

**STUDENTS'  
COUNCIL**

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**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

**6:00PM**

**Council Chambers, University Hall**

**LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2016-18)**

**2016-18/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

**2016-18/2      PRESENTATIONS**

**2016-18/2c**      Myer Horowitz Theatre Update presented by Marc Dumouchel, General Manager of the Students' Union

Marc will provide council with an update on the Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Project. The presentation will mainly focus on the design, and the next steps that must be taken.

**2016-18/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2016-18/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2016-18/5      OPEN FORUM**

**2016-18/5c      *BASHIR MOHAMED to VP SANDARE:***

Have you ever been to a protest? If so, what was it about? (NOT including the rally to re-prioritize post-secondary education)

***VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:***

Dear Mr. Mohamed,

Thank you very much for your question. As I mentioned during question period at our last council meeting, I am not opposed to protests. Activism and advocacy are two sides to the same coin, however each should be used when the time is right for maximum effect.

With regards to your question, yes I have attended protests in the past. During the 'Idle No More' movement, I attended a protest here in Edmonton. In addition, a couple of years ago while I was building my opinion on tuition and student financial aid, I was lucky enough to attend a tuition protest while in Montreal. Grassroots activism has its place when advocacy is no longer effective, as it is a good way to engage the public and restart conversation. However timing is key to ensure maximum effect.

**2016-18/5e**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to VP GHOSSEIN:***

What is being done to combat the outrageous rent proposed by the PLLC residence?

***VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question, Mr. Mohamed.

The rates for the Peter Lougheed Hall first came to my attention in a Residence Budget Advisory Committee (RBAC) meeting as part of a bundle containing the proposed increased rates for all residences.

I voiced my concerns with the proposed rates: explained that the PLH rates specifically were restrictive to most students. Shortly after, I brought it up as a discussion point at our executive committee and strongly recommended that President Rahman voices his opposition at the Board level. At the December 16th Board of Governors meeting, President Rahman voted against the proposed rates.

**2016-18/5f**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR ANGUS:***

One of your platform points was to raise awareness on scholarships and bursaries by putting it in one central spot. What is the progress on this platform commitment?

***COUNCILLOR ANGUS' RESPONSE:***

Hey Bashir, thanks for continuing to be an active constituent. In response to your question, I've unfortunately have had limited success with achieving greater publicity for scholarships and bursaries thus far. Although I still have a couple months left in my term, so I'm looking forward to having productive discussions with VP Paches and VP Banister to see what groundwork can be laid to make some progress on this front.

Despite this shortcoming, I've been able to make great progress on my other two campaign points, which I assume you're familiar with. I'm currently the liaison for OASIS and have had great discussions with their current president, Haiqa Cheema, about better collaboration between the FA and the SU and I've been active in advocating against the Lister meal plan proposal and the recent potential cuts in the Faculty of Art programming.

Thanks again for reaching out and I look forward to seeing at our next council meeting! Remember, you can always reach out to us via email or through open forum, before or after election season!

**2016-18/5h**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR NDATAIRWA:***

One of your platform commitments was to have a social media campaign to ask students why they were not voting or their general apathy. What is the progress on this platform commitment?

***COUNCILLOR NDATAIRWA'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for your question and I am glad to see that someone is interested in councillor platforms. To shortly answer your question, since our second semester in council (the fall semester) we haven't had much progress in this area. That being said, we (Council Administration Committee specifically) have been looking at ways to get the general public interested in council. With regards to the social media campaign, though I still think it is a really great idea to get more people involved, if we do not have a strong foundation or interested students to start with, I do not think it would work (because it would be the students who have already shown interest in SU activities that would be reached again, and that is not the objective of this platform point).

For now, I along with many other councillors are finding other ways to engage with our constituents to first start at the basics so that we can work our way up, if that makes sense. There are a couple projects that are in the works, however, I am unable to fully disclose these plans, as they have not reached their final stage of development.

With regards to creating a stronger awareness of what is happening in the SU, I am planning on holding office hours where I can talk to more students in my constituency as well as being a little more active on my SU Facebook page where I will be keeping students updated with the things that are happening on council.

**2016-18/5k**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR MONDA:***

I wasn't able to find your platform anywhere. What do you think has been your biggest disappointment this year? (in terms of things that you were not able to accomplish).

***COUNCILLOR MONDA'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question. During the campaign period, my platform was available on my website. The URL for the platform website was on all my campaign materials and social media platforms. If you send me an email, I would be happy to provide you with a copy. While there is still much of the term left, I have fulfilled a significant amount of the promises in my election platform. On the residence advocacy front, I worked to engage students in

the meal plan governance process and provided Council with updates on the unionization of residence student staff. To engage students at large in Council, I worked with CAC and IST to create the new livestream service. For the remainder of the term, I will be focusing on Fine Arts student safety, which I continue to work on with the Visual Arts Students Association, Music Students Association, and Student Design Association. I am also supporting OASIS in their advocacy efforts, specifically focusing on the proposed Bachelor of Design program route cuts. And of course, I will continue to maintain my 100% attendance rating at Council meetings. If you have any concerns or feedback related to my performance on Council this year, please do not hesitate to reach out and I would be happy to meet with you.

**2016-18/6**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**2016-18/6b**

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to VP SANDARE:***

Can the VP provide the current budget and expenses incurred for EMPfest?

***VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:***

Hello Councillor Larsen,

Thank you for your question. I would love to update you on the budget for EMP FEST, however I would like to note that I will not have the total expenses until after the festival has been completed.

The current budget sits at \$8,820, with the majority of costs being venue and marketing. However, we received \$5,000 in sponsorship from Alumni Relations, in addition the final expenses will include revenue from liquor and ticket sales from the events such as the Networking Night. I would also like to note that my budget estimates are on the higher end as well.

I hope this answers your question!

**2016-18/7**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2016-18/8**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2016-18/9**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2016-18/9a**

Report from the Policy Committee

Please see SC 16-18.15



## POLICY COMMITTEE

**Date:** 20 January 2017

**To:** Students Council

**From:** Victoria deJong, Policy Committee Chair

**Subject:** Chair's Report

Dear Students' Council:

In accordance with Bylaw 100, Section 16 the following written report has been submitted to the University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council. This report has been completed to permit decisions of Policy Committee to be approved as outlined in Bylaw 100, Section 16(3).

### 1) Decisions of Policy Committee

- The next meeting of Policy Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 31, at 4:00PM
- We looked at a review of the MNIF Policy and chose to wait until our next meeting to bring it to Council.
- Councillor deJong will review all policies and Policy Committee standing orders to check for gendered language by the Committee's next meeting.
- Councillor Howie will lead a review of the Tuition Policy, with support from the Committee.
- All agendas will now begin with a Treaty Recognition.

### 2) Recommendations of Policy Committee

Policy Committee has no recommendations at this time.

### 3) Policy Committee Standing Orders

There have been no changes to Policy Committee Standing Orders.

### 4) Summary of Motions

| Motion                                                                                      | VOTES                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| DEJONG/SANDARE move to add "MNIF Policy Review" to the agenda above "Tuition Policy Review" | 7/0/1 (LARSEN Abstained)   |
| RAHMAN/NDATIRWA move to approve the minutes for November 28, 2016                           | 8/0/0 (Carried)            |
| MONDA/LARSEN move to refer the MNIF Policy to the next meeting of Policy Committee.         | 7/0/1 (NDATIRWA Abstained) |



## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your attention. Please feel free to make any inquiries via email to [vdejong@ualberta.ca](mailto:vdejong@ualberta.ca), or via written or oral questions in Question Period.

Cheers,

Victoria deJong  
Chair, Policy Committee  
University of Alberta Students' Union

(Submitted electronically)