
**Tuesday, October 16, 2018
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2018-11)

2018-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2018-11/1a Oath of Office

2018-11/1b Council Scholarships

2018-11/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-11/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2018-11/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2018-11/5 OPEN FORUM

2018-11/5a President LARSEN to Councillor THIBAudeau:

"Thank you for the question!

I will follow up for more information in the next week, however, we don't believe it to be feasible. This is for a few reasons; (1) the physical nature of the U-Pass, once applied, makes it impossible to transfer per the City of Edmonton policies (2) the collective nature in which the U-Pass is negotiated assumes a subsidy for students, as well as, a benefit for members, that the City does not want to replicate (3) there are programs for those in socioeconomic conditions that require support (4) under the current system, students can replace their U-Pass, which means that we want to avoid students transferring their pass and then immediately replacing it.

However, this does not mean we cannot raise the point in our next round of negotiations, and I'll pass the feedback on for that group. Past 2021-22, when the City moves towards an electronic pass, there may be more possibility of transfer between one-cards or other pass technologies."

2018-11/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2018-11/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-11/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2018-11/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-11/9a President - Report.

See SC-2018-11.01.

2018-11/9b Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2018-11.02.

Date: 15/10/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: President 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

I am back! My vacation was fantastic and getting caught up on emails as we speak. I did come back early so I could participate in Fridays Board of Governors meeting and happy to be back in the office today.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on the 12th and overall it was a fairly uneventful BoG meeting. To note, we did discuss budget drivers, as well as, board governance. The board did send back the principles of board membership document to the governance committee, as the board felt that the document should be more inclusive of all members, including internal members. Largely good news, as this could lead to opening up more student opportunity in university governance. Although not discussed at the board, it is important to note that the university is redoing its targets for 3-year budget models now. So far, almost all forecasts are fairly grim, as the provinces financial situation continues to dip going into an election year.

Reading to Victoria School of the Arts



By far the most wholesome thing I've gotten to do in this role so far!

To Note:

- Strategic Plan Committee has begun meeting and we have our third meeting tomorrow.
- Have a plan for Public Awareness Campaign and will be reporting progress to the finance committee
- Submitted updates to Standing Orders
- Tuesday will be at the inauguration of the Aga Khan Garden
- Will be attending the Alberta Party AGM this weekend as an observer

Cheers,



UASU President
Reed Larsen

Date: 15/10/2018

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hey Council!

Welcome to my report. I hope you're all enjoying the lovely fall weather. Things are moving super fast, and I'm really excited to head to a couple of conferences over the next two weeks.

1. Free Feminine Hygiene Products

We are looking into the possibility of offering free feminine hygiene products on campus. This year, we would like to see a limited number of locations offering free tampons to students in washrooms. Depending on our capacity to stock dispensers on campus, we will look into expanding the service to serve more students in more washrooms. Similar things have been done at McGill campus, but we would prefer to find a way to offer this service to students without having to raise student fees. Stay tuned! If you have ideas or want to talk more about this project, please let me know. Special shout out to some SU Staff for bringing this idea up with me, and to Simran Gulati and their PLLC team for kickstarting this initiative with their awesome research project last year.

2. Cannabis

VP Brown and I walked around with some university administrators to help pick the 4 cannabis smoking zones on North Campus. In addition, I attended a meeting with University communications teams to discuss the Students' Union's role in cannabis messaging. The Students' Union will not be taking an independent approach to cannabis messaging on campus at this time. Instead, we will be helping the Office of The Dean of Students, Risk Management, and other stakeholders communicate clearly to students what the rules on campus are. For a full explanation of cannabis on campus, as well as a map of the smoking zones, visit

<https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/cannabis-working-group>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or feel free to get in touch with cannabis@ualberta.ca

3. Residence

This has been a very busy time for residences. I'll go over the highlights. Jared Larsen, President of the HUB Community Association, and I will be presenting to university

administration about the possibility of bringing ONEcard scanners to HUB mall in an effort to increase safety and security in the residence. In addition, we hope to explore the possibility of opening up lounges such as Rutherford Lounge after hours to allow for more socialization and increase the number of available student oriented spaces. Newton Place is still in the process of getting their residence association up and running. The former representative for Newton Place entirely stopped communicating with Residence Services and the Students' Union, so we are still experiencing delays. We aim to have a full representative body by the beginning of November. East Campus Students Association is planning several events, and we are exploring new options for student representation in East Campus Village with Residence Services. The Lister Hall Students' Association is currently putting together a means for students to voice their concerns about living in Lister, collecting their stories and feedback via Google Form.

We received a copy of the Residence Satisfaction Survey, highlighting the experiences of students in residence. We have requested the raw version of this survey, which we believe will help us to better advocate on the needs of students living in residence. If you would like to hear more about the results (they are extensive), please reach out to me and we can arrange a meeting.

6. CFSS Working Group

I am currently collecting stories from students about how they stay safe on campus. The more responses the better! We are hoping to obtain a diversity of responses. If you would like to participate and share your experience with us, let me know and I'll get you the link to the Google Form.

7. Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC)

At the DAC meeting, we learned that the University is mandated by the provincial government to stop providing mental health support in the form of on-campus clinical care to students. This means that health care practitioners who prescribe prescriptions to students for mental illness will no longer practice on-campus. Importantly, counselling is exempt from the definition of clinical care. Additionally, available counselling hours have actually gone up for students this year. Funding from clinical services will be reinvested towards providing a higher level of care at off-campus locations such as the University of Alberta Hospital. This is concerning for students for a few reasons. First, students are a population with a high incidence of mental health struggles and mental illness. For campuses in Alberta that are not very close to a hospital, such as Grand Prairie Regional College, the impacts of this shift will be felt much more severely by their students. In accordance with resolutions 1 and 3 in our

Health and Wellness policy, the Students' Union will continue advocating for improved accessibility, efficiency, quantity, and quality of services as well as increased provincial funding for University (on-campus) service provision. The Students' Union believes that investing in on-campus mental health supports for our students, both clinical and non-clinical, is integral to student success.

8. Closing

I am headed to a United Nations Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders Forum this week. Next week, I head off to Montréal with Fahed Elian from the GSA to attend the Canadian Mental Health Association annual conference. I won't be very available for contact, so please reach out to one of the other VPs or Reed if you have anything you need to get ahold of me for.

Have a great week! Can't wait to tell you all about the conferences.



Andre Bourgeois
VP Student Life