

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020
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.

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2019-16)

- 2019-16/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**
- 2019-16/1a **Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.**
- 2019-16/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2019-16/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2019-16/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2019-16/5 **OPEN FORUM**
- 2019-16/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2019-16/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-16/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2019-16/8a **BEASLEY MOVES** to appoint two Councillors to the DIE Board Appointment Committee.

See SC-2019-16.14.
- 2019-16/8b **BEASLEY MOVES** to ratify the recommended CRO.
- 2019-16/9 **CLOSED SESSION**
- 2019-16/10 **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2019-16/10n **Chief Returning Officer – Candidate Introduction.**

See SC-2019-16.14.

Chief Returning Officer – Candidate Introduction

Introduction:

I hope this reaches you in good health. It is an honor to be selected as the Chief Returning Officer for the University of Alberta Student's Union and I hope to perform to the best of my abilities in reaching the set goals over the next four months. I am currently a second-year international student at the University of Alberta's School of Business, majoring in Finance.

Background:

I have been involved in student governance and politics since the past few years, often dealing with campaigns at a national level, budgeting and acting as a poll agent. Having served as the Deputy Returning Officer for the Augustana Students' Association at the University of Alberta's Augustana campus during the last academic year taught me a lot in terms of university elections and governance. I oversaw two elections for the academic year 2018-19 ensuring a level playing field for all candidates. Worked closely with the Students' Union of the University of Alberta, and the Chief Returning Officer at that time making sure that all the rules and regulations were followed. During this process, I had to deal with a fair share of problems which revolved around hate speech and racism, with a fair share of drama which I feel was dealt in the best way possible. As a student leader during my high school days in Pakistan, I was responsible for managing events which were budgeted at \$250,000+. Last summer I managed the final country wide tour for the Pepsi Battle of the Bands Season 4, as well as conducted a cost benefit analysis to evaluate the impact of industry 4.0 and its integration into different industries in South East Asia, specifically Pakistan, during my internship at Tetra Pak.

Plans:

Being drafted halfway through the year in the middle of things is always difficult but nonetheless the goals for the upcoming elections are to get the numbers up. By this, I plan on engaging more students to participate in the elections process, and vote in the elections. Some of the things under consideration are having physical polling booths, an extensive digital/social media campaign and increased awareness about election in general. This year the elections office will be responsive, and all communications will be made in a professional and respectful manner in the requested time. While improving the numbers game and participation the elections office will ensure strict adherence to the by-laws making sure that the rules and regulations are followed and that hate speech, racism and discrimination is not tolerated.

Work done so far:

Since being offered the position in the second week of December and realizing the shortage of time, I had to start working for the elections before being rectified. I have met the marketing department at the Students' Union, exchanging ideas and formulating a strong social media and marketing plan. Some new ideas which have been drafted in include having "I VOTED" stickers etc... Having formulated an elections timeline which, you can see attached below, I will be meeting Jason Ward later today in order to discuss the possibility of having physical polling booths with laptops. There were some issues faced such as the Myer Horowitz being

unavailable during the election period because of which another venue had to be booked, nomination period being too short, marketing plan being weak etc... all of which were sorted out. Over the next week, I will be taking over the elections office, overseeing the hiring of the DROs, meeting with marketing and finalizing the nomination packages.

With your support I hope to lead an impartial, engaging and responsible elections office over the next four months, ensuring a visible change in polling numbers and student participation.

**Regards,
Muneeb Ahsan**

Monday, 13th January 2020

Elections Timeline:

Key:

Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative General Election
Students' Council (SC)/General Faculties Council (GFC) Elections
Elections Office

University of Alberta Students' Union Elections 2020 Timeline			
January			
1	Wed		
2	Thur		
3	Fri		
4	Sat		
5	Sun		
6	Mon	Election Advertisement Begins	
7	Tue		
8	Wed		
9	Thur		
10	Fri		
11	Sat		
12	Sun		
13	Mon		
14	Tue		
15	Wed	Official Start as C.R.O	
16	Thur	Hiring of D.R.Os	
17	Fri		
18	Sat		
19	Sun		
20	Mon	First Report to Council, Intro & Plans First official meeting with DROs	
21	Tue		

22	Wed			
23	Thur			
24	Fri			
25	Sat			
26	Sun			
27	Mon	Nominations OPEN		
28	Tue			
29	Wed			
30	Thur			
31	Fri			
February				
1	Sat			
2	Sun			
3	Mon			
4	Tue			
5	Wed			
6	Thur			
7	Fri			
8	Sat			
9	Sun	Nominations OPEN		
10	Mon			
11	Tue			
12	Wed			
13	Thur	Nominations CLOSE		
14	Fri			
15	Sat			
16	Sun			
17	Mon	Candidates Meeting - 6 PM		
18	Tue			
19	Wed			
20	Thur			
21	Fri			
22	Sat			

23	Sun			
24	Mon	Campaign STARTS Lister Hall - Forum (5 PM)		
25	Tue			
26	Wed	Sub-Stage/Atrium Forum - Day 1 (12 noon)		
27	Thur	Sub-Stage/Atrium Forum - Day 2 (12 noon) Augustana Campus - Forum (5 PM)		
28	Fri	Campus Saint-Jean - Forum (12 noon)		
29	Sat			
March				
1	Sun			
2	Mon	Main Forum (CCIS/Sub-Stage) - 12 noon		
3	Tue	Nominations CLOSE		
4	Wed	Election Day 1		
5	Thur	Election Day 2 Candidate Expense Reports Due		
6	Fri	Results Announcement (6 PM) - Deweys		
7	Sat			
8	Sun			
9	Mon	Candidates Meeting (6 PM)		
10	Tue	Campaign STARTS		
11	Wed			
12	Thur	Candidate Reimbursements		
13	Fri			
14	Sat			
15	Sun			
16	Mon	Sub-Stage Forum - Day 1		
17	Tue	Sub-Stage Forum - Day 2		
18	Wed	Election Day 1		
19	Thur	Election Day 2 Candidate Expense Reports Due		
20	Fri	Results Announcement (9 PM) - Deweys		

21	Sat			
22	Sun			
23	Mon			
24	Tue			
25	Wed	Candidate Reimbursements		
26	Thur			
27	Fri			
28	Sat			
29	Sun			
30	Mon			
31	Tue			
April				
1	Wed			
2	Thur			
3	Fri	Election Report Due		
4	Sat			
5	Sun			
6	Mon			
7	Tue			
8	Wed			
9	Thur			
10	Fri			
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22	Wed			
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25	Sat			
26	Sun			
27	Mon			
28	Tue	C.R.O Yearly Report Due		
29	Wed			
30	Thur			
31	Fri			