

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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**Tuesday December 2nd, 2014  
ETLC E1-008**

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2014-16)

**2014-16/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

**2014-16/1a**      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 6, 2015

**2014-16/2      PRESENTATIONS**

**2014-16/2a**      **Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG)** – Presented by Nav Kaur. Sponsored by VP Hodgson and VP Diaz.

APIRG is an incredible resource based at the University of Alberta. We support student- and community-based research, education and social activism. We provide the administrative, informational and technological resources to help student working groups to transform social concern into effective action. APIRG is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG exists to provide University of Alberta students with resources to be active citizens.

**2014-16/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2014-16/3a**      Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 14-16.01

**2014-16/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2014-16/5      QUESTION PERIOD**

**2014-16/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2014-16/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2014-16/7a**      **HODGSON MOVES TO** approve Bill #7 in second reading based on the following principle:

Bylaw 6000 should be rescinded, as it is now redundant

Please see document SC 14-16.02

**2014-16/8**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2014-16/8a**      Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic – Report

Please see document SC 14-16.03

**2014-16/8b**      Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life - Report

Please see document SC 14-16.04

## Executive Committee Motion Tracking

33	2014-11-27	4/0/1	LAU/HODGSON APPROVED THAT the extra funds not spent in admin get transferred to events.
33	2014-11-27	5/0/0	ORYDZUK/HODGSON MOVED TO allocate \$4000 to purchase textbooks for faculties that would otherwise be missed in the Libraries Textbook Repository initiative.

# Bylaw 6000

Revision as of 00:28, 1 August 2014 (edit)

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← Older edit

Latest revision as of 01:52, 28 November 2014

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Line 1:

- "A Bylaw Respecting Dedicated Fees"
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- == Definition ==
- # In this bvlaw. "external dedicated fee recipient" means the Alberta Public Interest Research Group. the First Alberta Campus Radio Association. the Gateway Student Journalism Society, or Student Legal Services of Edmonton.
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- == Conditions of Receipt ==
- # In order for an external dedicated fee recipient to receive funds from the Students' Union reserve dedicated to its support, it must
- ## include in its bvlaws provision for the appointment to its Board of Directors of at least one member of Students' Council elected by Students' Council for that purpose, as a voting or non-voting member;
- ## provide to the Students' Union Audit Committee
- ### a budget illustrating how funds received from the Students' Union reserve will be spent during the coming year,
- ### its audited financial statements from the previous fiscal year,
- ### evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union,
- ### evidence that they are fulfilling their mandate as described under this bylaw, and
- ### such other information as may be required by the Audit Committee to determine whether it is fulfilling its mandate under this bylaw; and
- ## be fulfilling its mandate under this bylaw.
- # No funds shall be disbursed to an external dedicated fee recipient from the Students' Union reserve dedicated to its support until such time as the Students' Union Audit Committee has approved this disbursement.

Line 1:

**# Where an external dedicated fee recipient is in compliance with the conditions set out in §2.1. the Audit Committee shall approve the disbursement of funds to that external dedicated fee recipient by August 31 of that fiscal year or within four weeks, whichever is later.**

**# Audit Committee may postpone its disbursement decision if:**

**## there are any new inconsistencies or breaches from past years with the documents required during the relevant time period, and**

**## those new inconsistencies or breaches have not been rectified.**

**== Mandates ==**

**# The mandate of the Alberta Public Interest Research Group is**

**## to allow undergraduate students to work on public policy issues through undergraduate directed research, education, and action initiatives;**

**## to develop, advertise, and implement a procedure by which undergraduate students wishing to have their contributions to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group fund refunded to them may do so; and**

**## to develop and implement policy on**

**### granting funds to undergraduate students to allow them to work on public-policy research, education, and action initiatives;**

**### an appeals process for undergraduate students pursuant to i.;**

**### addressing conflicts-of-interest; and**

**### ensuring proper expenditure of funds granted.**

**# The mandate of the First Alberta Campus Radio Association is to operate an FM radio station that includes a University of Alberta focus.**

**# The mandate of the Gateway Student Journalism Society is**

**## to publish at least fifteen issues of the Gateway during each Fall or Winter term;**

**## to offer advertising rates discounted by at least ten percent to the Students' Union and registered student groups;**

**## to develop, advertise, and implement actions to resolve complaints about the editorial policy of the Gateway and its staff; and**

- **## to devote a portion of any budget surplus to providing scholarships for undergraduate students.**
- **# The mandate of Student Legal Services of Edmonton is to assist undergraduate students not enrolled in Augustana Faculty and members of Edmonton's low-income community with legal issues, free of charge.**
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- **== The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund ==**
- **# The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be distributed to undergraduate students, student groups, and for the purpose of ensuring that programs, equipment, and facilities offered by the University of Alberta's Campus Recreation remain of high quality, diverse, convenient, accessible, and affordable to undergraduate students not enrolled at Augustana Faculty.**
- **# Funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall not be used for**
- **## funding projects that are receiving other Students' Union funding;**
- **## transportation;**
- **## supplementing University of Alberta staff wages;**
- **## awards; or**
- **## volunteer appreciation.**
- **# Not more than one quarter of the funds available in the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund in any one year shall be allocated to any one project or recipient.**
- **# The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be allocated on an annual basis and shall not be allocated to commitments extending beyond one year from the time of granting.**
- **# Recipients of funding from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.**
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- **== The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund ==**
- **# The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of**
- **## saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams; and**

– **## the promotion of varsity athletics.**

– **# Recipients of funding from the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.**

– **== The Refugee Student Fund ==**

– **# The Refugee Student Fund. administered by the Student Refugee Program Board. shall be used for the support of four undergraduate refugee students at the University of Alberta selected by the World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee and consisting of**

– **## one refugee student in his/her first year of study;**

– **## one refugee student in his/her second year of study;**

– **## one refugee student in his/her third year of study; and**

– **## one refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.**

– **# The Student Refugee Program Board (SRPB) shall allocate the total annual application cost required by the national WUSC office from the total fee collected.**

– **# The Student Refugee Program Board (SRPB) shall allocate from the total fee collected an amount equivalent to the current HUB 4-bedroom residence rate. to be distributed to the student in his/her first year of study for the cost of housing for the first 12 months of their stay.**

– **# The SRPB shall allocate 3% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3) to be distributed to the WUSC Local Committee for various administrative duties throughout the year. provided that a budget for these activities is forwarded to the SRPB.**

– **# The SRPB shall allocate 2% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3) to the WUSC SRP Contingency Fund.**

– **# During their four year tenure. each SRP student shall receive the total amount that is collected by the dedicated fee unit during their first year of sponsorship. minus the various costs associated with 2. 3. 4 & 5. Specifically. this amount shall be disbursed as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar)**

– **## In his/her first year: 66% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3)**

– **### the student shall receive an amount totaling to 39% of the remaining amount after the allocation in**

— **(3) that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the first six months;**

— **### the student shall receive an amount totaling to 27% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3) that is dispersed in equal monthly installments for the last six months;**

— **## In his/her second year: 16% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3);**

— **## In his/her third year: 7% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3); and**

— **## In his/her fourth year: 6% of the remaining amount after the allocation in (3).**

— **# Where a SRP student requires more than the amount allotted in (6). or requires a different payment scheme. this shall be decided by two-thirds majority by the SRPB. The SRPB shall submit a report detailing funds dispersed at the next Students' Union Finance Committee meeting immediately following such disbursement of funds.**

**Latest revision as of 01:52, 28 November 2014**



December 2, 2014  
To: Council  
Re: VPA Report

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Hi Council,

Hope you are all doing well and not letting exams get you down!

I thought it might be fun this week to shake it up and do a more broad kind of report. It's been seven months already, so overall we've done a lot of stuff. It would be difficult to look back through all reports at this point to see what progress has been made overall, so I thought it would be cool to do a 'Year-To-Date' type of report this time.

Back in the summer months, I made a one-page document that basically outlined what my goals for the year would be. This document was based on my campaign promises, and was used to help make the SU Goals Document, which has five pillars that each of these things fit under. I have three broad groupings that aren't related to the five SU pillars because I did my groupings before we did our collective pillars.

I know that the level of specificity of my goals is uncommon. I can understand wanting to set broader goals before you know exactly what resources will be available, and the trade-off is a greater ability to set concrete milestones. There is also the sense that, if a normative, structural, or systematic change is needed, identifying the issue and identifying what should be changed is the correct method. I believe that structural changes are indeed broad changes that should be identified, but once identified, have solutions that are founded in smaller concrete goals. This is simply a different philosophy that would lead to the same outcome. I think that what a person decides to set as their goals for a campaign is an ideological choice, and there is no right or wrong way to go about goal-setting. There are different ways that will work for different people, and success can be achieved either way, it just takes a different method.

Now for the goals:

### **Support Student Representatives**

- *Create an Online Petition System*: so that students at large can propose changes directly to the SU, and student representatives can understand more precisely what their constituents want.
  - If you remember, I called for feedback on the guiding document a while ago. It took quite a long time to get the consultation done on this piece, there were a lot of perspectives to consider. COFA AWG saw it and approved the ability for students to make faculty specific petitions. The Online Petition System is currently 'under construction', meaning that the tech people are developing it. Estimated completion in February.
- *Raise the Status of Departmental Associations*: so that they can be successful advocates for students in their departments and have access to any resources they need for governance.
  - This is probably the goal with the least progress. I did a survey of what the environment of DAs is currently like as well as what resources they might be interested in. The next step is meeting with the BoD, COSSA, and CODA.



- *Get a Financial Reviewer for the Faculty and Campus Associations:* because obtaining a financial reviewer is the thing that FAs/CAs struggle with the most in terms of completing reporting requirements for the SU.
  - This is a goal that is done in partnership with VP Hodgson. COFA FAWG has seen the proposed idea for what we want to do and has approved it. VP Hodgson is in the middle of meeting with VP Finances of FAs in order to figure out the specifics of the system. We hope to have four organizations test it in the Winter Term and we will roll it out for all FAs/CAs for the Summer. FAs/CAs will not need to hire a financial reviewer anymore.
- ~~*Create a Council of Campus Associations:* in order to institutionalize a line of communication between Campus Associations and the SU as well as facilitate communication between Campus Associations.~~
  - Done! COCA met and approved ToR on October 31 (a memorable day). We will meet again in Winter Term.
- *Support the International Students' Association:* by assisting them in their efforts as a representative body.
  - I have not heard much appetite from the ISA this year to push for recognition as an SRA, but I do need to follow up with them again on this.

### **Reduce Barriers to Accessing Academic Materials**

- ~~*Run the Annual Be Booksmart Awareness Campaign:* so that students and professors are aware of alternatives to purchasing brand new textbooks.~~
  - Be Booksmart is bigger this year than it has ever been with both a Fall and Winter run, a letter out to all professors, support from CTL in creating a new award for professors who save their students money on academic materials, materials out to first years in their orientation packages and thousands of hits on the Be Booksmart website.
- ~~*Create a Textbook Repository:* so that students can borrow textbooks at no cost.~~
  - The Ualberta Library's recent announcement has made the SU doing this redundant. We are instead supporting the Libraries initiative.
- ~~*Revamp the Online Textbook Exchange:* so that students can very easily buy and sell used textbooks to other U of A students.~~
  - Also done! It is currently being 'beautified' but the functionality is completed. You should see an advertising campaign for the UBR around campus soon!

### **Focus on Fair Grading Practices**

- *Grading Standardization at the Department Level:* so that students know in advance how we will be graded on assignments and how our efforts translate into our grades.
  - This is by far the most difficult goal I set for myself. Making rubrics mandatory is quite the task, and I fear it that this goal is longer than a year. My hope, if that is the case, is to set things in motion so that it will complete even if I am not around to see it. Thus far I



have done extensive research, found partnerships in CTL and central, and found purchase in the university governance system.

**Bonus** (things that came up that I decided to pursue after I was elected. These things came from student complaints, opportunities that came up, and political policy)

- *Mid-Term Professor Evaluations*: Formative feedback for professors that want it half-way through the year. Students will benefit from professors hearing feedback and altering their teaching before the end of the term.
  - The eUSRI system that has now been implemented opens the opportunity for this to be done. It is very specifically outlined in our Quality Instruction policy. I am extremely confident that will be happening either for Winter Term 2015 or Spring Term 2015, I am just waiting to hear back from a couple people.
  
- *Access Codes*: Eliminating the need for students to purchase extra materials for purposes of assessment and grading.
  - The Provost's office is well aware of our concerns on this issue and we have made progress. More information to come on this one soon.
  
- ~~*Restructure ALES Faculty Association*~~
  - Done! I definitely did not personally create FAUnA, there was a team of dedicated ALES students that did so. But, as VPA, I am responsible for there being an Association for ever faculty and I facilitated the creation of the FA by creating the structure by which the restructure would happen.

Anyways, thanks for bein' awesome so far. Especially you wondrous folks that read the entirety of my Council Reports. Hope you have a great break!

All the best,  
Kathryn Orydzuk

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

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Hi Council,

This report covers from November 14th to November 27th.

## Advocacy

- **New President:** On Friday, November 14th, the SU and the GSA got to meet and greet the incoming University President David Turpin. The meeting was to get to know each other. There is a good potential to continue meeting with him prior to his coming into his role to build relationships early on.
- **Rally:** Thank you for those who came out to our Rally to Prioritize Post-secondary Education! A good amount of people came out, and the coverage was positive!
- **Bill 202:** I have made time in the past few weeks to speak out in favour of Bill 202, the bill about GSAs in the primary and secondary school system. It will enter debate in the legislature on December 1st.
- **CSJ Security:** AUSFJ, Safewalk, and Protective Services had our Campus Saint Jean security concerns conversation. AUSFJ is following up with both Protective Services and Safewalk. Our Safewalk director is adjusting the period of our service at their campus.
- **RHA:** RHA Council is meeting again in one week. We have begun settling in the RHA executive for the remainder of the year, and I have reached out to Discover Governance to work on a draft for the restructuring of the RHA.
- **Residence Advocacy:** As you have probably noticed, we got quite a bit of coverage on student residence concerns in the last few weeks. We were covered in many articles in both print (Gateway, Edmonton Journal, National Post), radio (630 CHED), and TV (CTV, Global TV). We had a thorough discussion at executive committee about how we can use the momentum to better the student experience in residence. Our next meeting will be the day after this council meeting and be comprised of our advocacy staff, VP Orydzuk, VP Khinda, and I.

## Council and Governance

- **Bylaw 5600 review:** our SGS committee is meeting again on Monday and will review the feedback from governance committee
- **Bylaw 8100 for RHA:** actual bylaw revision is waiting on RHA work

- **Policy To-Dos:**
  - Health and Wellness Policy
  - Residence Policy
  - Food Policy
  - Smoke Free Environment Policy
  - Sustainability Policy

## Student Groups and Associations

- **Hide and Seek World Record:** I invited the Hide & Seek club out to the Council on Student Affairs to get them connected with a variety of campus stakeholders. They are working hard to prepare for next semester - time to get excited!

## Health and Services

- **The Landing:** The Landing has received an award for Campus Impact from the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities.
- **Health and Dental Plan Committee:** Met for the Fall to look at plan usage rates in preparation for plan assessment in the Winter term.
- **Orientation Network:** Had its first meeting! This is an initiative of our orientation team to better partner the many and varied orientation programs across campus, from faculty and department led programs to student group led programs.
- **OneCard Student Advisory Group:** This committee meets a few times a year as a standing committee of the OneCard office. We discussed how the service is growing, and what they are working on lately. I have just put their director in touch with CampusMaps, so there may be a map layer they can link to that shows all OneCard synced printers on campus. Did you know there's a program so you can send your print jobs from your laptop, then claim them from any OneCard printer on campus?!
- **Campus Health Strategy:** President Lau and I met with Councillors Allard and Kwan to catch up on how this was going last week. Next, we are all meeting with our GSA contact before following up again with Wellness Services. Our hope is to get the strategy on-track, as the Office of Sustainability is beginning its Sustainability Strategy process, and there is some merit to ensuring the two strategies link together somewhat.
- **Health Centre Advisory Group / Unwind Your Mind:** We spoke at length about how our suite of services are supporting our students, and the different programs that are coming up soon. The Unwind Your Mind program from Winter Semester is coming to Fall semester for the week before and week of finals.

## Events

- **Campus Cup:** Thank you for getting our SU team together, Councillor Hudson! It was a great time.
  - **Antifreeze:** Soon! Check it out: [uasu.ca/antifreeze](http://uasu.ca/antifreeze)
  - **Break the Record:** Last time President Lau and I spoke to our team, we were brainstorming our fundraising strategy for the event. Hosting 7,000 people in the Butterdome is no mean feat.
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The last thing I would like to leave you with is that the executive team really appreciates any and all questions! Feel free to ask about anything you are interested in, and want us to think about. Dialogue on issues that we all care about is valuable.

Cheers,

Nicholas Diaz

Vice President Student Life 2014-2015

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2014  
ETLC E1 008

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-15)

2014-15/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

2014-15/1a

Announcements –

All material to be put on main order papers or late additions should be submitted to the Council at [council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca)

The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

2014-15/2

### PRESENTATIONS

Edmonton Insight Presentation sponsored by HODGSON/SLEIMAN

HODGSON/KWAN MOVE TO special order item 2014-15/6b and 2014-15/6c to the main agenda.

Motion CARRIED

2014-15/7

### GENERAL ORDERS

2014-15/7d

KWAN/GAUR MOVE TO appoint one member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.

Nominations: To

Nominations Closed

Appointed: To

2014-15/3

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations & Finance- Report

Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

2014-15/4

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marina Banister, Nominating Committee Chair- Report

2014-15/5

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question period extended 15 minutes.

2014-15/6

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2014-15/6a

**ORYDZUK/GRUHLKE MOVE TO** approve the Deferred Maintenance policy in second reading based on the recommendation of Policy Committee.

**Speakers List:** Orydzuk, Champagne

**Motion CARRIED**

2014-15/6b

**KWAN/HODGSON MOVE TO** approve the WUSC referendum question on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee.

**Speakers List:** Kwan, Hodgson, Qadri, Diaz

**Motion CARRIED**

2014-15/6c

**HODGSON/ALLARD MOVE TO** approve The Landing referendum question on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee.

**HODGSON/KWAN MOVE TO** amend The Landing referendum question to read:

If the referendum passes, The Landing's governance structure will become independent of the Student's Union.

**Amendment CARRIED**

**Speakers List:** Hodgson, Khan, Diaz, Sleiman, Gruhlke, Hansra

**Motion CARRIED**

2014-15/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2014-15/7a

**LAU/HODGSON MOVE TO** appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to Student Financial Support's Scholastic Distinction and Leadership Scholarship Ranking Committees.

Nominations: Qadri, Gaur, Warriar

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Qadri, Gaur, Warriar

2014-15/7b

**HODGSON/DIAZ MOVE TO** approve Bill #7 in first reading based on the following principle:

Bylaw 6000 should be rescinded, as it is now redundant

**Motion CARRIED**

**2014-15/7c**

**HODGSON/BANISTER MOVE TO** upon the recommendation of Councilor Administration Committee to strike the Students' Union Governance Review Task Force

**Motion CARRIED**

**HODGSON/BANISTER MOVE TO** appoint four (4) members of Student's Council to the Student's Union's Governance Review Task Force.

Nominations: Allard, Farooq, Dueck, To, Hanwell/Zhang

Nominations Closed

Automatic Recess at 7:51 pm.

Meeting called back to order at 8:08 pm.

Appointed: Allard, Dueck, To, Zhang

**2014-15/7e**

**LAU/HODGSON MOVE TO** appoint two members of Students' Council to the DIE Board Tribune Appointment Committee.

Nominations: Fedoski, Sleiman

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Fedoski, Sleiman

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm**

