada Student Loan Program
- Investing in Canada's Aboriginal Population through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program
- Eliminating the Book Import Tax and Increasing Access to Academic Materials (Amending Bill C-32)
- Bringing Graduate Students into the Canada Student Grant Program
- Supporting international students by making it easier to get off-campus work permits and expanding multi-entry student visas to more students

28 schools participated with full time, associate, and observer members all given a series of meetings during the week. 57 delegates attended and at the beginning of the week, we had 112 meetings scheduled:

48 Conservative  
47 Liberal  
13 NDP  
2 Bloc  
1 Independent  
1 Civil Service

As of this time, 86 of those meetings have been reported on with 43 commitments to take action on the recommendations made by CASA.

CASA has decided to have the Board further facilitate discussions about New Federalism among the provincial partners and during the plenary a vote also passed to amend the fee structure to create a fairer distribution of membership fees.

You can expect more details on the conference and how CASA works at the presentation to Council in one week.

### **National College Health Assessment (NCHA) Web Survey**

On Monday I had another meeting to discuss the University of Alberta conducting a standardized National College Health Assessment Web Survey. Using a sample size of 5000 students, the NCHA focuses on seven content areas:

- 1) Health, health education and safety
- 2) Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs
- 3) Sex Behavior, perceptions, and contraception
- 4) Weight, nutrition, and exercise
- 5) Mental and Physical Health
- 6) Impediments to academic performance
- 7) Demographics

For the survey, we are working with the University Health Centre, Peer Health Educators, and Dean of Students' Office. The details of our exact involvement at this point are not finalized but I anticipate we will contribute either some financial or marketing support, as well as make suggestions on any potential additional questions that could be added to the survey.

The data collected will be useful for evaluating the health and wellness of U of A students, as well as aid in identifying where campus services are currently being met and where other campus services may be in need of more resources or greater focus.

### **End of Fall Term**

Last week will be our last Council meeting until January 11<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a busy few weeks for the Executive and our staff as we try to prepare and finish some projects before the end of the term as well as juggle our own needs to be successful in our academic classes.

That said, I would encourage you in the coming weeks to contact myself if you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns. Also, if you or anyone you know is interested in running for an executive position, I would also encourage you to set-up a time and meet with me sometime in the coming 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](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).

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

## Elections Review Committee

Students' Council:

A brief update for you this week: The committee will be submitting its report to Students' Council at next week's meeting. As you have already been made aware of, the committee has decided to postpone discussion of moving to a STV balloting procedure, as we want to ensure that Councillors are given adequate time, as well as written documentation, to make an informed decision. The committee's report will outline, in writing, both why and how the committee has come to its conclusion. Additionally, a detailed summary of the rest of the committee's recommendations will be available in the report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thomas L'Abbe

# Report to Council

10-11-23

Prepared by: Aden Murphy, VPX – November 23, 2010

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

Good evening Council,

## The Calm after the LobbyCon

It has been but days since your brave delegates returned from this year's Lobby Conference for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. This was my first LobbyCon, and I found the experience to be both exhilarating and exhausting. Within a 3.5 day span, CASA had 113 meetings with MPs, Senators, bureaucrats, staffers, ministers and party leaders. This is comparable but a little bit less than the number of meetings at our LobbyCon a mere eight months ago in March. Saturday night and Sunday were spent entirely on lobby and issues training, followed by three days of lobbying. To ensure that future years of CASA delegates could benefit from our meetings, CASA has put work into using a contact-management system called Highrise (also now used by CAUS) which tracks the progress and pitfalls of each meeting. If any Councilor would like to try out the system, drop by my office or ask me after Council.

Each delegate was given a schedule of about eight meetings, which was mostly their local MPs and/or Senators. I was in meetings with MPs Brian Storseth (Westlock - Saint-Paul), Brent Rathgeber (Edmonton – St. Albert), Pablo Rodriguez (Honoré – Mercier, and Opposition Critic for Canadian Heritage), Senators Claudette Tardiff (Alberta, and former dean of FSJ) and Tommy Banks (Alberta), and the Legislative Assistant to MP Rick Casson (Lethbridge). I also met with the Hon. Rona Ambrose (Edmonton – Spruce Grove), Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. Yeah, the whole thing was pretty cool.

Of the six major points on which we were lobbying, several of them received traction and support from MPs on both sides of the aisle. Due to the deficit climate in Ottawa, the affordability of our proposals for improvements to the Canada Student Loans Program, the international student visa program and the Copyright Act received mostly positive comments. Our asks for significant new funding to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and the creation of a needs-based grant for graduate students were largely praised as being good ideas, but too expensive for the current time. While this isn't an unreasonable position to take, I am increasingly concerned that PSE is viewed as a luxury spending item, not as an economic investment as essential as roads.

Additionally, I was asked to present for CASA at the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA) on the Impact of the Cancellation of the Mandatory Long-Form Census. Spencer Keys, CASA's Government Relations Officer, Chris Henderson and I spent a long evening writing a six-minute speech on the impact of the census change on PSE which I read to the committee, who then asked myself and the other groups presenting a series of frivolous questions.

## CAUS

In provincial news, your fearless VPA and myself will be trekking down to Calgary on Wednesday for the UCSU's Undergraduate Research Symposium. This is a project that they've had for a few years and it has been quite successful. We are hoping to poach ideas for implementation here and shall report back any useful findings.

CAUS, ASEC and AGC have (finally) come to agreement on a MNIF letter to sent to the Minister of AET. We will be presenting it next Tuesday when we meet with the Minister.