

Tuesday, January 21, 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.

#### ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-17)

2019-17/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-17/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.

2019-17/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-17/2a **Title:** "A Case for Creating a University of Alberta: Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities"

**Presenter(s):**

- UASU President Akanksha Bhatnagar

**Abstract:**

The UASU has been working to create a Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities to help support students navigate the various policies at the University. This Charter puts student rights and responsibilities front-of-mind for both students and other members of the university community, creating a culture of improved clarity and accountability. This presentation will serve as an update and a consultation to the file.

See SC-2019-17.05.

2019-17/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-17/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-17/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-17/6 QUESTION PERIOD

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| 2019-17/7   | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>   |
| 2019-17/8   | <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>   |
| 2019-17/9   | <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>   |
| 2019-17/10  | <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>  |
| 2019-17/10a | Students' Council Attendance.<br><br>See SC-2019-17.01.   |
| 2019-17/10b | Students' Council Motion Tracker.<br><br>See SC-2019-17.02.   |
| 2019-17/10c | Executive Committee Motion Tracker.<br><br>See SC-2019-17.03.   |
| 2019-17/10d | Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-16) - Tuesday, January 14, 2019.<br><br>See SC-2019-17.04.                          |
| 2019-17/10e | "A Case for Creating a University of Alberta: Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities" Presentation.<br><br>See SC-2019-17.05. |



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| 2019-15/2a | DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to allow a presentation from The Gateway surrounding their dedicated fee unit.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7a | TSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to Audit Committee.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7b | KIDD/DRAPER MOVED, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the First Principles of Bill 7.   | CARRIED   |
|            | KIDD/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to amend First Principles to state that the threshold will be a minimum of 30 signatures and a maximum of 100 signatures.                | WITHDRAWN |
|            | KIDD MOVED to delete the First Principles statement that 'Bylaw committee suggests reducing the number of signatures to be 15'.                                 | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7c | DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the Second Principles of Bill 3.   | CARRIED   |
|            | BHATNAGAR MOVED to delete the phrase 'or slate' as part of Bylaw 2200 Section 47(a).  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7d | DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED to approve the Sustainability and Capital Fund question.   | CARRIED   |
|            | BHATNAGAR MOVED to amend the phrase 'SUB revenues provide more than \$3 million in funding each year to support student activities'.                            | CARRIED   |
|            | HADDOUCHE/AGARWAL MOVED to extend the meeting by one hour.  | CARRIED   |
|            | DRAPER/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to discuss 2019-15/7e.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7e | DRAPER/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to approve The Gateway DFU question.   | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7f | DRAPER/AGARWAL MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to Nominating Committee.  | CARRIED   |
|            | AGARWAL nominated DRAPER.   |           |
|            | BROWN nominated HARRIS.   |           |
| 2019-15/7g | KIDD/LARSEN MOVED to approve the First Principles of the Student Poverty Policy.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7h | KIDD/AGARWAL MOVED to approve the First Principles of the Academic Quality Policy.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7i | BROWN/SAYED MOVED to approve the First Principles of the Public Transit and Active Transportation Policy.   | CARRIED   |
|            | DRAPER/BEASLEY MOVED to suspend Standing Orders and extend the meeting to 10:30pm.  | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/7j | LARSEN/KIDD MOVED to approve the Second Principles of Residence Policy.   | CARRIED   |
|            | STATT/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to except the Gateway from the petition process for its upcoming plebiscite.  | WITHDRAWN |
| 2019-15/8a | STATT/AGARWAL MOVES to ratify the proposed changes to the Collective Agreement between The University of Alberta Students' Union and the University of Alberta. | CARRIED   |
| 2019-15/8b | BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to go in-camera to discuss the University of Alberta budget implications.   | CARRIED   |

|    | Date       | Result | Motion   | Council Agenda Reported In | Notes                  |
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| 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  | STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve BarBurrito as a food court tenant in 1-29 as presented.   |                            | 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  |
| 06 | 2019-06-20 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a contingency request of no more than \$30,000 for theatre seat cushions as presented.                                  |                            |                        |
| 06 | 2019-06-20 | 5/0/0  | <b>BROWN/STATT MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$500 for Executive Media Training as presented.</b>   |                            |                        |
| 07 | 2019-06-27 | 4/0/0  | <b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$1000 for the Senate Student Postering Session as presented.</b>                          |                            | Regrets from VP Statt  |
| 08 | 2019-07-02 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/STATT MOVED TO APPROVE a Contingency Request of \$6000 for SUBmart Coolers as presented.   |                            |                        |
| 13 | 2019-07-29 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE submitting a bid for the AMICCUS-C Regional Professional Conference 2020 as presented.                                    |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
| 14 | 2019-08-20 | 4/0/0  | STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE a disbursement from the Casino Fund of no more than \$14000 for Meeting Centre Key pads as presented.                     |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
| 14 | 2019-08-20 | 4/0/0  | <b>BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED TO APPROVE a Project Allocation of no more than \$3200 for UASuperks as presented.</b>  |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
| 14 | 2019-08-20 | 4/0/0  | AGARWAL/LARSEN MOVED TO APPROVE the Campus Engagement Coordinator Job Description as presented.  |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
| 14 | 2019-08-20 | 4/0/0  | <b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO APPROVE a Project Allocation of \$100 for COFA Food as presented.</b>  |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>BROWN/STATT MOVED TO approve the Get Out the Vote Project Allocation for no more than \$4500 as presented.</b>  |                            |                        |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Menstrual Products Project Allocation for no more than \$1000 as presented.</b>                                 |                            |                        |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve the Dewey's Banner Project Allocation for no more than \$1200 as presented.</b>  |                            |                        |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>LARSEN/STATT MOVED TO approve the RezFest Project Allocation for no more than \$5000 as presented.</b>  |                            |                        |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Public Awareness Campaign Project Allocation for no more than \$1500 as presented.</b>                          |                            |                        |
| 17 | 2019-08-29 | 5/0/0  | <b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign Project Allocation for no more than \$500 as presented.</b>               |                            |                        |
| 19 | 2019-09-05 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO APPROVE the Job Description for Senior Manager Student Services as presented.   |                            |                        |
| 19 | 2019-09-05 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE the Job Description for Manager, Administrative Services as presented.  |                            |                        |
| 20 | 2019-09-17 | 5/0/0  | <b>BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED TO make a Project Allocation not to exceed a total of \$1800 for the Stride Gender &amp; Governance Panel as presented.</b>     |                            |                        |
| 20 | 2019-09-17 | 5/0/0  | <b>LARSEN/STATT MOVED TO make a Project Allocation not to exceed a total of \$952 for the Stride Gender &amp; Governance Panel as presented.</b>         |                            |                        |
| 20 | 2019-09-17 | 5/0/0  | BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO host the CAUS Counterparts Conference Nov 19-21, 2019 as presented.  |                            |                        |
|    | 2019-09-30 | 5/0/0  | <b>AWARWAL/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$850 for the CSJ BBQ as presented.</b>   |                            |                        |
|    | 2019-10-10 | 5/0/0  | <b>LARSEN/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$150 for BarNone as presented.</b>  |                            |                        |
|    | 2019-10-10 | 5/0/0  | <b>STATT/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$2050 for the Dewey's Bash as presented.</b>                                   |                            |                        |
|    | 2019-10-24 | 5/0/0  | <b>LARSEN/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$210 for the This is What it Feels Like exhibit as presented.</b>               |                            |                        |
|    | 2019-11-04 | 4/0/0  | BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Conference Request of \$714 for the OpenEd 2019 Conference as presented.   |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
|    | 2019-11-04 | 4/0/0  | <b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$1000 for the COFA Collaboration Fund as presented.</b>                                   |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
|    | 2019-11-04 | 4/0/0  | STATT/LARSEN MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C Western Regional Professional Conference a as presented.                                 |                            | Regrets from VP Brown  |
|    | 2019-11-12 | 4/0/0  | <b>STATT/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$500 Survey Prize Funding as presented.</b>  |                            | Regrets from VP Larsen |
|    | 2019-11-12 | 4/0/0  | <b>STATT/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$850 for a Food Warmer for Daily Grind as presented.</b>  |                            | Regrets from VP Larsen |
|    | 2019-11-12 | 4/0/0  | STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve a Casino Fund release for \$3260 for SUB furniture as presented.  |                            | Regrets from VP Larsen |

# A Case for Creating a University of Alberta *Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities*

Presented by: UASU President Akanksha Bhatnagar

# The Issue

- Students of all demographics and years of study tend to be **unfamiliar with the substance of central UAlberta policy documents**, such as the Code of Student Behaviour and the Grading Policy and Procedure.
- Many students **do not know how to access information on how to make an appeal** when they are accused of breaking a UAlberta policy.



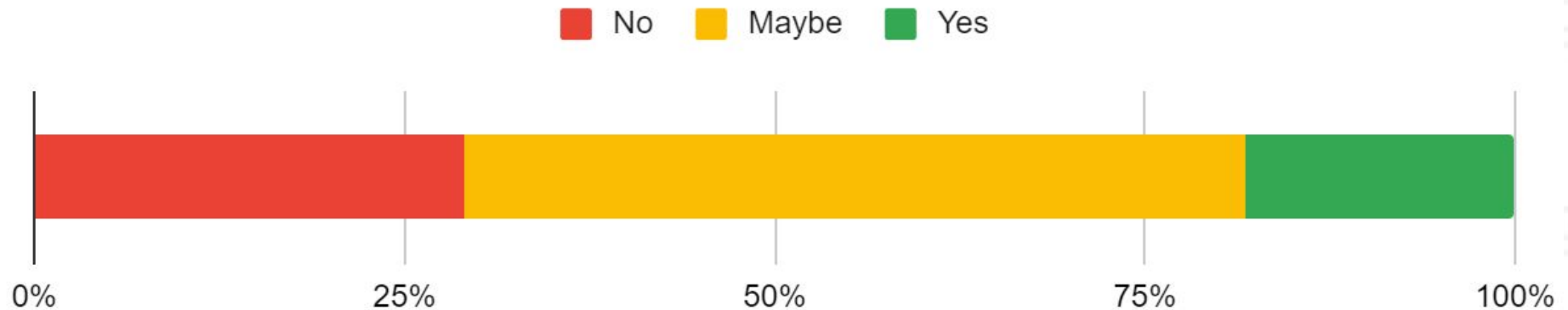
# The Statistics

- In an exploratory study, the Students' Union collected 1721 responses to understand students' perception, experience, and awareness of their rights and responsibilities.
- 58% of respondents indicated they “did not know much” or “**did not know anything at all**” **about their rights and responsibilities**, and very few respondents were confident they knew a lot.
- 10% of students were **unaware that any of these documents** existed.



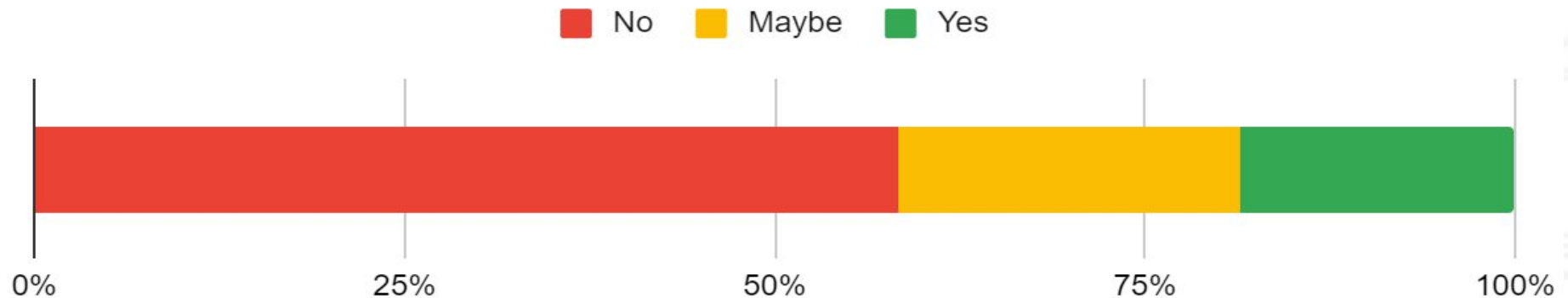
"Information about university policies and my rights as a student are easy to find"

UASU undergraduate survey, November 2017, n=1721



"If I wanted to appeal a disciplinary action made against me by the university, I know where I can find the information to do so"

UASU undergraduate survey, November 2017, n=1721



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I felt especially powerless because I was going up against the Dean of my faculty who had complete control over what was going to happen to me. I felt weak and vulnerable. I would have liked to know about other options and all of the potential outcomes. //

“At times I have wanted to appeal grades but had difficulty. The pathway of escalation is confusing, especially in courses with TAs, instructors, coordinators, etc. It would be nice if instructors provided the pathway of escalation as well as instructions for each stage to make it easier for students. I don't have time during the semester to figure that all out.”

# Our Solution

- Endorse the creation of a **Charter of Student Rights & Responsibilities.**
- This Charter will serve as a **consolidated document** of all of a student's rights and responsibilities at a university. This process puts student rights and responsibilities front-of-mind for both students and other members of the university community, **creating a culture of improved clarity and accountability.**



# What would be included in this Charter?

- A preamble to set the tone of the document.
- Consolidation of **academic rights**, **procedural rights**, and **fundamental rights** that currently exist in the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL).

# Groups / Stakeholders Consulted

- Governance Office
- President's' Office
- Dean of Students
- UASU Executive
- Various U15 SU Executives
- Various GFC Committees
  - CLE, EXEC, COSA, APC
- Upcoming
  - Council of Faculty Associations (in January)
  - UASU Students' Council (in January)
  - Ombuds Office
  - Associate Deans

# A Draft Preamble

*Clear expectations and standards can equip students to avoid mistakes, misunderstandings, and serious problems during their time at the University of Alberta. This document is meant to serve as a guide for students and create clarity about the authoritative resources that explain their rights and responsibilities. Within the scope of the University of Alberta's authority, its diverse policies and procedures are the authoritative resources that affirm students' rights and responsibilities. As those rights and responsibilities are spread throughout many policy documents, this document will serve as a proactive resource to help students avoid problems, and a reactive resource to help them navigate appeals and disciplinary processes in ways that produce the fairest possible results.*

# Questions? Thoughts?

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