

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
ETLC E1-008

### LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2014-18)

- 2014-18/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2014-18/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2014-18/2c      **AUFSJ presentation on the realities and features of studying at Saint Jean**  
– Sponsored by Councillor Champagne and President Lau
- 2014-18/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2014-18/4      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2014-18/5      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2014-18/5a      **BANISTER** – Question for the V.P. Operations and Finance. Can VP Hodgson provide specific examples of how the single-source beverage supplier will commit "to provide an ongoing on-campus program of waste reduction, energy efficiency, and water conservation, and/or support existing University programs in these areas" as specified in the motion to create the plebiscite question?
- 2014-18/6      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2014-18/7      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2014-18/8      **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2014-18/8e      Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance - Report

Please see document LA 14-18.01

January 20, 2015

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

Apologies for the late report, there were some things I wanted to confirm before I wrote this one.

## **PROJECTS**

### **North Power Plant**

If someone could ask me a question during question period about providing an update on North Power Plant it would be greatly appreciated.

### **DFU Task Force**

Still just working on the final documents for this.

### **Student Market Research Team (SMRT)**

The students are working on finishing the surveys and our research team will be helping with that process. We're on track to have them included in the annual survey.

### **Faculty Association Financial Reviews**

I'll be working with the FAs piloting to help with issues and starting to meet with the rest of the FAs soon.

### **CoSSS Fee**

We've been told to expect a proposal from administration second week of February.

### **Governance Task Force**

We've had our first meeting at this point and set our direction for the semester. Below is the basic timeline and breakdown of what we plan to do:

1. Reviewing the decision made in 2002
  - a. Reviewing external changes since then (i.e. provincial legislation)
2. Reviewing the Students' Council Engagement Task Force Report
3. Examining other student association governance structures
4. Examining literature on governance structures
5. Identifying the challenges student representatives face
6. Identifying the unique qualities of student governance at the U of A
7. Propose recommendations

### **2-900 Renos**

So as I alluded to in my midterm report, we're planning on doing some renovations to our main office. The catalyst for this has been SSDS moving downstairs into the old SFAIC space and us taking over

their space. I've been leading some meetings on preliminary designs and will be presenting those to our senior managers on Wednesday. Marc and I will also be coming to Council in future to talk about how to fund these renovations. There are definitely some options we have in terms of funding. Last year Marc and Josh came to Council to ask for an extra \$200,000 contingency for the SUB renovations. Council instead decided to allocated \$400,000 on the premise we were already into the renovations and they would prefer not to cut corners on it. I'm happy to say that of that \$400,000 contingency money, we are on track to only use approximately \$100,000 of it. So that leaves us about \$300,000 of what last years Council allocated to possibly direct towards the office renovations. Another source of funding would be donations we solicit from naming opportunities associated with our current renovations. We'll be striking a task force to develop policy around how this will work.

As for why we need to renovate the 2-900 offices, it was a part of the original reno plans but was cut for budgetary reasons. We absolutely need more space for our staff as some are quite cramped right now. The office is also worn and dated, as the last renovation was in 1996. A fresh coat of paint and refresh would do marvels to making us look like the professional organization we strive to be.

## **OTHER:**

### **Access Fund**

We are still negotiating the agreements surrounding the transfers, but this may be wrapped up as early as next week.

### **Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement**

Due to the deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting questions for the elections we needed to debate this question at Tuesday's meeting. Bylaw has not yet had a chance to debate the question, but we called an extra meeting for this Tuesday. Ideally, we would be debating a question that included an actual deal with a provider instead of a hypothetical one. The university is still in the process of designing their RFP (Request for Proposals), and thus we have no deal as of yet to hold a plebiscite on. The plan was to hold out as long as possible to be further along in the process of negotiating a deal, but as we have reached the final deadline for submission of questions Marc (our GM) has written this question to best capture what a possible deal could look like.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Strategic Planning Committee Meetings
- First meeting of the PAW Strategic Operating Committee
- Had a tour of the underground tunnel system and how utilities work at the U of A
- One on ones with various councilors
- Presented at GFC
- Attended a presentation on policy by UBER
- The Rally!

Live Long and Prosper,

\$\$\$Cory Hodgson\$\$\$

(electronically submitted)