

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
Council Chamber**

**LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2015-15)**

**2015-15/1            SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

**2015-15/2            PRESENTATIONS**

**2015-15/3            EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2015-15/4            BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2015-15/5            QUESTION PERIOD**

**2015-15/5b            *Councillor Allard's Response to VP Rahman:***

At our refocusing meeting a couple of weeks ago VP Bondarchuk brought the issue of banners to the attention of Bylaw Committee. In the past the CRO has used their discretion to determine rules regarding banners and camping out for banner spots, because Bylaw is silent on the matter. We have discussed alternatives for how we could manage the issue of banners. Including whether to specify in bylaw whether candidates can camp out or not, how to enforce these rules, and how to ensure fair allotment of banner spots. We have not begun the process of drafting a change to banners yet, but it is on our radar. Councillor Thronson has taken special interest in this project, so if you have any more questions please ask myself or Councillor Thronson during question period.

Justis Allard

**2015-15/6            BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-15/7            GENERAL ORDERS**

**2015-15/7d            RAHMAN MOTIONS to approve for referendum the FAMF proposal submitted by the Business Students' Association.**

**2015-15/7e            RAHMAN MOTIONS to approve for referendum the FAMF proposal submitted by the Engineering Students' Society.**

**2015-15/7f** ADEMAJ MOVES to ratify Ranya El-Sharkawi as Deputy Returning Officer for the 2015-2016 academic year, subject to her resignation from her position with InfoLink.

**2015-15/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-15/8i** PRESIDENT Report.

Please see LA 15-15.01

**2015-15/8j** VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL Report.

Please see LA 15-15.02

**2015-15/8k** Board of Governors Representative Report.

Please see LA 15-15.03

**2015-15/8l** Change to Operating Policy - Translation Policy Amendment.

Please see LA 15-15.04

**2015-15/8m** Students' Council Scholarship Nomination Forms - Fall 2015

Please see LA 15-15.05

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

**From:** Navneet Khinda, POTSU 2015-2016

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015)

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Good afternoon all,

This will be our last meeting before the New Year! And...I will have a little something for all of you on Tuesday ☺

Here's a recap of how I spent my time:

1. **CASA Policy & Strategy Conference in Halifax**
2. **Institutional Strategic Planning Retreat**
3. **Board of Governors Dinner**
4. **Board Finance and Property Committee**
5. **Dinner with AUFSJ**
6. **Upcoming meetings**
  - a. **Dean of Students**
  - b. **Registrar's Office**

1. Most of my time was spent in Halifax at the CASA conference hosted by Saint Mary's University. While it was very draining, it was also really rewarding! We had numerous sessions over the five days and they culminated in the membership choosing the four themes we will focus our lobbying on in the upcoming months. These themes are (1) financial aid and repayment assistance; (2) employment and entrepreneurship; (3) equity-seeking groups; and (4) research. Our next CASA conference will be a "SuperCon" which combines both Lobby Week and our AGM.

2. As soon as I landed in Edmonton after Halifax, I headed to the **institutional strategic planning retreat** hosted by President Turpin and his team. It brought together Board Governors, Senators, GFC members (including the student reps)! It's one of the collaborative measures used by the President to ensure buy-in towards the forthcoming strategic plan. In this sense, the process is more important, or just as important, as the outcome of the retreat.

3. I also attended a Board of Governors dinner the evening of the retreat. Suffice it to say, it was a crazy busy day!!!

4. On Tuesday I attended a meeting of the Board Finance and Property Committee. Of note are a few things. The committee formalized a motion setting the tuition rates 2015-16 in order to align with the Government's tuition freeze. International tuition is set to increase by 1.6% for 2016-2017. This motion will go to the Board in a few weeks; I voted against it due to our political policy on Tuition.

Another item was residence rental rates, which will have a base increase of 1.7%. A few residences will receive specific increases resulting from the installation of UWS as well as various premiums for having

been renovated, etc. Some residences will therefore have different base increases. For Aspen and Maple Houses, both two and four bedroom units have been furnished and will see an increase of \$210 and \$164 respectively.

In regards to the meal plan, I was able to push this decision back. The All You Care to Eat meal plan option *will not* be brought forward for the upcoming year. I am waiting to have another meeting to see what's next.

5. We had a casual sit-down with the lovely execs from Faculté St. Jean!

6. On Monday morning, I have a meeting with the Dean of Students and on Tuesday we meet with the Registrar.

Have a jolly December!!!



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**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for December 1, 2015 meeting)

## **Introduction**

**Hey crew,**

Sorry for the late report but read below on the exciting things I got to do over the last little while! I feel like I've been away fro so long and I'm really looking forward to seeing all your faces. Hopefully you are buckling down for finals as the end of the semester approaches. I know from experience that now is the time to use all those time management skills that you've had to develop over the last years. That said, if you do need a Netflix show to watch as "just a 20 minute break", I would definitely suggest starting Archer. It's on Netflix and just a great show. Anyways....to the report!

## **Municipal**

The letter that the ESA has drafted for the city talking about transit is in its final stages and we are currently just waiting on a logo from one school before we send it.

Other than that I will be sending a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding property taxes on student residences. For a long time the SU has been advocating for the removal of property taxes from student residences with the money being funneled towards deferred maintenance ion residences. To be completely honest, it has never gained much traction in the past, but with the new government it makes sense to test the waters on this issue. I will be sending a letter outlining the problem and our proposed solution to the Minister to see if they are interested in changing property taxes on residences at all. If there are, I will pursue it but if not I will just keep it in the files. At this point there are more important lobby priorities but it would be a mistake not to test the waters on this issue with the new government/Minister.

## **Provincial**

CAUS is still working on our tuition submission to the Government of Alberta, and we had the chance to talk with Lisa Fox from the Ministry of Advanced Education in Calgary on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was great because it also coincided with our all-executive meeting, meaning that it was not just VPX/Presidents in the room, but almost all the executives from all the CAUS schools. We gave lots of feedback on what the PSE system in Alberta should look like, and spent a lot of time talking about mental health funding, which was great to talk about with a senior government official.

The VPX at the University of Lethbridge and I are currently working on a letter to send to the Ministry of Health regarding mental health funding for students. We are writing it with the idea of creating a solution for the entire sector, from Universities to Community Colleges. This will be a two-pronged solution; with funding going towards institutions dedicated to baseline services such as counselors and psychiatrists (which is a lobby point from CAUS), and a dedicated fund that gives money to student associations for projects around stigma reduction and outreach (which is a lobby point from ASEC). We hope that this will solidify in the mind of the Ministry the way that they can both support students in outreach and access to services on campus.

## **Federal**

President Khinda, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and I were in Halifax from November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a CASA conference. This conference is titled Policy and Strategy and is the conference where we set our advocacy priorities for the year as well as talk about our government relations strategy. I realize it may seem like it is very late in the year for this, but usually this conference would be late in the summer but this year was substituted by the GOTV conference in August. This wasn't that big of a deal as both our lobby priorities and our GR strategy and dependent on the government that was elected. So, without further ado, here are CASA's lobby priorities for the year:

- Student financial aid and repayment assistance
  - This related to upfront grants as well as support for students who have trouble repaying their student loans after they graduate
- Employment and entrepreneurship
  - One of the really cool things about this is that the Prime Minister is the Minister of Youth, which suggests that there will most definitely be movement in the government around youth. CASA plans on positioning itself as a leader in youth and student employment.
- Equity-seeking groups
  - These are groups that may be underrepresented in PSE or face issues while in the system, including Aboriginal students and LGBTQ+ students
- Research
  - Though research is not often an undergraduate issue, CASA is currently developing a policy around undergraduate research. As well, we have graduate schools that are members of CASA that we must accommodate. Finally, if CASA would like to position itself as a leader in the PSE system as a whole, we must focus on all aspects of the system which includes research.

These are all advocacy themes and the board of directors (of which I am a member) in consultation with the home office staff of CASA, will pick the specific polices attributed to these themes.

**Internal Students' Union**

We have hired a new External Communications and Media Advisor and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Alix Kemp! Alix is a U of A graduate and has worked at Alberta Venture magazine and is a past Gateway editor! We are very excited to have Alix in the office and I'm really looking forward to working with her.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the councilors who were able to come out to Question Period on the 25<sup>th</sup>! I really appreciate you all coming, as it was great to more than just me in the Legislature. It really shows that our campus and our student government is involved and watching what this government is doing, which is a powerful message to send.

Anyways that's about it for me, feel free to ask any questions you may have about my last few weeks. The last little while has been very busy but I'm looking forward to the holiday break.

Happy Holidays and see you on the flipside,



Dylan

December 1, 2015

**To: SU Council**

**From: Governor Khan**

**Re: BoG Report for December 1, 2015 Meeting**

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**Board of Safety, Health, Environment Committee (BSHEC) (November 17)**

This was the first meeting under the new terms of references which now include new members including the Dean of Students, Robin Overall, and a non-clinical community health expert (currently filled by William Lau). Robin created a presentation for us and provided us information from the National College of Health Assessment (NCHA) in order to compare ourselves to other Canadian Universities. It was worth noting that rural, smaller universities did much better in regards to mental wellness/illness statistics and also did significantly better at retaining students. Here were some key statistics for UofA 2013:

How many students:

1. Attempted Suicide	1.8%
2. Seriously Considered Suicide	8.6%
3. had Severe Anxiety	27.1%
4. had stress negatively impact performance	37.6%
5. felt socially isolated	18.1%
6. felt so depressed it was difficult to function	36.6%

\* This was done by survey distributed randomly among 5000 students with about a 40% response rate

Although I personally felt these numbers reflected what I've seen and experienced, other Board members were shocked to see the numbers as high as it was. I believe the move to include the Dean of Students and her expertise has already been of great benefit in giving the Board a better reflection of what students are experiencing. Although I asked, there was no comparative data for how the general population numbers look like in comparison. The Dean of Students made clear their efforts were not just about people dealing with clinical issues, but helping the wellness of students in general (ex: students going through rough patches, having a bad day, dealing with the

stress of poor marks, etc.). If there was a concern I had about administration initiatives to combat student wellness/mental health issues was in how they measured success. **Success was measured by how many people use their service.** I find this a concerning metric to use because it assumes that the services are actually effective as opposed to targeting the statistics I mentioned earlier and trying to reduce them instead.

### **General Board Meeting on December 11**

There will be a Board of Governors general meeting on December 11 at 8 AM (to noon) in SAB 2-31. If anyone would like to attend the open portion feel free to send me a message. In future I'll be giving date/times/locations of future meetings in case anyone wants to attend them. I will release the open material as soon as it is available to me.

## LA 15-15.04

## Operating Policy Manual

Revision as of 16:31, 24 July 2015 (edit)

Admin

← Older edit

Latest revision as of 22:53, 27 November 2015 (edit)

(undo)

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+ **# Notwithstanding 7.4(a), the Executive Committee may elect to conduct translations using a committee of three (3) students, provided that:**

+ **## they are members of Faculty Saint-Jean;**

+ **## they can reasonably prove their skill level in both English and French; and**

+ **## the material in question being translated will only be distributed to Campus Saint-Jean students on their campus.**

~~Latest revision as of 22:53, 27 November 2015~~

~~Operating policy acts as a standing directive from the Executive Committee to the organization and outlines policies and procedures that all employees, volunteers, members of Students' Council and departments of the Students' Union are expected to follow.~~

~~It shall be expected that department-specific operating policies are maintained by the head of the department in consultation with Core Management and the Executive Committee.~~

~~1 General~~~~1.1 Alterations to Operating Policy~~

- ~~a. Operating policies may be created, amended, suspended, or retired by either the Executive Committee or Students' Council.
 
  - ~~i. Any alterations approved by the Executive Committee shall be reported to Students' Council.~~~~
- ~~b. Individuals may make requests for policy reviews to the Executive Committee. Requests which must include a statement of the reasons as to why a policy review should be conducted.~~
- ~~c. Responsibility for the effective administration of the operating policy manual shall rest with the Vice President (Operations & Finance).~~
- ~~d. The Executive Coordinator, under the guidance and direction of the Vice President (Operations & Finance), shall be responsible for ensuring that:~~



# Council Scholarship Nomination Form

As per Council Standing Orders, two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to members of Students' Council at the last meeting of each trimester. Members of Council may nominate as many other members as they wish throughout the year, and members may receive more than one scholarship in a year. The Speaker, General Manager, and members of the Executive Committee are ineligible.

The criteria for each scholarship is:

- (a) Representative of his/her constituents' opinions and concerns in Students' Council matters;
- (b) Serves as an ambassador of Students' Council in the campus community and attempts to further empower students;
- (c) Excellent attendance; and
- (d) Activity on committees.

**Trimester (circle):** Spring/Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Winter 2016

**Nominee:** ALEX KWAN

**Nominator:** Annie Duan

## Nomination Statement:

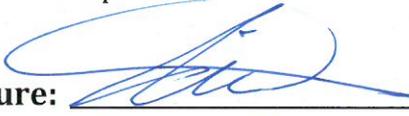
In one page or less, please describe why the nominee is deserving of a scholarship. The criteria for this award is excellent attendance, being active on committees, being an ambassador of Students' Council in the campus community, attempting to further empower students, and representing their constituents' opinions and concerns in Students' Council matters.

Alex is an intelligent, compassionate, and dedicated individual, and does not hesitate to step up when he is needed above and beyond his regular duties. Aside from his perfect attendance on council, he is extremely active on his roles on the Finance Committee. Firstly, he serves as a proxy for Vice-President Bondarchuk on the Student Group Services Granting Committee where he dedicates almost 20 hours every granting period reviewing

# Council Scholarship Nomination Form

granting reports and scoring them. Additionally, he has nominated himself to sit as a Student Council Representative for the Golden Bears and Ponchas Legacy Fund Committee, as well as the SU Awards Selection Committee that <sup>had</sup> essentially forfeited his chance of receiving an award himself this year. Moreover, he also sits on the Health Center Advocacy Group Board Member nominated by Council. Beyond Council, Alex has helped VP Hanwell on the Federal GOTV campaign as a Class-Talk point person <sup>where he</sup> ~~think~~ coordinated 5 volunteers and completed over ~~10~~ 15 class talks over the period of 3 weeks. He further expansion his involvement and student <sup>representation</sup> ~~presentation~~ by serving as a GFC Councillor, Director on his Faculty Association, and VP on his departmental association. I cannot recommend Alex highly enough for this award for <sup>his selflessness</sup> ~~his selfless~~ and <sup>the</sup> fine work he has done for Council, especially because he never seeks out recognition for his involvement, and only does it to make campus life better for students.

Nominations must be signed by the nominator and a minimum of two other members of Students' Council. Please include the printed name next to each signature, and return this form to the Speaker when completed.

Nominator Signature:  ANNIE DUAN

Support Signature:  Levi Flaman

Support Signature:  Fahim "Fuhezy" Rahman

Support Signature:  Kevin Wang

Support Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Trimester (circle):** Spring/Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Winter 2016

**Nominee:** Levi Flaman

**Nominator:** Charles Lewis

### Nomination Statement:

In one page or less, please describe why the nominee is deserving of a scholarship. The criteria for this award is excellent attendance, being active on committees, being an ambassador of Students' Council in the campus community, attempting to further empower students, and representing their constituents' opinions and concerns in Students' Council matters.

Levi Flaman does an excellent job of maintaining his participation through excellent attendance & continued participation in the committees. He has gone as far as participating in the councillor mentorship program. By maintaining his voice on council he represents his faculty strongly & ensures that his opinion is considered. He is an amazing councillor.



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**Nominee:** Levi Flaman

**Nominator:** Brandon Christensen

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- Councillor Flaman makes an effort to attend all  
committee meetings including committees he set down 4s. ten.
- He has attended 100% of Students' council meeting.
- Makes an effort to stay active on twitter to  
communicate student council agenda items to  
other constituents.
- Seeks to enhance relations to students and  
Student Council.

