

Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
6:00PM  
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.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-04)

2019-04/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-04/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

2019-04/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-04/2a **Title:** 'Stride'

**Presenter(s):**

- Anusha Kav, Stride Coordinator

**Abstract:** The new Stride coordinator will be presenting, introducing the program to Councillors who may not know about it, as well as introducing us to the research that drives Stride: Identity Matters.

**VARGAS ALBA MOVES** to allow a presentation about the Stride program and about Identity Matters.

2019-04/2b **Title:** 'UASU External Advocacy'

**Presenter(s):**

- UASU VP External Adam Brown

**Abstract:** The UASU advocates to all levels of government in various ways, and collaborates with other student associations to ensure success. However, much of this work is done in ways that students do not see on a day-to-day basis. This presentation will cover all political advocacy initiatives and the processes these initiatives follow.

**BROWN MOVES** to allow a presentation about UASU External Advocacy.

2019-04/2c **Title:** “2019/20 Executive Committee” Presentation

**Abstract:** The 2019/20 Executive Committee would love to present to Students' Council a first draft version of our goals document. We are looking to get some insight, feedback and have conversations about these goals.

**Presenters:**

- President Akanksha Bhatnagar
- VP Academic Joel Agarwal
- VP Student Life Jared Larsen
- VP External Adam Brown
- VP Operations and Finance Luke Statt

**BHATNAGAR MOVES** to present the draft version of the 2019/20 Executive Goals document.

See SC-2019-04.11.

2019-04/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-04/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-04/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-04/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2019-04/6a **President BHATNAGAR to Councillor DRAPER:**

*“Bylaws are the primary legislation of the Students' Union and set out the basic legal structure and operational parameters of the Students' Union. These bylaws are key to ensuring the advocacy, governance and organizational structure of the UASU is reflective of our student membership. It's a big year for the Bylaw Committee and I am excited to see the work that happens. My question to the Chair of the Bylaw Committee is, can you let us know what major bylaws changes, updates and/or additions the committee has planned for this year? Thank you!”*

2019-04/6b **Councillor ALBA to Councillor DRAPER:**

*“Hi Councillor Draper,*

*At our last Policy Committee, it was mentioned that although this Policy Committee only has to renew 6 policies, there are 13 policies up for renewal in 2022. We had a discussion relating to what bylaw says about standards for policy renewal. I'm wondering, then, what does Bylaw tell us about standards for policy renewal, and is there any way to shift bylaw as to stagger renewal dates?*

*Thank you!”*

- 2019-04/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2019-04/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2019-04/8a **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to appoint four (4) Student Councillors to the SUB Capital Plan Task Force.
- 2019-04/8b **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to go in camera.
- 2019-04/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-04/9a President - Report.  
See SC-2019-04.01.
- 2019-04/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.  
See SC-2019-04.02.
- 2019-04/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.  
See SC-2019-04.03.
- 2019-04/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.  
See SC-2019-04.04.
- 2019-04/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.  
See SC-2019-04.05.
- 2019-04/9f Students' Council Attendance.  
See SC-2019-04.06.
- 2019-04/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-04.07.
- 2019-04/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-04.08.
- 2019-04/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-02) - Tuesday, May 21, 2019.  
See SC-2019-04.09.

2019-04/9j Update from UASU Elections Office.

See SC-2019-04.10.

2019-04/9k “2019/20 Executive Committee” - Presentation.

See SC-2019-04.11.

**Date:** June 13 2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2019/20 Report #4

Dear Council,

Today is a beautiful day! I am so excited for weather like this and I am writing this report on RATT at the Patio! Summer's at the Students' Union are beautiful, and there is just having good vibes all around. The team is doing fantastic, and our organization has been working hard to prepare for the school year ahead. Read below for a few key updates.

### **1. Executive Committee**

- The EC went on a day-long in-town retreat where we discussed our 2019/20 Goals Document, as seen in our agenda today. We also discussed our on-going strategy regarding anti-student association policies, deferred maintenance, and participated in our first official round of team feedback.

### **2. Internal University**

- **Board of Governors**
  - The Board of Governors is meeting this Friday. Key items discussed will include:
    - Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) Approval.
    - International Student Tuition Rates.
      - This passed at APC, with one vote against, myself. There are 3 other students on this committee, and all voted for, and I am quite upset about that.
    - Board Delegation of Authority for Approving Increases to Residence Rental Rates and Meal Plan Rates.
    - International Strategic Plan.
    - ToRs for all BoG committees are being approved.
- Joint Residence Advisory Committee
  - Both VP Larsen and I sit on JROC, and wow, watching VP Larsen flourish here was amazing. He was so in his element and I was starstruck for sure. Congratulate him on just being the amazing advocate he is!

### **3. External Advocacy**

- **Council of University of Alberta Students (CAUS)**
  - CAUS has been working on our priorities and we in the midst of picking a time for our Counterparts Conference.
  - We will be attending 'Intro to Gov', hosted by the Government of Alberta where we will be able to meet with the Minister of Advanced Education for a few hours.

**Akanksha Bhatnagar, President**

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#### **4. Internal Students' Union**

- We had our Mid-Year Managers Meeting. At this meeting, we shared our draft executive goals, discussed how to best implement our new strategic plan and discussed internal staff training regarding reconciliation and decolonization. We have a SU Truth and Reconciliation Framework, which will guide our training internally.
- We had our first Stride Working Group meeting and so folks know, I will be running election workshops!

#### **5. External University**

- My mom and I are attending the Board of Governors Board Recognition dinner tonight and I am happy I can bring her! I hope she is able to better see the work I do, and I can't wait to introduce her to folks.

Thank you for reading my report and I look forward to any questions you may have either via email, or during question period. My office hours this semester will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President  
**Akanksha Bhatnagar**

**Date:** 06/14/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #4

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Dear Council,

The sun is out and it's a wonderful time to sit out and work at RATT on the Patio! I am excited to say that I convoked this past Tuesday with a Bachelors of Science - definitely surreal to think how fast five years went by. I will be back as an Open Studies student. The past while has been busy with much planning for the next year. Here are some updates.

### **1. Executive Retreat**

The executive team met on Friday to crunch through the executive goals. We have made great progress on this, and we are excited to present to you all at Council!

### **2. Edmonton Journal**

I had my first ever media interview with the Edmonton Journal regarding free expression on campus. My message was clear and the same as I have been saying - that we as a Students' Union support open dialogue and discussion while maintaining a respectful, compassionate and inclusive environment. The interview went well overall.

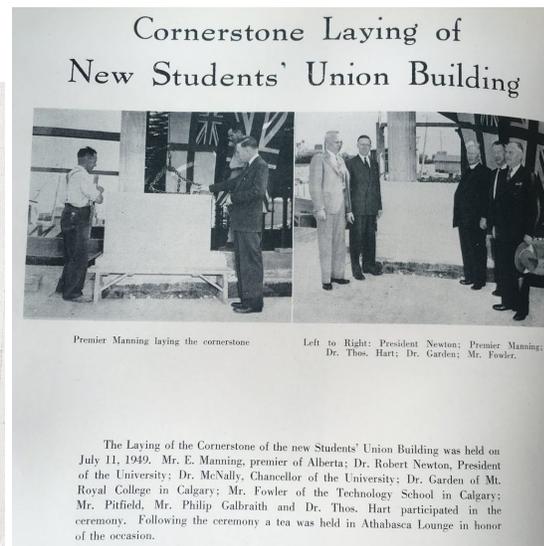
### **3. Research Event!!**

Thanks to everyone who has shown interest in joining the tentatively named "Research Event Planning Committee" which will be meeting in the next few weeks. The mandate of this group will be to brainstorm some ideas about a research event (1-2 days) in early October. The purpose of the event is to educate undergraduate students as to the options and opportunities to get involved in undergraduate research. Studies show the importance of mentored research and the impact it can have on the undergraduate experience, and yet many students are not aware of the opportunities available to them, especially the thousands of dollars of funding which do not look at GPA requirements. This working group will consist of various stakeholders including councillors, students at large, URI members and faculty/staff. **If you are interested please** send me an email ([vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca)) with your stated interest and resume no later than June 21, 2019.

### **4. Mid-Year Meeting**

Thursday was the mid year meeting where staff and us met to go through the executive goals and get feedback. We presented the goals and were able to get some feedback, as well as hear about staff perspectives on some of the various issues.

To end off, here are some photos from 1950 of the Students' Union Building! We have a rich history here and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your work in serving students across campuses.



Just a reminder that I am always here to talk if you need anything! Shoot me an email and we can grab coffee!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic  
**Joel Agarwal**

**Date:** 14/06/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #4

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Dear Council,

I am once again writing this report to you from our nation's capital. It has been a very busy and intense few days, but nevertheless I am very excited for GovCamp!

**1. USchool Convocation:** On June 4th, I attended the USchool Convocation ceremony as a member of the platform party on behalf of the SU and University Senate. It was honestly an incredible opportunity to see the impact this Senate program has on elementary and junior high school students in terms of how they now perceive university. One student remarked in an essay that they had been motivated to graduate from high school, unlike many members of their family, but it was not until USchool that they had considered being motivated to attend post-secondary education. I was extremely moved by that testimonial in particular, as it demonstrates some of the barriers that young Canadians and Albertans face when considering attending university, college or a polytechnic.

**2. Executive media training:** On July 26th, the Executive and External Advocacy Advisor will take part in media training provided by Catherine Keill of Keill and Co., a consultant firm in the Edmonton area. This will allow the Executive and staff overseeing media relations to effectively communicate the messages of student to the public and media stakeholders.

**3. Honorary Degree Reception:** On June 5th, VP Agarwal and I attended a convocation reception for honorary degree recipients. It was an excellent opportunity for us to network with University stakeholders and administration, as well as interact with some fantastic honorary degree recipients.

**4. Senate Presentation:** On June 11th, I [presented to the National Finance Committee of the Senate of Canada](#) on behalf of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. This was an excellent opportunity given to CASA and our partners, the Quebec Student Union, to present students' views on the federal budget to the Senate. This included, in particular, measures lowering interest rates on loans, work-integrated learning funding, parental leave for graduate students, and the value of up-front grants targeted at low and middle-income students. Overall, I think the Senators were very receptive to our asks and recommendations of options government should consider before the federal election. The Senate is often underestimated in terms of its legislative capacity, however many Senators are supporters of CASA and the work we do, and hope to do work that benefits students.

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**5. CASA Board Retreat:** From June 11-13, I participated in the transition retreat of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. This transition covered the intricacies of governance of a national not-for-profit organization, various CASA projects for the year (including Get Out the Vote), and assigning Board members as liaison connections to our membership across the country. I am very excited to work with the incoming Board, and Home Office staff, in advancing CASA's various projects over the next year that will result in a not-so-normal year for the organization! Below is a photo of the Board of Directors of CASA for the 2019-2020 year, including representatives from (left to right): Athabasca University SU, University of PEI SU, University of the Fraser Valley SU Society, Saint Mary's University Students' Association, SAIT Students' Association, Mount Allison University SU, and finally yours truly from the University of Alberta SU.



**6. Personal Announcements / Things to Note:** The CASA Board Retreat will likely be the last major bit of travel I will have until the end of July & beginning of August, so I look forward to being around the office and Council committees more during this time. I truly do appreciate Council's patience with me when I must miss Committee meetings due to travels for responsibilities in representing the UASU at CAUS and CASA. The work we do with our external advocacy groups is extremely valuable to the success of the SU, and I hope to continue to showcase this throughout the year. That being said, I have decided to push my vacation time to mid-July, so please disregard my notice of vacation in June from my previous report.

Let's have a great GovCamp! Also, SO HAPPY that the Toronto Raptors won the NBA championship!! **#WeTheNorth**

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External)  
**Adam Brown**

**Date:** June 13, 2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 4

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Dear Council,

It's a short opening letter this week as I have a full length report, but I'd encourage you to read to the very end, I've '**planted**' a bit of a surprise in my report this week.

### **The Executive Compensation Package**

After the work done by ECRC last year and a month of review by this year's Finance Committee, there were still concerns around a couple of the compensation points last council meeting. As such, I took some time to further flesh out the content for the child-care supports point with some data and comparisons to other organizations. The new draft will be taken to Finance Committee for another review which will hopefully include the input of councilors who showed particular concern last meeting. If it passes again with the new amendments during the meeting, a motion will be added onto the late additions for Students' Council to reaffirm.

### **Executive retreat: finalized the Executive Goals Document**

Last week the executive team got together for a day to finalize the first draft of our 2019/20 executive goals document. We have put a lot of thought into what we have included and look forward to getting Council's feedback on our priorities for the year. Look forward to hearing questions from all of you!

### **Meetings of Note**

#### **ARRC**

ARRC met last week and received a great presentation from a staff member of LEAD. The presentation, called a Treaty Acknowledgement Workshop, was to discuss the purpose and meaning behind treaty acknowledgments. I found the presentation to be very interesting and helpful, and am thankful to the chair for setting the workshop up for the members of ARRC to attend.

#### **The First Sustainability Task Force Meeting**

The Sustainability Task Force met for the first time last week. We went over our plans for the team during the summer as we try to build a committee that can help guide the Students' Union towards more sustainable practises. Councilor Dixon was chosen as the new chair (Congratulations!) and we set out a future meeting schedule as well as what the mandate and focus of our team will be.

#### **Meeting with the Registrar's Office**

The executive team met with the Registrar's office last week to go over our plans for the year and hear about what their priorities were. Through our discussion, we found some common

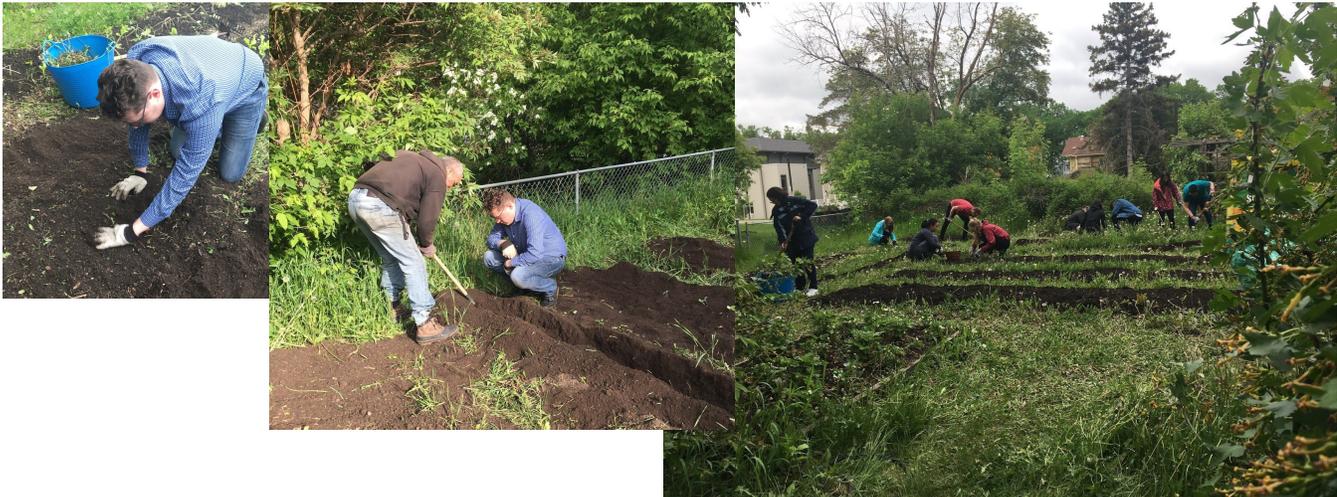
ground to work together on initiatives and I look forward to seeing what we can do over the next 11 months.

#### Meeting with the Dean of Students Office

Similar to our meeting with Registrar's office, we met with the Dean of Students and his office to discuss focuses for the year. There were a number of interesting intersections between our goals and it'll be interesting to see what comes out of the next meeting.

#### Campus Gardening Party

So I attended the Planting Party last week and it was AWESOME! I had a great time gardening and planting fruits and vegetables in the community garden here on campus with a bunch of amazing people, and definitely look forward to attending the harvesting party in the Fall! Also, I got to flex my botany knowledge (I actually don't have any) and won a prize with one of the trivia questions! So if anyone wants a free reusable bag, just tell me you read this report and ask me for it! There's only one through, so act fast!



If you ever want to swing by and talk, my office hours this month will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-4pm or by request!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance

**Date:** 18/06/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report # 5

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Hey Council!

The last two weeks have been pretty wild with various committees and projects, but I'm really excited for GovCamp with you all!

### **1. Joint Residence Oversight Committee**

The Joint Residence Oversight Committee met over the last two weeks to provide updates and plans for Occupancy Management and here are a few exciting updates:

- 10 upper-year rooms have been made available for residents in Residence Saint-Jean.
  - Last year, it had been announced that it would be restricted to a first-year only residence.
- Ancillary Services is hiring for a position to integrate a new system for how to efficiently handle maintenance requests.
  - Residents have complained for the last few years about response times and lack of communication, as well as improper maintenance.

### **2. Day Long Retreat**

Last week, the executive went on a day-long retreat where we completed the first draft of our executive goals for this year, which we will be presenting to you in council today for questions and feedback. I'm excited to listen to what you all have to say!

### **3. Progress on ARRC Recommendation**

I met last week with the Dean of Students, Residence for our regular meeting and she is in charge of Residence Services and the Residence Education and Learning team. One of the ARRC recommendations was to ensure that the Residence Aboriginal Programmer position was filled by an FNMI student.

- The currently employed student for the Aboriginal Programmer is an FNMI student
- DoS-Residence is open to meeting with herself and the REAL team in the coming weeks to discuss this ARRC recommendation further

Lastly, I encourage any of you with questions or ideas to reach out and set up a meeting together, plus it's a good opportunity to get to know all of you!

Cheers,

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**Jared Larsen, Vice-President Student Life**

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University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President Student Life  
**Jared Larsen**

<b>Councillor Attendance Records</b>			Doesn't Count Towards Overall Attendance	Spring/Summer Term
<b>2018-2019</b>			2019-00	2019-01
<b>Council Seats (40 total)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>NDA</b>	<b>23 Apr, 2019</b>	<b>07 May, 2019</b>
<b>Voting Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>				
President	Akanksha Bhatnagar	Y	3	3
VP Academic	Joel Agarwal	Y	3	3
VP External	Adam Brown	Y	3	3
VP Operations & Finance	Luke Statt	Y	2	3
VP Student Life	Jared Larsen		3	3
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Rowan Ley	Y	0	3
<b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b>				
ALES	Stephanie McKenzie		3	3
	VACANT			
Augustana Campus	VACANT			
Arts	Juan Vargas Alba		3	3
	Chris Beasley		3	3
	Yiming Chen		3	3
	Talia Dixon		2	3 (P)
	David Draper		3	3
	Abigail Isaac		3	3
Business	Samir Esmail		3	3
	Phoebe Marinakis		3	3 (P)
Education	Katie Kidd		3	3
	Samantha Tse	Y	3	3
	VACANT			
Engineering	Ayman Adwan	Y	2	1
	Amlan Bose	Y	3	3
	VACANT			
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Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation	VACANT			
Law	VACANT			
Medicine & Dentistry	VACANT			
Native Studies	Nathan Sunday	Y	2	3 (T)
Nursing	Anthony Nguyen		3	0
Open Studies	VACANT			
Pharmacy	VACANT			
Campus Saint-Jean	Tahra Haddouche	Y	3	3
Science	Adarsh Badesha		2	3
	Simran Kaur Dhillon		2	2
	Ian Gatera		2	0
	Mohamad Jamaledine		3	3
	Rojine McVea		2 (T)	3
	Amber Sayed		3	3
<b>Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>				
Speaker	Robyn Paches		3	0
General Manager	Marc Dumochel		0	0
Registered Guests			Adam Lachacz	Adam Lachacz Katherine Belcourt

2019-03/2a	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow a presentation about the UASU elections.	CARRIED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
	BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED to extend the presentation by ten minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
2019-03/2b	SUNDAY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to allow a presentation on the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Ind	CARRIED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
2019-03/7a	MARINAKIS/BOSE MOVED to ratify the Executive Compensation Package, as proposed by the 2018/19 Executive Compensation Re	CARRIED. Bhatna	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
	SUNDAY/TSE MOVED to refer the motion to Finance Committee.	N/A	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
	SUNDAY/KIDD MOVED to call the question.	FAILED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
2019-03/8a	BHATNAGAR MOVED to discuss social media engagement.	CARRIED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019
2019-03/8b	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED to create a Students' Union Building (SUB) Capital Plan Task Force.	CARRIED	SC-2019-03	06/04/2019

<b>Mtg Code</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Council Agenda Reported In</b>	<b>Notes</b>
01	2019-05-06	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO appoint Luke Statt and Adam Brown to the Students' Council Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0			Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO send the President, VP External, EAA, and Reed Larsen to the CAUS Changeover retreat as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C National Conference hosted by SAMRU as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO recommend Akanksha Bhatnagar and Jared Larsen to the University Presidential Search Committee to be ratified by Students' Council		Regrets from VP Brown



# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**  
**6:00PM**  
**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.

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-03)

#### 2019-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

**SPEAKER:** Reminded councillors to register for GovCamp. Recommended that Council Administration Committee meet earlier as its meetings have recently ended very near to the beginning of the Council assembly. Commended Statt for bringing printed and stapled paper copies of the order papers.

2019-03/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

#### 2019-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-03/2a *Title:* 'UASU Elections'

*Presenters:*

- Jimmy Thibaudeau

**BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to allow a presentation about the UASU elections.  
CARRIED

**Abstract:** The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the UASU would like to get some thoughts and feedback from Students' Council regarding the election season.

See SC-2019-03.10.

**BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED** to extend the presentation by ten minutes.  
CARRIED

2019-03/2b **Title:** 'Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous

Women and Girls'

### Presenters

- Nathan Sunday, Chair of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.

**Description:** In accordance with the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) Standing Orders and recommendations, the chair of ARRC will present a short oral report regarding the principle conclusions of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. In addition, a discussion of how we, as Students' Council, and the Students' Union can embody the spirit of the Final Report in our work will be presented.

**SUNDAY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to allow a presentation on the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

See SC-2019-03.12.

2019-03/3

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.  
Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.  
Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.  
Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.  
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

2019-03/4

#### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit Committee - Report.  
Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.  
Bylaw Committee - Report.  
Council Administration Committee - Report.  
Executive Committee - Report.  
Finance Committee - Report.  
Nominating Committee - Report.  
Policy Committee - Report.  
Translation Committee - Report.  
Student Group Committee - Report.  
Board of Governors Representative - Report.

2019-03/5

#### OPEN FORUM

2019-03/6

#### QUESTION PERIOD

2019-03/6a

#### **President BHATNAGAR to Councillor VARGAS ALBA:**

*"With political policies guiding the decisions, advocacy, and helping guide the work of the Students' Union Executive Committee, they are an imperative part of our governance structure. I am looking forward to the year ahead, and can't wait to see*

*the work Policy Committee does! My questions to the Chair of the Policy Committee is (1) What political policies are up for renewal this year? (2) Is there a plan to create any new political policies this year? If so, could you touch on the themes?"*

**Councillor VARGAS ALBA to President BHATNAGAR:**

*"Thank you for your question President Bhatnagar. Here are the policies are up for renewal, as well as their respective Team Leads :*

- Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees - Headed by Councillor Tse*
- Public Transit; Led by VP Brown*
- Scholarships & Bursaries; Led by VP Agarwal*
- Sexual Violence; Led by VP Larsen*
- Student Spaces; Led by Councillor Sayed*
- Tuition: Led by VP Brown*

*We have a policy that was completed last term, but was unable to be passed, given that the term lapsed. The Reconciliation Policy was going to be up for renewal, but it will be absorbed into the Indigenous Students policy, a new policy that both ARRC and Policy Committee will review. Both First and Second readings were completed, but we will affirm that it's done by going over it. If it passes in ARRC and Policy, it will be ready to come to Council for June 18!*

*As for upcoming policy, we're planning on bringing forward some exciting new policy. That being said, our goal at the moment is policy renewal as opposed to new policy. We want to be able to focus on that first, which means you won't start seeing new policy until the Fall.*

*We are hoping to start bringing policy up for renewal by the end of the Summer, if not sooner. That being said, here are some overlying themes the committee has identified and discussed, in no particular order.*

- SU-related policy, for example Voluntary Student Unionism and Free Speech*
- Specific group advocacy policy, for example Students who Parent*
- Student experiences policy, for example policy related to work experience worker advocacy and student advising standards*
- ARRC recommendations policies, going through recs and identifying where we can start working and create long-term plans for future policy creation*

*NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list, but it identifies conversations we've had. If anyone on council would like to see a policy implemented, please don't hesitate to contact me in person or at [vargasal@ualberta.ca](mailto:vargasal@ualberta.ca). Moreover, First Principles (statements of facts, what we must vote through before voting on Second Principles — resolutions) can be brought about by anyone on council, or any committees, without being brought forward to Policy first. I would look favorably on First Principles brought forward by Committees (especially one like the Ad Hoc Committee for Sustainability) or Councillors. If you would like to do so, you may also contact me to synchronize language and expectations around it.*

*This should be it for now! As a reminder, your councillors on policy committee are: Councillors Isaac, Sayed, Kidd, Tse, and Marinakis. Three ex-officio executives also sit on the committee: VPs Brown, Larsen, and Agarwal*

Thanks!"

SPEAKER: Extended the question period by fifteen minutes.

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2019-03/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-03/7a

**MARINAKIS/BOSE MOVED** to ratify the Executive Compensation Package, as proposed by the 2018/19 Executive Compensation Review Committee.

MARINAKIS: Established that the Proposal was reviewed by Finance Committee over the last two weeks and that they recommended allowances for transportation (\$100 per month), education (one class paid per semester), communication (\$50 per month), health and dental via the standard student plan, and child care on an as needed basis. Confirmed that members will submit expense forms to claim allowances.

BOSE: Noted that the ECRC compared UASU executive compensation with that of 35 other student representative associations in Canada. Identified that 30/35 groups had greater executive compensation than the UASU. Recognised, however, that the UASU executive salaries are among the highest within these 35 groups.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that the terms of the Package do not safeguard against a member taking a class and then later withdrawing from it and claiming the education allowance. Expressed concern that the Package allows for an executive to claim child care benefits for a seventeen-year-old.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Package proposal was forwarded by the Office of the Vice-President Operations and Finance, a potential conflict of interest. Suggested that a childcare allowance of \$2250 is not sufficient.

DRAPER: Clarified that the \$2250 is a minimum baseline that can be increased at the discretion of the General Manager.

ESMAIL: Expressed concern that executives served on the original ECRC. Suggested that executives should be entirely independent of the review process.

**SUNDAY/TSE MOVED** to refer the motion to Finance Committee.

SUNDAY: Suggested that the Package requires further review.

DIXON: Expressed concern at referring the motion. Suggested that approving the Package is time sensitive as executives do not have benefits.

BOSE: Expressed concern at an error in the date of the report.

TSE: Inquired into whether the University will recognize the executive as full time students at this time.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative.

ESMAIL: Expressed concern that executives are voting members of the Finance Committee.

DIXON: Suggested that the executive members do not sway the councillor members of the Committee.

BHATNAGAR: Clarified that the executive members are present to give context and provide clarification regarding their positions that would be helpful in reviewing the status of compensation.

**SUNDAY/KIDD MOVED** to call the question.  
FAILED - 12/7/3

**CARRIED - 13/5/6**  
Bhatnagar, Agarwal, Statt, Brown, Larsen abstain.

2019-03/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-03/8a **BHATNAGAR MOVED** to discuss social media engagement.

DIXON: Proposed having more contests on Instagram and using Snapchat.

SAYED: Proposed consolidating UASU service Facebook pages and sponsoring posts.

BROWN: Confirmed that consolidation of these pages is underway. Noted that this already occurred for the executive pages.

DRAPER: Proposed using podcasting to engage students.

CHEN: Urged Council to consider their audience in using social media.

**BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED** to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:15pm.  
FAILED - 13/1/9.

2019-03/9b **BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED** to create a Students' Union Building (SUB) Capital Plan Task Force.

BHATNAGAR: Established that this Task Force will investigate the deferred maintenance of the Students' Union Building and offer recommendations to Council.

CARRIED

- 2019-03/8c **BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to go in camera.  
CARRIED - 18/1/0
- 2019-03/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-03/9a President - Report.  
  
See SC-2019-03.01.
- 2019-03/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.  
  
See SC-2019-03.02.
- 2019-03/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.  
  
See SC-2019-03.03.
- 2019-03/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.  
  
See SC-2019-03.04.
- 2019-03/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.  
  
See SC-2019-03.05.
- 2019-03/9f Students' Council Attendance.  
  
See SC-2019-03.06.
- 2019-03/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.  
  
See SC-2019-03.07.
- 2019-03/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.  
  
See SC-2019-03.08.
- 2019-03/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-02) - Tuesday, May 21, 2019.  
  
See SC-2019-03.09.
- 2019-03/9j 'UASU Elections' Presentation.

See SC-2019-03.10.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00PM

## Update from the UASU Elections Office

Hello Council,

Thank you to everyone for all the kind words about my presentation last meeting, as well as thank you to everyone who reached out with feedback. I wanted to prepare a quick follow-up with council to give everyone a heads up with what is going on and addressing any concerns that came up:

1. The by-election dates will occur on **October 2nd and 3rd**. Nomination packages will need to be submitted by **September 26th**, or one week prior to the election date. I chose this date as the nomination deadline since STRIDE is contemplating their first meeting of the year, which is speculated to occur September 21st, and 22nd, or the weekend of September 28th and 29th. The elections office will reach out to the STRIDE managers and see if we can work together to organize that earlier meeting and allow STRIDE cohorts to fill out nomination packages and run in the By-election
2. There was some concern about running voting booths in the SU elections. These would not be the sole method of voting, and we would keep the traditional electronic method. These voting booths would be occupied by one or two elections office campaign volunteers, as well as several iPads or Laptops where students can input their information and vote there. These booths would distribute the "I voted" stickers, and would potentially include all candidate platforms so students can make an informed choice.

I will be reaching out to the executives and marketing to help guide the office through the suggestions that I have heard, and update Council as often as I can! In the meantime, I will be looking for a DRO team to be created as soon as possible. I feel that having a good team around me reduces bias and will help to manage the projects the office has undertaken. The position would include a salary of approximately \$250 a month, but that will be bumped up to \$500 during the busy months of August, February and March ( if the DROs are in place by August). I know that all of you know some amazing people who would be perfect for this position. In the next few days we will be placing a job advertisement on jobkin, so please ask people to apply through there,

Thank you,

**James Thibaudeau**  
Chief Returning Officer

2019/20

# Executive Goals

# Outline of Presentation

- Introduction to Executive
- Planning Process
- Themes, Values, Goals
- Questions + Feedback





**UASU 2019/20 EXECUTIVE**

# Planning Process

- Retreat - Draft 1, themes and values.
- Start May - Presented Draft 0.1 to Core Managers
- End May - Short Version, at Exec Retreat
- May End - Final Draft
- Mid June - Present to Managers
- Mid June - Present to Council
- Fall - Public Documents



# Themes, Values, Goals

- Theme - Overarching Principle
- Value - Why it is important
- Goals - High level Initiatives + Projects
- Goals - Individual goals



# Themes

- *Empower students to act with confidence and live with compassion.*
- *Stay true to the student heartbeat.*
- *Embrace student wellness and academic success.*
- *Actualize change to create an equitable post-secondary experience.*



Empower students to act with  
confidence and live with compassion.

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*Equipping students with the tools to craft a better future will allow the Students' Union to better recognize and dismantle systemic barriers to participation in student life.*



# Empower students to act with confidence and live with compassion.



- Continue progress on the Charter of Student Rights.
- Strengthen our collective voice by actively engaging students in advocacy.
- Build relationships with both new provincial and federal governments.
- Support Indigenous student advocacy and initiatives.
- Provide support for grassroots initiatives of student leaders.



Stay true to the student heartbeat

# Stay true to the student heartbeat.



*Students are the primary driving force behind everything we do. We need to keep our finger on the pulse of student life and provide students with the unique supports they need to succeed.*



# Stay true to the student heartbeat



- Prioritize student-guided decision making.
- Expand community-oriented collaboration.
- Strengthen our business and services to evolve alongside student needs.
- Pursue increased revenue-generating opportunities to decrease reliance on student fees.



Embrace student wellness  
& academic success.

# Embrace student wellness & academic success.



*Students deserve to be supported and included throughout their time on campus so they can succeed both individually and academically.*



# Embrace student wellness & academic success.

- Implement a cultural lens in our mental wellness services.
- Call for robust and reliable on-campus mental health services.
- Ensure relevant employment, research, and work-integrated learning opportunities for students.
- Advocate for the hiring of the Sexual Assault Response and Implementation Coordinator.



Actualize change to create an equitable post-secondary experience.

# Actualize change to create an equitable post-secondary experience.



*To thrive, campus needs to be an affordable, accessible, and positive growth space for students.*



# Actualize change to create an equitable post-secondary experience.

- Advocate for strategic investments in deferred maintenance and accessible spaces.
- Encourage the implementation of interdisciplinary indigenous course content across all faculties.
- Seek to increase affordability in tuition, housing, financial aid, and educational resources.



# Questions + Feedback