

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:00PM 3-04 in Pavillon Lacerte, Faculty Saint Jean

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.

#### **LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2018-20)**

2018-20/0	SMUDGING CEREMONY
2018-20/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2018-20/1a	Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on <b>Tuesday, February 12, 2019</b> at 6:00PM in <b>Council Chambers</b> , at University Hall.
2018-20/2	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>
2018-20/2a	<b>BROWN MOVES</b> to allow the 'Campus Saint-Jean: une institution unique' Presentation.

Presentation Title: "Campus Saint-Jean: une institution unique"

#### **Presenters:**

- VP External Adam Brown
- Member of AUFSJ (TENTATIVE)

**Abstract:** Campus Saint-Jean has a unique history with the University of Alberta, western Canada, and the francophone community. This presentation will cover CSJ's history, Alberta's Francophonie, and the problems facing CSJ today.

2018-20/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2018-20/4	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
2018-20/5	OPEN FORUM
2018-20/6	QUESTION PERIOD
2018-20/7	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2018-20/7a ROWAN/BROWN MOVE**, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First

Reading of the Food Policy.

SC-2018.20.07.

**2018-20/8 GENERAL ORDERS** 

2018-20/9 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

**2018-20/9a** President - Report.

See SC-2018.20.01.

**2018-20/9b** Vice-President, Student Life - Report.

See SC-2018.20.02.

**2018-20/9c** Students' Council - Attendance.

See SC-2018.20.03.

**2018-20/9d** Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2018.20.04.

**2018-20/9e** Executive Committee Motion Tracker

See SC-2018.20.05.

**2018-20/9f** Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-19)

See SC-2018.20.06.

**2018-20/9g** Food Policy - First Reading

SC-2018.20.07.





Date: 25/06/2018

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

Dear Council,

Hope you stayed warm this weekend! My partner and I made sure to be stocked up on hot chocolate for Sunday so was pretty swag.

# **Board of Governors and Governance Committee**

I am thrilled to a inaugural member on the new Board of Governors Governance Committee sitting this Thursday! The BoG is reviewing its entire board structure right now! I am looking forward to working through new board committee mandates and a new structure for membership. Most importantly, the Board Governance Committee, in conjunction with other bodies, will be discussing and deliberating how new legislation and budget practices will work in our governing system, including things like approving fees, rents, or tuition. The BoG is having a comprehensive institutional plan briefing and strategy session this Friday, and I'll be able to further update council in the coming weeks.

# CSJ Town Hall

I was in attendance at the CSJ town hall on the 30th and VP Brown lead that discussion. Although a good portion of the hall was in French, I was able to get some good notes and look forward to going back for council!



VP Brown at Campus Saint Jean



# Residence Budget Advisory Committee (RBAC)

Following our last meeting with RBAC we anticipate that rent rates will be going up by 5% at the University of Alberta and meal plans by the consumer price index (CPI). This is in line with the Universities 3-year budget proposal from 2017/18. I continued to bring up our concerns in regards to continued increases especially as these increases are pushing residence into the upper limit of the rental market in the immediate area and are becoming increasingly unaffordable for students (a student can no longer cover the cost of residence, meal plan, and tuition on the maximum full-time student loan). The committee also had a brief discussion about what an appropriate method of calculating inflation would be for residence, so that administration can budget in a continued long-term manner. I continue to push for the standard of CPI, however, this discussion will likely be coming to the BoG within the next year.

# Candidate Meetings

I have tasked our external advisor to push for the UASU to meet with as many provincial candidates for the upcoming provincial election, including those candidates from outside of Edmonton. We have a few meeting lined up, of note though, was that VP Brown and I met with Kara Baker, the candidate for the UCP in the University riding. She was a supporter of the University community, including a lot of our approach to generating more students in Alberta. I look forward to building relationships with folks from all parties and lets hit this election running!

#### To Note:

- I intend to host a last-minute elections boot camp next week or during the reading week if time permits! The intent is to give some tips and tricks for those are last minute entries (folks like myself back in the day) to make the campaign a little more accessible.
- The executive attended the Alberta Anti-Racism Framework Consultation and gave feedback on how to best integrate the framework onto the UAlberta campus.
- The executive committee spent the day on 1st at an in-house retreat in which we prepared for the transition.
- Met with the Director of Athletics and Recreation to go over recent updates in the VSU scenario in Ontario and their new budget model.
- The Strategic Planning Committee has completed a draft and I will be presenting that to council at the next council meeting, time allowing.

Cheers.

UASU President Reed Larsen





Date: 29/01/2019

To: Students' Union Council Re: Report to Students' Council

#### Hi everyone!

Not too much has changed since our last meeting, and I will be sending my regrets to today's meeting to attend a Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund meeting.

Nonetheless, here are the updates on the projects I've been working on!

#### 1. HUB Residence

The University committed funding to support safety and security in HUB Mall! Congratulations to everyone who helped get this project off the ground and stuck with us throughout the process. The University and The Students' Union continue to seek feedback from students on HUB:

There is a survey available that only takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and you'll be entered into a draw to win a 100\$ bookstore giftcard! <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUwmVigs\_hQeTeNJHCtcEJz7aqeVwbUJk3-ORtnmOAeEZgKg/viewform?usp=sf\_link">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUwmVigs\_hQeTeNJHCtcEJz7aqeVwbUJk3-ORtnmOAeEZgKg/viewform?usp=sf\_link</a>

## 2. Post-Secondary Standards for Mental Health

Several campus stakeholders are involved in a national conversation to establish standards for mental health across Canada. We are incredibly excited for the opportunity to participate in the project, and look forward to seeing the results of the consultation.

#### 3. Board // GFC // Senate - Joint Summit

On January 25th, the Board of Governors, Senate, and GFC members came together to discuss the joint position paper from COPPOA, the Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta. The position paper outlines 3 major goals for Alberta Post-Secondary Eduction.

- 1) Increase the available seats in post-secondary institutions.
- 2) Grow the amount of up-front grant available to students from low-middle income families.
- 3) Increase the amount of funding available for research and innovation. While all three strategic areas are undoubtedly important for the student experience in Alberta, I feel concerned that there is no mention of ways to improve student life beyond financial assistance. It's important that we don't limit discussion of other



Vice President (Student Life)

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important issues such as mental health, sexual violence supports, and reconciliation efforts.

This is particularly relevant considering the Sexual Assault Centre protested the summit and outlined several concerns regarding the University Appeals Board and the University's approach to sexual violence practices. We look forward to a response from administration, and will continue to advocate for more immediate action from the university to make their policies and procedures fair and student-friendly.

## 4. East Campus Students' Association

The East Campus Students' Association is back! They hosted their first event since getting an executive team together and had over 100 people attend. It was amazing!

### 5. Closing

Earlier last week, CBC posted an article highlighting a student who had been evicted from their residence for self-harming. I would like to reiterate that under no circumstances is a letter like this ever acceptable, and the Students' Union strongly advocates for more supports for students who experience mental health struggles. The Students' Union remains in contact with the Dean of Students concerning this issue, and have received verbal confirmation that since October 26th, 2016, no such letters have been sent to students. This is a clear example of a case in which University administrators were not sensitive or aware of the complexities and nuance of student mental health, and confirms the necessity for on-campus mental health services and practitioners to help administrators respond to students at risk effectively, empathetically, and ethically.

If you need help, please do not hesitate to reach out. My door is always open, and there are several services you can reach out to in a time of need.

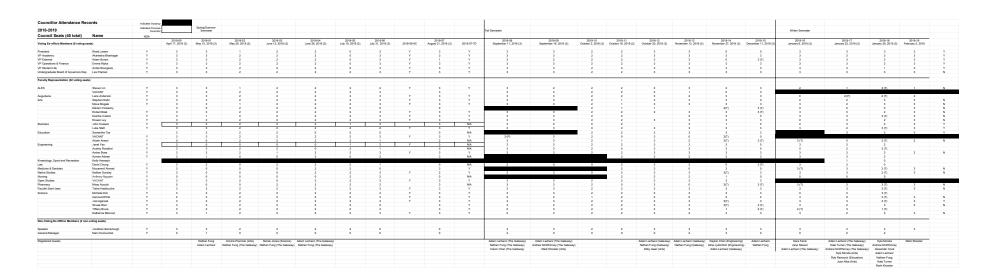
211: 24/7 Counselling Resources

780.482.4357: Edmonton Distress Line

Take care,

Andre Bourgeois

**VP Student Life** 



Mtg Code	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO budget no more than \$3000 to send the President, the VP External, Ms. Banister, and the DRPA to the Council of Alberta University Students Changeover Conference.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVED TO budget no more than \$5002 to send the President, VP (External), and the DPRA to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Foundations Conference.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the appointment of Shane Scott as the UGAA for a temporary term until August 31, 2018.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approach Fahim Rahman about taking on a temporary position as the temporary Director of Political Affairs.		
02	2018-05-10	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO appoint Akanksha and Andre to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
03	2018-05-28	4/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO send the SU Executives to Healthy Campus Alberta Wellness Su	ımmit at the U of C	BHATNAGAR away
03	2018-05-28	4/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve sending Craig Berry to speak at this year's COCA confe		
07	2018-06-18	4/0/0	LARSEN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Job Descriptions for the Director of Research and Adovacacy and the External Advocacy Advisor as persented.		BROWN away
09	2018-06-27	5/0/0	RIPKA/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve the rebranding of SUBmart to SUBmarket as presented.		-
10	2018-07-05	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED TO send VP External Adam Brown to the CAUS Lethbridge Counterparts Conference.		LARSEN away
11	2018-07-11	5/0/0	RIPKA/LARSEN MOVED TO pursue Filistix as a potential food vendor in the lower level SUB.		
12	2018-07-16	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO budget no more than \$2600.00 to send the President, VP External, and DRPA to CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference.		
13	2018-07-19	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$100 to purchase a founders membership to ParityYEG.		
14	2018-07-30	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Assistant Operations Manager- Retail Job Description as presented.		
15	2018-08-02	5/0/0	BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the JD for a GOTV Campaign Coordinator as presented.		
16	2018-08-13	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Social Media & Communications Associate Job Description as presented.		
17	2018-08-23	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation not to exceed \$600.00 for the Annual CSJ BBQ as presented.		RIPKA away
19	2018-08-30	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve SU signed letter to Dr. Turpin in support of the ACFA action on CSJ.		
19	2018-08-30	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve the budgetary transfer and job description for the Student Human Resources Coordinator as presented.		
24	2018-10-01	4/0/0	RIPKA/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$200.00 for Staff Appreciation as presented.		LARSEN away
25	2018-10-04	5/0/0	BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for no more than \$600.00 for the CAUS Tuition Campaign as presented.		
25	2018-10-04	5/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$100.00 Staff Appreciation – Doughnut Day as presented.		

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26	2018-10-16	4/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$850.00 for the 2017 CSJ BBQ as presented.		BOURGEOIS away
27	2018-10-29	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVED TO recommend the StudentCare contract for approval to Students' Council as presented.		
28	2018-11-01	4/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve a contingency request for \$8000 for a new large format printer as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
29	2018-11-06	5/0/0	LARSEN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve sending the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C Western Regional Conference as presented.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO not renew the Students' Union's contract with Canada Post as recommended.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Job Description for the Junior Tech Support Analyst as presented.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve \$1110.00 from the Project Allocation Fund for the Student Leaders Summit as presented.		
34	2018-11-22	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BHATNAGAR MOVE TO approve the Job Description for the Director of Conferencing and Events as presented.		
35	2018-12-05	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$600.00 for the Academic Advising Survey as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
35	2018-12-05	4/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$500.00 for the Network of Empowered Women Conference as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
36	2018-12-13	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVE THAT \$2000 be allocated from the Contingency Reserve to replace the Horowitz lobby water fountain as presented.		LARSEN away
37	2018-12-17	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$3000.00 for GovWeek 2019 as presented.		

#### 1 Facts

- Access to food preparation resources on campus is currently limited.
- Nutrition plays a vital role in the health and wellness of students and therefore can have a significant impact on their academic success.
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- Access to a variety of healthy food and beverage options available on campus is currently limited.
- Food and beverages sold on campus do not meet the needs of students with a variety of dietary restrictions.
- Nutritional information provided for food products sold on campus is currently limited.
- The purchase of food and beverages incurs a significant financial cost to students.
- 8. Students living in Lister
  Centre are required to
  purchase a mandatory meal
  plan that can only be used
  to purchase food and
  beverages from specific
  food vendors on campus
  who accept the plan as
  payment.
- The production, transportation, distribution, and/or consumption of food and beverages can have

#### 1 Facts

- 1. Food security, when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life, is essential to the mental and physical wellbeing of students, and as such may significantly impact their academic success.
- 2. Food insecurity at the University of Alberta is significantly higher than in Canada as a whole.
- There is a stigma surrounding food insecurity, which is viewed as a normal rite of passage in university.
- 4. Many students depend on food purchased at outlets on campus.
- 5. Access on campus to sufficient options for students with specific dietary needs including, but not limited to, vegetarian, vegan, kosher, halal, culturally appropriate, and allergen-free food.
- Access on campus to healthy and nutritious food is currently limited by both insufficient options and price.
- 7. Access on campus to affordable food options is limited.
- Nutritional information provided for food products on campus is currently limited.
- Access to food preparation facilities on campus is currently limited.
- 10. Students living in Lister Centre and Peter Lougheed Hall must purchase mandatory meal plans

adverse social and/or environmental impacts.

#### 2 Resolutions

- The Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food and beverage option.
- The Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options.
- The Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources.
- The Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations.
- 5. The Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic, local, or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact.

- giving unlimited access to residence cafeterias and limited access to certain outlets on campus.
- 11. Some residences have limited food preparation facilities, however they are typically insufficient for regular full meal preparation.
- 12. Many students lack education and awareness of healthy eating and the options that are available on campus.
- 13. Students have access to organizations including the Campus Food Bank that work to assist with food security.
- 14. The production, distribution, and consumption of foods and beverages can have adverse social and environmental impacts.

#### 2 Resolutions

- The Students' Union shall advocate that a food outlets serving a variety of cultural, religious, and medical food needs be made available on campus.
- 2. The Students' Union shall consider affordability and cultural, religious, and medical factors in selecting food outlets in spaces controlled by the Students' Union.
- 3. The Students' Union shall collaborate with partner organizations such as the Campus Food Bank when possible to reduce food insecurity.
- 4. The Students' Union shall advocate for improved access to food preparation facilities on campus, such as water fountains and water bottle filling stations and microwaves.
- 5. The Students' Union shall

- advocate that residence meal plans be affordable and offer nutritionally, culturally, religiously, and medically appropriate food to all students in residence.
- 6. The Students' Union shall advocate for education about healthy eating, and for nutritional information to be provided at campus food outlets.
- 7. The Students' Union shall advocate for environmentally and socially responsible food to be provided on campus, when available at affordable prices.