
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

NREF 1 003

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 2015-03)

2015-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2015-03/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 6.00pm in NREF 1-001.**

2015-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2015-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2015-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2015-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2015-03/5a COUNCILOR LEWIS TO VICE PRESIDENT HANWELL:
"When might we soonest see a proposal for Council to consider the distinct differences between a tuition freeze and a tuition cap and possible first principles to/from Policy Committee?"

2015-03/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-03/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2015-03/7a FLAMAN MOVES TO amend Standing Orders of Students' Council Paragraph 33(1) to reflect the attached changes.

Please see SC 15-03.01

2015-03/8 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2015-03/8a PRESIDENT Report

Please see SC 15-03.02

2015-03/8b VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL Report

Please see SC 15-03.03

2015-03/8c VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS & FINANCE Report

Please see SC 15-03.04

2015-03/8d VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC Report

Please see SC 15-03.05

2015-03/8e VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE Report

Please see SC 15-03.06

2015-03/8f Students' Council Tuesday Menu for the Summer

Please see SC 15-03.07

2015-03/8g Operating Policy Changes

Note: This will be sent via email in full but only partially printed due to it's length

Please see SC 15-03.08

SC 15-03.01

Confidentiality of Awards Business

33(1) Applications submitted for awards administered by the ~~Grant Allocation Committee~~ Finance Committee, and deliberations surrounding the selection of recipients of awards administered by the ~~Grant Allocation Committee~~ Finance Committee shall be designated as strictly confidential and shall only be available to:

- (a) Members of the Awards Adjudication Committee; and
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee; ~~and~~
- ~~(c) SFAIC staff.~~

May 28th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2015-2016

From: Navneet Khinda, POTSU 2015-2016

Re: Report to Students' Council (for June 2nd Meeting)

Dear Council,

This will be a short read – enjoy!

Executive Summary

1. CASA Foundations Conference
2. CAUS conversations
3. Council one-on-ones
4. Upcoming
 - a. Exec Retreat
 - b. Vacation

1. CASA Foundations Conference

Most of my time since my last report to you has been spent in Ontario. On Monday, May 18th we left for Ottawa. The rest of the week was full of presentations on a variety of topics – discussions about the history and purpose of CASA; political climate updates, how to develop policy, media training, etc. Some notable speakers included David Coletto and Ross Finnie (look them up! They are *very* interesting!)

In addition to these sessions, the membership also had to carry out CASA business. Among that included electing the new Board of Directors. Congratulations to our very own Dylan Hanwell for winning a position on the Board of a national organization as the Director of Advocacy! CASA also went through the process of hiring a new Executive Director.

Following the end of the conference, I spent a couple days in lieu visiting friends.

2. CAUS Conversations

The membership at CAUS has been discussing possible items to bring up with the new Minister of Advanced Education, Lori Sigurdson. We are very excited to work with her.

3. One-on-ones!

Over the summer I hope to have quick one-on-one meetings with each of you! Thank you to those who have been able to coordinate a date with our Executive Coordinator, Robyn. If you have not yet received an email, please get in touch!

5. Upcoming

- Exec Retreat: On Saturday, May 30th, the Exec team in conjunction with our General Manager, will be having a day long “retreat”. We aim to have these once a month so that we can keep up on bigger files and have more through discussions.
- Vacation: I’m very excited for the next week because I’ve planned my vacation!!! I will be largely unavailable from June 4th-June 11th.

I’m looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Cheers,

Navneet Khinda

President 2015-2016

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*Parliament
Hill seen
from my
picnic spot
on a hot,
sunny day!*

June 2nd 2015

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Introduction

Hey folks, so I really have two major things to talk about in this report as that is what has really dominated my last two weeks. Below you shall find riveting account of the CASA Foundations conference I attended as well as the first win that has come from the Edmonton Student Alliance. Also, I am incredibly sorry for missing this Council meeting, as you may know myself, VP Kwan and 5 other councilors are in Calgary for the U of C's Wellness Summit. If you have any questions for me though, please feel free to send me an email and I promise I will be there for next meeting as I really do miss you all.

CASA Foundations

So most of my time over the past couple weeks has been at CASA Foundations in Ottawa from May 18-22. It was a great time and I learned a bunch about the organization and federal advocacy.

A couple notes about federal advocacy and its relevance regarding federal advocacy. First, for context, the federal government actually designates power over post-secondary education to the jurisdiction of the provinces. That said there are still a bunch of things that the federal government does that affects post-secondary students.

As you may have heard, CASA had a bunch of great wins in the 2015 budget and I just wanted to outline them super quickly here and their significance. The asks we had of the government being put into the budget are even more significant because of the fact that this budget was not generous to everyone, and money was still fairly tight. The wins though:

1. Taking out the expected parental contribution from loans assessment (this means students will be treated as individual learners)
2. \$184M expansion of Canadian Student Grants to encompass students in short-duration programs
3. Eliminating in-study income from the Canada Student Loans Program (the amount of money a student makes working while in school will not influence their ability to get loans)
4. Renewal of the Mental Health Commission of Canada for another 10 years ensuring a focus on students and youth
5. Labour protection for interns and new labour market indicators

The most notable by far is the Canadian Student Loans Program. The program is fairly large and is part of the overall loan that students get. The federal government usually contributes money to student loans in coordination with the provinces loan program. Another significant aspect of the federal government's role in PSE is the Canadian Student Grant Program which gives out grants to students that may need more assistance to access post-secondary, including students living with a disability or low-income students. There are more ways that the federal government interacts with the everyday student but these are some of the most visible and widespread way, if you have any more interest in the role of the federal government in PSE, let me know and we can talk more about it!

Throughout the week we learned about CASA and the policy development process as well as the way that

CASA works and the home office staff who help with the day-to-day operations. As well, we got to see some great presentations from a pollster on the outlook of the federal election (a 3-way tie by the looks of it!!), a session on how to deal with media and a presentation on the earnings of university graduates based on their area of study.

As well, there were elections for the Board of Directors and to fill all the CASA committees and I am excited to report that I was elected as the Director of Advocacy! So what that means is that I will be on the Board of Directors of CASA but also the chair of the National Advocacy Team (NAT). I will be responsible for organizing the NAT to run campaigns on all member campuses in relation to the advocacy goals of CASA. This includes the upcoming federal Get Out the Vote campaign, which dovetails very nicely into one of my platform promises and goals for the year! Anyways, the GOTV campaign will take a lot of work but I am really looking forward to it and working with the CASA Board.

ESA

The Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) got its first win since it's founding just over a month ago! On Wednesday May 27th, the ESA presented some of the findings and the stories that we had collected through our poll to City Council alongside the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton (WAVE) and a woman by the name of Mari Chartier. We all brought significant concerns regarding the safety of transit and the committee was incredibly receptive. At the end of the meeting Council moved to initiate a 3-pronged approach to deal with transit safety including a public awareness campaign on sexual harassment, sending out a comprehensive survey to transit users regarding safety, and creating a discreet way to report safety issues on transit including a number to text or adding a feature to the existing transit app.

We also accomplished the goal of establishing the ESA and more generally post-secondary students as stakeholders in the city. We will now be brought on with WAVE to further develop the approach that the city will take regarding transit safety and this is a huge (and early) win for the ESA as an organization. I think the fact that we are a partner with an official city committee to talk about transit safety really helps to cement the idea that the ESA and Edmonton students are a substantial part of this city and more specifically, Edmonton transit.

Conclusion

That's all folks! Those were the two major things to report on and in the coming weeks I will likely be doing some things regarding GOTV stuff and more reading. As always, feel free to shoot me an email or stop by 2-900.

Until next time,

Dylan

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June 2, 2015

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

I hope everyone is enjoying this fantastic weather! I for one am a fan of hot days and stormy nights! I am excited to see you all again at Council next week, and here is my report in the meantime!

Studentcare Conference

Last week, Vivian and I attended the Stakeholder Orientation for Studentcare, our student Health and Dental Plan provider. A lot of information was crammed into two days, so we were always moving and learned a lot!

Specific to my portfolio, I was very interested in seeing prescription drug trends over the past five years. Health coverage is an ever-changing field, and this information is useful in determining how to structure the plan year after year. We were able to increase coverage for no extra cost this year because of an overall decrease in claims for 2014-15, but with extra available coverage we will likely increase our claims for 2015-16, and will have to address that at the end of the year when we get recommendations for the 2016-17 plan. Studentcare informed us that this rise and fall cycle is common in health coverage, which is why we have a small reserve put aside every year to cover any unannounced increase in coverage for the following year.

We also had some great sessions on patient privacy, brand identity, and the increasing importance of addressing mental health concerns and psychological disorders in student populations. I am hopeful that Vivian and I can take what we've learned at this conference and apply it to our work in the coming year.

Free Condom Dispenser in SUB

The Students' Union has been working with the Students' International Health Association (SIHA) on installing a free condom dispenser on the main floor of SUB. They have been given a generous grant through APIRG, and are supplying the machine and condoms, and taking care of regular maintenance. We have agreed to provide the location and installation, and let them know if the unit becomes damaged or if supplies are running low.

This dispenser will act as a pilot project for potential future units across campus. The goal of the project is two-fold: to increase awareness of sexual health and education among students, and to destigmatize condoms themselves by offering them at no cost in a semi-public space. This dispenser will be installed in August, and will be operational for the beginning of the Fall term.



2-900 Renovations

The renovations to the Students' Union Executive and Administrative offices in 2-900 SUB are well underway! Friday, May 29 marks the beginning of the third of a five-phase renovation designed to modernize the space, as well as provide extra office space for our increasing number of staff.

If you need to visit any of us in our offices, feel free to swing by, as the space is open during renovations! Just ask the front desk receptionist where to find us, because everyone will be moving around during the construction. We hope to have the offices and waiting area completed by mid-July.

Protective Services Advisory Committee

Vivian and I sit on the Protective Services Advisory Committee, which gives recommendations to Protective Services and serves as a check-in meeting for community safety groups on and around campus. The bi-annual meeting was last held in May, and there were a few things of note to report. After a hiring period, UAPS has selected Kevin Galvin to be their new Director. Mr. Galvin has spent many years with Edmonton Police Services, and hopes to bring some fresh ideas to the department. As well, the latest crime statistics for 2014 were available. They have seen a marked increase in theft on campus, specifically bicycles and personal computers. Most other crime is holding relatively steady, with an increase to breaking and entering specific to offices on campus.

Full crime statistics reports can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/a/uAlberta.ca/folderview?id=0B22xrgKRSAAPeWfKQ1c3VGQxdVU&usp=drive_web

Groceries in SUBmart

I am looking into having groceries in SUBmart for the Fall term. While I work on a proposal outlining how this would look specifically, I welcome suggestions from Council on what kinds of items they would like to see offered.

Safe and Inclusive Spaces

A small team, myself included, will be working on first principles for a Students' Union policy on safe spaces for students. This policy will hopefully include physical safety, as well as inclusive and welcoming spaces for all students, including accessible washrooms. All of you will get to discuss this proposed policy once it arrives at Council, but if anyone has a special interest in helping create first principles, please let me know!

Edmonton Pride Parade

The Students' Union is confirmed as having a spot at the 2015 Edmonton Pride Parade! It is being held on June 6 at 11:00am down Whyte Avenue, and if any Councillor wants to walk with the SU in the parade, please let me know! It's supposed to be 22°C that day!



On a Personal Note

I finally saw Avengers: Age of Ultron, and it was everything I wanted and more 😊

Thanks for reading through, and have a wonderful week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Bondarchuk'.

Cody Bondarchuk



June 2nd, 2015

To: Council

Re: VPA Report

Dear Council,

It's been over a full month into my term, and I've enjoyed it thoroughly. I'm still getting used to the pace, but I'm glad I have this report to help reflect on how my term has been so far.

Here is a report on my duties to date:

1. Gov Camp

I touched on this last Council, but Gov Camp was an excellent experience this year. It was the first time we held it in town, and attendance nearly had doubled from last year to this year, and a lot of members were able to catch the main set of presentations and sessions on Saturday. Discover Governance has sent out an evaluation form to review Gov Camp, so please fill that out if you haven't already; it'll help in making next year's Gov Camp even better!

2. University Standing Committees

I received an update on the status of the Undergraduate Research Initiative at their advisory committee meeting, decided on the interim Director for the Centre for Teaching and Learning (announcement to be released next month), and reviewed and selected applications for the Distinguished University Professor Award, University Cup Award, and Vargo Teaching Chair awards. Those award decisions will be reviewed by the Provost and then announced at Celebrate.

3. General Faculties Council

There were two meetings of GFC standing committees last week: the Academic Standards Committee and Facilities Development Committee. A number of programs were approved at ASC, including professional development requirements for graduate students.

One item that stood out to me was also presented as an informational update: the Faculty of Arts has approved a recommended distribution of grades for their courses, though instructors have the ability to go against the recommended distribution with the Department Chair's consent. This was designed to tackle grade inflation in some Faculties, though I voiced concern that students would not appreciate having their grades distribution settled prior to entering a course.

As for FDC, there were simply updates around the general space program expansion at Augustana, as well as expansion of the Devonian Botanical Garden. I inquired if the new space at Augustana could include space for programming around mental health such as a Peer Support Centre, and was notified that plans for this are being developed with the Care Network at Augustana and the Dean of Students.



4. COFA

I'm starting to get in touch with Faculty Association leaders now, and most recently I met with the President of the Augustana Students' Association. We talked about our plans for the year, and I'm starting to hear themes around the need for resource around transition and social media use for Faculty and Campus associations.

5. Council

I'm hoping to bring the first reading for the Experiential Learning policy to the next meeting of Policy Committee, if any one is interested in discussing how that policy may be revised.

6. Peter Lougheed Leadership College

The two courses for students in the first cohort of the leadership college are currently being developed, and will be ready come September. PLLC students can also expect an Orientation at the Banff Centre for Leadership to start the cohort's certificate. I'm told that there are still a number of steps that need to be accomplished before programming for the second year of the certificate is ready.

7. Be Book Smart

I'll be reaching out to SUBprint, the libraries and the office of the Provost over the next few weeks to see how I can collaborate with and improve the Be Book Smart campaign from 2014 -15.

Thanks so much for your time, and looking forward to the next report.

All the best,

Fahim Rahman

(Electronically submitted)

June 2nd, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council,

My apologies again that I am missing council for the second time... Everything that requires me to be out of town just somehow gets scheduled on Council Tuesdays! Boo!!! But **VP Hanwell, Councillors Zhang, Duan, Kwan, Lewis, Wang** and I are missing all of you. Hopefully we will see you guys soon in our committee meetings once we are back!

Council and Governance

I was excited to attend **CAC (Council Administration Committee)** with **VP Bondarchuk** this week! We had some good discussions surrounding council engagement and team building activity suggestions. I strongly encourage you all to come out to CAC and provide your input sometime.

Access and Communications

Received a pleasant phone call from **Lauren Mickel (VPSL of MacEwan University)** to discuss about our **2015-2016 plans**. We are definitely looking for more opportunities to collaborate with other institutions in the upcoming year. A conversation has already been initiated with our senior managers on extending invitations to other Alberta institutions to participate in this year's **Alberta Student Leadership Summit**. So far, I have received responses from **SAIT, SAMU, and University of Lethbridge** expressing their interest to take part. More updates will be provided as the summer progresses!

I have also initiated ongoing meetings with **Executive Directors of Community Social Work Team, University Health Centre, and Counselling and Clinical Services** in order to obtain statistical documents on student traffic, student use of services, and amount spent on initiatives/improving programming. In order to lobby for **continuing provincial mental health funding** (cheers to **President Khinda and VP Hanwell** for taking the lead), it is critical that we have sufficient data to present to the government to show that the fund has helped many students. Both **Community Social Work Team and Counselling and Clinical Services** had already responded. They will be compiling the data and forwarding it our way possibly by the end of June.

Health and Services

Incase you haven't had the opportunity to check it out - The **new pharmacy location** is now opened! It's definitely much more visible and accessible for students. Loving the new location.

There were some interesting discussions surrounding a new external mental health service while **VP Bondarchuk** and I were at the **Student Care Montreal Stakeholders' Conference**. **Psyvitalati** is an online psychology network that was just launched in **British Columbia and now Alberta**. Students will be able to use their health plan to cover their telepsychology visits (appointments via videoconference). We haven't had the opportunity to do a test trial with the program yet, but I am definitely excited to see how it works. There some scientific papers on telepsychology that are available in most academic research databases just incase some of you are interested in learning more about the methods and effectiveness.

Did you know that **Unwind Your Mind** is offering mini grants up to **\$1000** for campus members (students; staff; faculty members) to participate in program/initiative coordinating? If you have some ideas on enhancing the programming of Unwind Your Mind and would like some support, you should totally apply. There is currently no deadline for the application.

Events

The annual **U of C Wellness Summit** is taking place this Tuesday! Last year was loads of fun, knowledge, and inspiration. Hopefully there will be some exciting conversations taking place regarding how to move forward with the **Provincial Mental Health and Addiction Framework**.

Bonus Surprise

This is the first time I am doing this and I will see how it goes - I will be asking a question by the end of every report, and the first person to send me the correct answer(s) via text/email (not facebook) will receive a special surprise from me at the next council meeting.

Which institutes shared the provincial mental health fund? What was the total amount granted to these institutions?



With love,

Vivian Kwan
Vice President Student Life 2015-2016

SC 15-02.08

Operating Policy Manual

Revision as of 00:09, 24 April 2015 (view source)

Admin
← Older edit

Latest revision as of 15:46, 4 May 2015 (view source)

Admin

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—	'''Alterations'''
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—	Operating policies may be created, amended, suspended, or retired by either the Executive Committee or Students' Council. Any alteration to operating policy shall be reported to Students' Council as information.
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—	Individuals other than members of the Executive Committee may make requests for policv reviews. All such requests shall include a statement of the reasons as to whv a policv review should be conducted, and shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee.
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—	Responsibility for the effective administration of the operating policv manual, and all associated processes, shall rest with the Vice President (Operations & Finance) of the Students' Union.
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STUDENTS' COUNCIL

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
NRE 1 003

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10PM

2015-02/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2015-02/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday June 2, 2015 at 6.00pm in NREF 1-003.

2015-02/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2015-02/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

FAHIM RAHMAN, Vice President Academic – Report.

2015-02/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report from the Board of Governors (BoG).

Report from the Council Administration Committee (CAC).

Report from the Nominating Committee (NomCom).

2015-02/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2015-02/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2015-02/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2015-02/7a K. WANG/RAHMAN MOVE TO appoint the following students to the Senate:
Marina Bannister, Mackenzie Martin, and Braiden Redman.

- *The aforementioned candidates received the highest number of votes,*

and have been approved the previous academic year's Nominating Committee (NomCom).

- It is necessary that they be approved at this meeting, as deadline was early this month. Should they not receive Council's approval, the process for reselection and candidate evaluation is unclear.*

K. WANG/LEWIS MOVES to amend, and thereby correct, the spelling of Marina Banister's name.

Amendment FRIENDLY.

Motion CARRIED.

PATRICK abstains from voting.

2015-02/7b RAHMAN/ADEMAJ MOVE TO appoint 2 Arts Students' Councillors to the Arts Faculty Student Association Restructure Committee.

ZHANG nominates BURTON.

ANGUS nominates DEJONG.

Councillor Burton and Councillor Dejong are appointed.

2015-02/7c ZHANG/ALLARD MOVE TO strike the Governance Structure Review Task Force based on the terms of reference attached.

RAHMAN/CHRISTENSEN MOVE TO amend the terms of reference, and include one member of Faculty Association Representative as a member of the Governance Structure Review Task Force.

- Input of a Faculty Association Representative would be valuable, as they would bring knowledge and perspective of another Governance Structure.*
- Council Members were concerned about the lack of fairness in representation of all Faculties if only one Representative was selected.*

- *Objective of Representative is to bring governance structural input, not to advocate for interests of Faculty.*

Please see document SC 15-02.01.

FLAMMAN/K.WANG move to suspend Standing Orders for one additional speaking turn.

Motion FRIENDLY.

Amendment CARRIED.

Motion CARRIED.

2015-02/7d ZHANG/LEWIS MOVE TO appoint four members of Students' Council to the Governance Structure Review Task Force.

FLAMAN nominates LEWIS
ZHANG nominates ALLARD
RAHMAN nominates J. WANG
J.WANG nominates DEJONG
THRONDSOON nominates FLAMAN

Councillors' Allard, Wang, Dejong and Flaman are appointed.

2015-02/7e RAHMAN/KHAN MOVE to abolish the Law Faculty Membership Fee (FMF).

- *Motion received the support of the Law Student's Association and seeks, through this motion, to decrease Law student's tuition, and the Council's workload*

SPEAKER moves to suspend standing orders, and continue instead of taking a break.

Motion FRIENDLY.

Motion CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:50PM.