
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Council Chambers, University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2015-21)

2015-21/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2015-21/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2015-21/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2015-21/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2015-21/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2015-21/5a ***Councillor Christensen to Vice President Rahman:***

In regards to item 8d you have submitted for this meeting could you please provide Students' Council with the names of the faculties that currently have vacancies as of the 2016 General Election? Furthermore, could you speak to which faculties historically have had vacancies on Students' Council, as these are the faculties and Faculty Associations most likely to be affected by this change?

2015-21/5b ***Vice President Rahman's Response to Councillor Christensen:***

Thank you Councilor Christensen for the question. This upcoming year, I anticipate vacancies from Augustana, Education (two seats), Native Studies, Pharmacy, and Physical Education & Recreation.

Over the past three years, there have been vacancies from Augustana (once), Education (three times, with two years having two vacant seats), Medicine & Dentistry (once), Native Studies (twice), Nursing (twice), Open Studies (once), Pharmacy (once) and PhysEd & Rec (once). All of those numbers are from data after the year's Fall by-election.

2015-21/6 **OPEN FORUM**

2015-21/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2015-21/7b PACHES MOVES to appoint one Councillor to the Audit Committee.

2015-21/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2015-21/8f

HANWELL MOVES to approve the Student Employment First Principles.

Please see LA 15-21.01

2015-21/8g

HANWELL MOVES to approve the Truth and Reconciliation Commission First Principles.

Please see LA 15-21.02

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2015-21/9j

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL Report.

Please see LA 15-21.03

Student Employment First Principles

1. There are opportunities for the federal government to implement and improve student employment programs
2. Student employment programs should run throughout the year, not just over the summer
3. Students deserve to be compensated fairly from private companies that receive student wage subsidies
4. Student employment programs should have a positive impact on students while advancing their employable skills
5. Students accepting unpaid internships should be given similar rights to those taking paid work

TRC First Principles

1. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission came forward with “Calls to Action” that are relevant to all Canadians.
2. As the Students’ Union, we have a mandate to improve the undergraduate experience at the U of A
3. The U of A Students’ Union should adopt Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Final Report that directly relate to the undergraduate experience at the University of Alberta.
4. The education and employment gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students should be eliminated
5. The backlog of Aboriginal students seeking post-secondary education must be dealt with
6. Aboriginal language programs are an important for the University of Alberta to offer
7. Students in the following areas of study should have mandatory aspect of their degree that deals with Aboriginal Peoples in reference to their studies:
 - a. Medicine
 - b. Nursing
 - c. Law
 - d. Theology
8. There should be funding available to those that wish to integrate indigenous knowledge into the classroom
9. Undergraduate students will benefit from the increased ability to do research on understanding reconciliation
10. University of Alberta Museums and Libraries should work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for March 22, 2016 meeting)

Introduction

Hey folks,

This is the second last council report that you'll be reading from me and I'm sad to see that out time is almost over together. That said, congratulations to the councilors that were re-elected, I'm sure you will do great next year.

This meeting I have also brought a couple policies that need to be passed but I will explain them in more detail during debate today

Municipal

This Thursday I will be meeting with Edmonton City Councilor Andrew Knack. There isn't much on the agenda past a general check-in but I wanted to run ETS fines for not having your U-Pass by him and see if he had any thoughts. The U of C recently wrote a letter to the City of Calgary outlining the issue with students forgetting their transit pass and being fined for it.

As well, we had an Edmonton Student Alliance meeting last week where the Provost from MacEwan University came and spoke to us. He came of behalf of the Edmonton Coalition of Post-Secondary Institutions, a group of all the Provosts in the city. This was a good presentation where he outlined the goal of the coalition as starting to establish Edmonton as a 'learning city' due to the large amount of students and post-secondary institutions we have. This will be interesting to watch develop in the future and thankfully by successor was able to be at the meeting.

Provincial

April 3-6 will be the CAUS Lobby Con where we will be out at the Legislature lobbying MLAs. The great thing about CAUS Lobby Con is that all the incoming Presidents/VPXs will be able to come and learn how to lobby.

CAUS is also currently running a campaign for the renewal of mental health funding, and I would really appreciate some help from any councilors who are interested. We have a Facebook group for all CAUS schools that we are using to organize the campaign, and I can add you to the group as well as work on our own campus specific campaign.

Federal

The federal budget will be announced today and please ask me in Council about any updates that relate to post-secondary.

Other than that, not much to report federally. I will be working with the Board of CASA and my committee to wrap up the projects that we have to pass them on to the new members of CASA.

Internal Students' Union

The Student Experience Survey that I spoke about before was launched and closed. It was a success as we received over 1300 responses. We have now accepted a bid from a market research company that will be coding all of the responses and running cross tabulations on the data we received. After that, myself and Surma (who works in the Department of Research and Political Affairs) will write a final report. By the end of my term we should have a good idea about what the 'student experience' is on campus at the U of A!

That's about it folks, sorry for the late report but hopefully it answers all your questions and more, see you all soon.

Until next time,



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