

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

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2017-07/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2017-07/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

2017-07/2 PRESENTATIONS

2017-07/2a SUNDAY/SCOTT SPONSOR a presentation from the members of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee

Presentation Description:

The members of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee (AARC) will be going over their progress thus far in relation to its mandate. Also, the presentation will discuss some of ARRC's findings, as well as recommendations in moving forward.

2017-07/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2017-07/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2017-07/5 OPEN FORUM

2017-07/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2017-07/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-07/7a Bill #2 - Joke Candidates - Second Reading

CHRISTENSEN/BROPHY MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #2 - Joke Candidates, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

First Principles

1. A joke candidates is currently defined as “any candidate who chooses not to use their given name or a reasonable derivative of their given name when appearing on the ballot.”
2. A joke candidate will be redefined as “any candidate who chooses not to use their given name, a reasonable derivative of their given name, or their preferred name, as defined in Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300, when appearing on the ballot.”
3. In 2015, a protocol was created and entrenched in Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 which outlined a process for preferred names. The protocol will be updated to modernize the process further.
4. In the context of Bylaw 2400, it is unclear what happens if a joke candidate were to achieve more votes than a candidate in a race.
5. Bylaw 2400 shall be amended to clarify that, if a joke candidate does receive more votes than any other candidate, the joke candidate shall be dropped from the ballot and counting shall continue, with the joke candidates’ ballots being redistributed in accordance with normal conventions for SU elections.
6. In the context of Bylaw 2200 and 2300, a joke candidate may become a real candidate within 48 hours of being designated a joke candidate.
7. Bylaw does not currently stipulate when a person is designated a candidate.
8. Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 shall be amended to state that a person becomes a candidate at the nomination deadline.
9. Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 shall be amended to state a joke candidate may become a real candidate within 48 hours of the nomination deadline.

See SC 17-07.01.

2017-07/7b Bill #3 - Universal Materials - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/JONES MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #3, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

First Principles

1. The regulation of Universal Materials for elections has been a point of confusion for a number of years.
2. In 2016, a new framework was created, which attempted to simplify the

process of Universal Materials, although this process was largely unfollowed.

3. Universal Materials legislation shall be updated and simplified in the following ways:
 - a. The Universal Materials budget for each candidate, as defined in bylaw, will be abolished. Each candidate will have one and only one “main” budget for their expenses totalling the amount prescribed in Bylaw 2200 and 2300 respectively.
 - b. The C.R.O. shall provide only basic materials, herein “Universal Materials,” within the candidate workroom. The funding for these supplies shall be derived from the Elections Office budget. Candidates shall be permitted to use these supplies in the creation, dissemination, and/or distribution of their campaign materials. These supplies shall not be counted against the candidates’ budget.
 - c. The C.R.O. shall purchase or supply whatever basic materials they deem appropriate.
 - d. The C.R.O. shall provide a list of Universal Materials in the candidate nomination package.
 - e. The elections staff shall replenish the Universal Materials as they become depleted during the elections period, where feasible.
 - f. Excluding Universal Materials physically provided by the elections office, all other materials must be included in the candidate’s budget with costs, receipts and/or fair market assessment included.
4. Bylaw 2200 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes.

See SC 17-07.08.

2017-07/7c SCOTT/BROPHY MOVE upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the renewal of the Student Financial Assistance Policy based on the following first principles:

1 Facts

1. **Post-secondary** education is ~~must be viewed as~~ a public good due to the benefits it brings to the social structure and tax system.
2. The cost of attaining a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, the cost of educational materials, and living expenses.
3. The cost of a university education as well as student debt continues to increase ~~has increased and continues to increase~~.
4. The high costs associated with university education pose a barrier to accessing, and a disincentive to completing a university education.

5. Students who do not receive financial assistance for their education may be required to take on large amounts of debt.
6. Some students require part or full time employment in order to finance their education.
7. There ~~is~~ ~~exists~~ an opportunity cost for individuals who choose to pursue an education rather than earnings from working.
8. Students partaking in part or full time employment do not have the same opportunity for academic achievements as those who do not require employment to finance their education.
9. The high cost associated with university education can be detrimental to academic and extracurricular student achievement ~~by diverting student focus and effort to employment.~~
10. Need-based aid, up-front grants, merit-based awards, and student loans are all integral parts of the student finance system.
11. The current need-based aid, tax credit system, and merit-based awards application process is inefficient and time consuming.
12. Need-based aid **is** an integral part of the student finance system, without which students in financial need could not afford a university education.
13. Merit-based awards target students who are less likely to have dire need of financial aid.
14. The University of Alberta should not only aim to attract talented students, but demonstrate a commitment to supporting undergraduate students with financial needs and assist them in realizing their full potential.

2017-07/7d SCOTT/BROPHY MOVE, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the renewal of the Deferred Maintenance Policy based on the following first principles:

1 Facts

1. **Deferred maintenance is defined as an amount needed but not yet expended for repairs, restoration, or rehabilitation of an asset.**
2. Funding for routine building and systems preventive maintenance has been significantly cut back, resulting in a substantial backlog of deferred maintenance.
3. The accumulation of significant deferred maintenance liability represents a failure of the government to adequately fund the operations of the University.

4. Deferred maintenance reduces the quality of the undergraduate learning experience, the University's public image, and presents a potential health and safety hazard.
5. It is inappropriate for the University and the government to expect current and future undergraduates to fund the correction of historically deficient resource allocation.

2017-07/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2017-07/8a USHAKOV/PACHES MOVE to appoint two members of Students' Council to the Campus Activities Board.

See SC 17-07.12

2017-07/8b CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to change Students' Council practice, precedent and custom by allowing students-at-larges and other non-Students' Councillors/Executives/Proxies/Designates to serve as voting members of Students' Council's standing committees.

2017-07/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-07/9a Report from the President.

See SC 17-07.09.

2017-07/9b Report from Vice President (External).

See SC 17-07.02

2017-07/9d Report from Vice President (Student Life).

See SC 17-07.03

2017-07/9e Report from Vice President (Academic).

See SC 17-07.04

2017-07/9f Report from Vice President (Operations and Finance).

See SC 17-07.05

2017-07/9g Student Council Motion Tracking Sheet.

See SC 17-07.06

2017-07/9h Student Council Attendance.

See SC 17-07.07

2017-07/9i Bill #2 - Joke Candidates Attachment

See SC 17-07.08

2017-07/9j Bill #3 - Universal Materials - *Second Reading* Attachment

See SC 17-07.09

2017-07/9k Bylaw Committee Spring/Summer Report

See SC 17-07.10

2017-07/9l Policy Committee Spring/Summer Report

See SC 17-07.11

2017-07/9m Campus Activities Board - Terms of Reference

See SC 17-07.12