

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday January 6th, 2015
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 2014-17)

- 2014-17/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2014-17/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2015
- 2014-17/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2014-17/2a **Executive Goals Update** – Sponsored by President Lau, VP Khinda, VP Hodgson, VP Orydzuk, and VP Diaz.
- As we enter the last four months of our term, the Executive Committee would like to update Council on our progress on goals that were announced in the Spring.
- 2014-17/2b **Reusable Dish Program** – Presented by Kerstyn Lane. Sponsored by President Lau.
- This presentation is a short blurb on the Reusable Dish Program, and a request for council members to take on some tasks associated with the provision of reusable dishes. We would like to get a sense of whether council members are interested in continuing to have reusable dishes at council.
- Who/what: We would like to propose for council to appoint a rotating member who would be responsible for reusable dish pick up, ensuring all dishes are rinsed and returned.
Why: waste reduction, promotion of sustainability services on campus
How: google form, connect with Lisa Martin or sustain@su.ualberta.ca
- 2014-17/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 2014-17/3a** Executive Committee Report
Please see document SC 14-17.01
- 2014-17/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2014-17/5** **QUESTION PERIOD**
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- 2014-17/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2014-17/7a** **ORYDZUK MOVES TO** appoint one member of Council to sit on the adjudication committee for the CTL and SU Award for Innovation in Academic Materials.
- 2014-17/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2014-17/8a** Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic – Report
Please see document SC 14-17.02
- 2014-17/8b** Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life - Report
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- 2014-17/8c** William Lau, President - Report
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SC 14-17.01

2014-12-01	5/0/0	ORYDZUK/LAU MOVED TO appoint HODGSON and DIAZ as the Execs on the Governance Task Force.
2014-12-04	4/0/0	LAU/HODGSON MOVED TO approve up to \$7000 be used from the contingency allocation to pay for RATT window repairs.



January 1, 2015

To: Council

Re: VPA Report

Dear Council,

I hope your break went well! I originally wrote this report on December 19th, published it on the VPA blog, and posted it to the Council Facebook page then.

A couple of things happening that you should be aware of:

VP Academic Job Shadow Day!

This will be happening from 9-5 on January 30th, please shoot me a message in some form if you would like to come so that I have an idea of how many students will be there and I can warn the committee chairs accordingly.

SU 101: A Presentation on SU Governance and Operations

This is a presentation that I will be giving in conjunction with Becky from Discover Governance and will be directed at students and university staff members. It will be all about how the SU makes decisions and implements them. Should be a good time. It is on January 30th at 3pm in SUB 0-55. Notice that this is cleverly positioned on the same day as the job shadow so that people who come to the job shadow automatically get to come to SU 101.

Exciting things are happening on the Academic Materials front!

As I've already spoken about with you, the Ualberta Libraries is pitching in a substantial amount of funding towards having textbooks readily available in the libraries. The SU exec have pledged \$4000 of our discretionary funds towards textbooks that might otherwise be left out of running with the formula of (most students) x (most expensive textbooks). Deciding which books is really just a matter of making the list up based on which departments are getting left out and then checking those with the relevant FA/CA/DA. There are a lot of excel spreadsheets involved, I know this would excite some people, but I am not one of those people.

In any case, I will be getting that done soon. Maybe today after I'm done this. We shall see.

Other news for academic materials is in the realm of access codes. This is very exciting news for students as professors will now be obligated to provide a cost-free option when assigning online homework for a portion of the grade. This makes paying twice for assessment and grading (once through tuition, once through the code) up to the student now. This new policy will be taking effect on January 1st. There are also some publishing companies that have stepped up and agreed to offer



their online product for free in certain computer labs. Overall, this is quite a large victory in terms of academic materials, since access codes represent such a large cost to students and eliminate the possibility of using used books or selling books used.

I really do have to say a big thank you to the members of the Provost's office that have been working on this project. A few months ago when this issue came across their desks, they worked really quickly to come up with a solution, and I sincerely appreciate that. There's also a significant amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes in terms of the logistical aspects of implementation that I think a lot of people won't realize, and the fine members of the Provost's office have been champs about it.

I've just looked through my meeting notes and calendar and those things appear to be the biggest things that have happened in the last couple weeks. There are always a number of smaller things that I do during the days. For example, I was a student rep of the search committee for the new GFC Secretary, which involved doing interviews that took quite a bit of time. We had a mid-year management meeting with all out senior managers, which was a full day thing. We had an exec retreat, which was also a full day thing. I've made more progress with the online petitions system, and gotten the advertising for the new and improved Used Book Registry ready to go. I've answered many emails. Just wrapped up a bunch of loose ends before the holidays.

Anyways, I hope all of you feel ready for the next semester!

See you Tuesday!

Kathryn

January 6th, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council,

This report covers from November 28th to December 15th. I was out of the office for the rest of December.

Advocacy

- **Bill 202 / Bill 10:** As you probably heard, provincial politics got pretty hectic over the last month. The whole Bill 10 / 202 discussion is tabled for now.
- **Residence Advocacy:** We had a follow-up meeting on December 3rd to get everyone on the same page for the winter term. Plans will be forthcoming over January/February.
- **RHA:** The RHA Council meeting on December 11th was very productive. After we wrapped up our meeting's business, we essentially adjourned and had an ad-hoc 'new RHA' meeting on the issues each residence association is seeing, what our next steps are for the advocacy structure overhaul, and what our next steps are this coming semester. The RHA should be overhauled fairly soon, and we are considering referenda to determine what happens to the RHA fee.
- **Vibrant Campus Strategy:** President Lau and I had a few meet-ups with some students and Wellness Services to figure out where we are all at collectively and get us on the right track for the next semester. President Lau is spearheading these health topics, as you may have noticed from his last mail out regarding a health conversation.

Council and Governance

- **Bylaw 5600:** I met with Bylaw Committee on December 3rd to wrap up some final points for the review.

Health and Services

- **SGS Review Committee:** We met one last time before the break to plan out timelines for the winter semester. A bylaw and operating policy change will be coming to council some time in January.

Events

- **Antifreeze:** Check out QUAD from January 5th to 9th! uasu.ca/antifreeze
- **Alberta Student Leadership Summit:**
<http://uofa.ualberta.ca/current-students/leadership-summit>

- **Break the Record:** We got a sad message from Programming and Venues at executive committee prior to the break that they do not have the capacity to run the event this year. I'll give a rundown of the events that will be happening for the remainder of the year in an later report.
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I had planned to get in 40 hours of writing on Bylaw 5600, Bylaw 8100, and my Policy To-Dos over the last week of December, but I spent that time recovering from the flu. I'll be putting time in on those documents the weekend prior to this council meeting, and hope to wrap them all up through January and February.

Cheers,

Nicholas Diaz

Vice President Student Life 2014-2015

January 1st, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2014-2015

From: William Lau, President 2014-2015

Re: Report to Students' Council (for January 6th, Meeting) [Mid-term Goals Update]

Dearest Council,

I hope you all had a restful and meaningful holiday break. I've assigned myself a few tasks over the holidays: 1) Source two pianos to install on campus as "public pianos", 2) Organize an "open conversation" on the topic of student (mental) health to brainstorm ideas to address the issues, and 3) Write this report. Updates on these items will be integrated in the report as I provide an update to my goals that were set for this year.

I'd like to start my report by going through initiatives outlined in the Spring/Summer Goals Document, then finish off with an update on initiatives that have sneaked onto the priority list.

The Executive Committee will be presenting on our goals at the Council meeting, and a thorough read-through of our reports will allow us to have a more lively discussion!

2014-15 Goals

Students' Union Strategic Plan

Vibrant Campus Strategy (Student Mental Health)

Student Participation Protocol (Student Consultation)

Student Life Central (Student Involvement)

Flight & Hotel Deals

**Students' Union Alumni Relations*

**UA-SU Financial Relationship*

**Accessibility of Education at the University of Alberta*

**Initiatives that have sneaked onto the priority list*

Students' Union Strategic Plan

- Strategic Planning will be completed before May 2015;
- Driving principle behind the writing of the plan is to ensure that the plan will be “usable”
 - Colloquial language
 - Short & digestible
 - Measurable & specific strategic goals
- Current draft is attached at the end of this report
- Next steps:
 - Draft Critical Success Factors and Strategic Goals in collaboration with Sr Managers
 - Ratification of Strategic Plan at Students' Council
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Vibrant Campus Strategy (Student Mental Health)

- The creation of a campus wide strategy is facilitated by University Wellness Services and will begin with a World-Café styled session during Health Week (March 2015).
- Current SU efforts:
 - Hosting an “*Open Conversation*” on student (mental) health for campus stakeholders to brainstorm and share ideas (January 23).
 - Exploring changes in the Terms of Reference for the *Board, Safety, Health and Environment Committee (BSHEC)* to include reporting and accountability of student health statistics and efforts to the Board of Governors.
 - Moving forward with the support of a Vice-Chair of the Board. A meeting in December got cancelled; currently rescheduling.
 - Exploring integration of *Values in Policy*. Writing values-based policy will ensure that institutional values flow through decision making at all levels and strengthen our institutional culture.
 - Aiming to have a draft proposal by the end of January and approval in April 2015.
 - Peer Support Centre
 - Exploring *satellite offices* to increase accessibility of peer support. Currently in conversations with Lister and Campus Saint Jean.

- Peer Support Centre (cont'd)
 - Exploring new *outreach initiatives* to deliver the service in a more direct manner.
- Public Pianos on Campus
 - Have already secured two locations on campus with Facilities & Operations: 1) pedway between HUB and humanities, and 2) pedway above Health Sciences LRT station.
 - Secured two “street pianos” over Christmas holidays with Don’s Piano.
 - Pianos will be moved in February 2015 and “installed” on campus!

Student Participation Protocol (Student Consultation)

- A handbook is being produced to define consultation and act as a guideline for units on campus that seek student participation.
- Currently in the process of final edits between the Acting Dean of Students, GSA President and myself. Scheduled to have a finalized copy this January.
- Next steps:
 - Present the finalized handbook to various units on campus; and
 - Transition the handbook to the next Executives.

Student Life Central (Student Involvement)

- Structuring of the front desk in the lower level of SUB to offer information on a broad range of extracurricular & co-curricular opportunities on campus, driving stronger collaboration between related programs such as those providing funding and grants to student initiatives.
- Completed!
- Next steps – Evaluation:
 - Already received feedback on improvement of digital signage and more in depth student opportunity advising.
 - ie, A student going there now could learn about how BearsDen works, how to find student groups, but perhaps not to the level of actually getting recommended student groups based on their interest.

- On a similar note, we are also exploring connecting first year students to student groups earlier. Currently exploring opportunities to communicate prior to Orientation, ie registration for Orientation.

Flight & Hotel Deals

- Arranging partnerships with airlines, car rental dealerships and/or hotel chains to provide financial benefits to our members.
- Delegated to Executive Coordinator, with no progress due to shuffling of 2-900 admin units.
- Currently at the bottom of the priority list.

**Students' Union Alumni Relations*

- Bringing our alumni back to SUB in September for Alumni Weekend was a true blessing. We now have a team of engaged SU alumni ready to fundraise for SU initiatives.
- Our first project will be to fundraise for an endowment that could subsidize venue costs (rental costs for the Dinwoodie Lounge or the Myer Horowitz Theatre) for student-programming.
- Next steps:
 - Sort out logistics and policies behind fundraising relating to the University (January 2015)
 - Launch the campaign with alumni team (Dependent on conversation with Office of Advancement)

**UA-SU Financial Relationship*

- With the Dean of Students' Office cutting our services grants last Spring/Summer, there has been a need for a broader conversation about the UA-SU financial relationship, from services grants, to costs associated with operating the Students' Union Building.
- This is a crucial conversation at this time given the administrative turnover with the University and the lack of documentation of past agreements.
- Next steps:
 - This conversation will initiate in January 2015 and we have Senior Administration's commitment to come to agreement by the end of April 2015.

**Accessibility of Education at the University of Alberta*

- When the Board of Governors discussed the CPI increase to tuition for the upcoming year, I brought up how the conversation around cost of education must be paralleled with a conversation around accessibility of education. An action item was assigned at the end of the meeting to Interim Provost, Olive Yonge and Vice President Finance & Administration, Phyllis Clark.
- Next steps:
 - Senior Administration is currently collecting statistics.
 - We will be invited to join the conversation in January 2015.
 - We will present findings to the Board in February 2015.

Happy New Year,



William Lau

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2015 SU Strategic Plan [Part 1] [DRAFT]

What We Do

Our Mission is to serve, represent, and engage students.

There are four pillar of what we do in service to that mission:

- We offer **services and businesses** that provide for the practical, social, academic, and personal needs of students.
- We organize **events and programs** that bring our campus together, help people connect, and build community on campus.
- We provide **space** for students to relax, study, and socialize. The Students' Union Building is the living room and civic centre of campus.
- We **advocate** for student interests to the University and all levels of government.

Why We Do What We Do / Where We Want To Go

We want to enrich students' University experience.

Our vision of a successful future is one where students:

- Feel accepted and welcome on campus;
- Thrive in a vibrant intellectual community;
- Are empowered and confident in their ability to succeed; and
- Contribute to the larger society as active citizens and effective leaders.

The Way We Do Things

How we achieve our vision is important – the values we live are part of who we are.

Do what's right, not what's easy.

We believe that acting with integrity and respect is essential to an open, collaborative, and democratic organization.

Inspire change for the world.

We strive to create a community where effective involvement shows students that they can change the world.

Act with unbridled compassion.

We help students make the most of any challenges they face by providing an inclusive and caring environment.

Always keep moving.

We adapt and innovate to meet the challenges and opportunities of our dynamic student environment.

Plan for tomorrow.

We act with future students in mind by making sustainable choices.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014
ETLC E1 008

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-16)

2014-16/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

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.

HODGSON/FEDOSKI MOVED TO special order item 2014-16/6b to the main agenda.

Motion CARRIED

DIAZ/GAUR MOVED TO special order item 2014-16/6a to the main agenda.

Motion CARRIED

2014-16/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

William Lau, President- Report

Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

Navneet Khinda, VP External- Report

Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations & Finance- Report

2014-16/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina Banister, Nominating Committee Chair- Report

2014-16/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question period extended 15 minutes.

2014-16/6

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-16/6a

DIAZ/KHINDA MOVE THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee, appoint Nikki Way and Asmaa Mohamed as DIE Board Tribunes.

Speakers List: Diaz, Khinda, Hansra, Farooq, Hodgson

Motion CARRIED

Horvat – Abstain

2014-16/6b

HODGSON/FAROOQ MOVE, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to ratify the Gateway Student Journalism Society's referendum question.

Please see document LA 14-16.01

Speakers List: Hodgson, Croutze, Khinda, Lau, Babatunde, Chen, Allard, Hanwell

KHINDA/HUDSON MOVE TO amend question to read:

Do you support the following fee increases, per student to The Gateway Student Journalism Society:

- an increase of \$2 per fall and winter semester for a total of \$5.31
- an increase of \$0.63 per spring and summer semester for a total of \$1.05

LAU/KHINDA MOVE TO amend the amendment to read:

Do you support the following fee increases, per student, to The Gateway Student Journalism Society:

- an increase of \$2 for a total of \$5.31 per Fall and Winter semester
- an increase of \$0.63 for a total of \$1.05 per Spring and Summer semester

KHINDA called to question

Amendment CARRIED

Horvat, Chen - Abstain

HODGSON/KHADRI MOVE TO amend the amendment to read:

Do you support the following fee increases, per student, to The Gateway Student Journalism Society:

- an increase of \$2 for a total of \$5.31 per Fall and Winter semester to support

The Gateway for equipment upgrades for online focused publication transitions?

- an increase of \$0.63 for a total of \$1.05 per Spring and Summer semester to support summer operations?

KHINDA called to question

Motion CARRIED

Amendment CARRIED

HANWELL/KHINDA MOVE TO amend the amendment to read:

Do you support the following fee increases, per student, to The Gateway Student Journalism Society for equipment upgrades for online focused publication transitions and to support summer operations:

- an increase of \$2 for a total of \$5.31 per Fall and Winter semester?
- an increase of \$0.63 for a total of \$1.05 per Spring and Summer semester?

Amendment CARRIED

Warrier, Chen- Abstain

Automatic Recess at 7:45 pm

Meeting called back to order at 7:56 pm

ALLARD/HODGSON MOVE TO amend (friendly) the question to read:

The \$2 increase will fund equipment upgrades, and new software to allow more efficient transition to online and mobile focused publication. The \$0.63 increase will fund and continue summer training and production.

Amendment CARRIED

Chen- Abstain

Motion CARRIED

Horvat, Gruhlke, Chen, Babatunde - Abstain

2014-16/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2014-16/7a

HODGSON/FAROOQ MOVE TO approve Bill #7 in second reading based on the following principle:

Bylaw 6000 should be rescinded, as it is now redundant

Motion CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

