

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022
6:00PM
Zoom

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-2021-26)

2021-26/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-26/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday April 19th 2022 at 6:00 PM** via Zoom/Council Chambers.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2021-26/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-26/2a Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-25), Tuesday, April 5th, 2022, will be located in **Late Additions**

2021-26/3 PRESENTATION

2021-26/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-26/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-26/6 OPEN FORUM

2021-26/7 QUESTION PERIOD

2021-26/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-26/8a **MONTEIRO/LEY MOVE** to formally approve the Student Group Committee Recommendations to improve the relationship between Students' Council and the International Students' Association.

See SC-2021-26.02

2021-26/8b **MONTEIRO/LEY MOVE** that the Bylaw Committee clearly defines the delegated authority of Student Representative Associations under Bylaw 8100.

See SC-2021-26.03

2021-26/8c **MONTEIRO/LEY MOVE** that the Executive Committee develop - in alignment with the Student Group Committee Recommendations - a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Students' Association (ISA) for the 2022/2023 academic year and share the MOU with the Students' Council and the ISA.

See SC-2021-26.04

2021-26/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2021-26/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-26/10a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2021-26.01

2021-26/10b Council Submissions

See SC-2021-26.02-04

2021-26/10c Students' Council Attendance

See SC-2021-26.05

2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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Council Report 2022_04_13.pdf

Date: 2022/04/13

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #23

Dear Council,

I cannot believe this is the final report of the year. Time has flown quickly! I am extremely proud of all the work we have accomplished this year as a body. This has been a transformative year for the Students Council and I want to thank you all for the dedication, effort and commitment you have put towards seeing the Students' Union succeed. This has been a more quiet week so I will give brief summaries of activities that I have been up to.

Highlights

- Conducting interviews for CAUS ED. We should have a decision by the 18th of April.
- Attended Union Etudiant du Quebec's (UEQ) annual general meeting.
- Working on amending policies which will be brought to you for approval this next meeting.



Budget 2022

Last week, the Federal budget was announced. CASA put out a press release that has a bit more information about our reaction to this budget which you can view [here](#). Overall, this was not a post secondary education budget. Much of the budget was focused on affordable housing support, funding for a national dental care program, increased defense spending and spending to support Indigenous children, families and communities. In terms of PSE, the budget highlighted spending for a new lab-to-market platform which will help students and researchers bring their projects to market, it also provides spending for more scholarships and grants to encourage and create spaces for more black researchers. Lastly it also highlighted loan forgiveness for healthcare workers in remote and rural areas. This budget however did not mention any of the Federal Government's party manifesto commitments to cancel federal interest rates on loans, increase the wage threshold to begin making payments on loans to \$50,000 nor was there anything else on funding for mental health supports which was promised and dearly needed by students. There was some good but not a whole lot to write home about for students. However, this means there is still more work to be done and much that can be accomplished, so we will continue to work with the government to keep the issues and promises made to students top of mind for lawmakers. Here are some additional resources you can link to read [here](#) to get more perspective and analysis on the budget.

And on this bittersweet note and for the last time this advocacy year, thank you for taking your time to read my report and as always, never hesitate to reach out to me for questions.

Yours Externally,

Christian Fotang

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Action Requested Approval

Approval

Motion MONTEIRO/LEY MOVE to formally approve the Student Group Committee Recommendations to improve the relationship between Students' Council and the International Students' Association.

Abstract

This motion is coming to Council to formalize the recommendations that the Student Group Committee developed to improve the relationship between Students' Council and the International Students' Association.

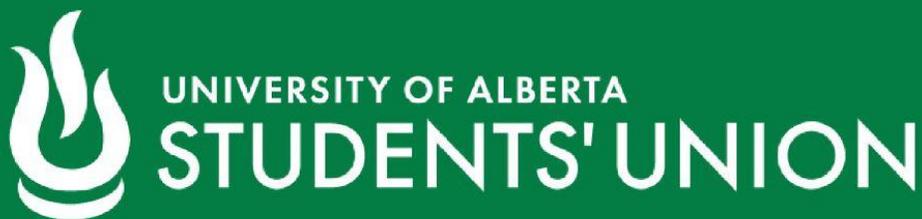
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UASU/ISA Relationship Recommendation

Prepared by: Student Group Committee

Membership

Abner Monteiro, UASU Vice President Academic, Chair of Student Group Committee

Aadhavya Sivakumaran, UASU Science Councillor

Chris Beasley, UASU Arts Councillor

Jacqueline Yang, Student-At-Large (Student Group Executive)

Bin Ge Yang, Student-At-Large (Student Group Executive)

Recused

Talia Dixon, UASU Vice President Student Life

Daniela Carbajal, Student-At-Large

Motion to Student Group Committee

LEY/ORVOLD MOVED to, on behalf of Council, request that the Student Group Committee assess the relationship between the International Students' Association and Students' Union, and provide recommendations to Council on how it may be improved.

Preparation

Members of Student Group Committee (SGC) are either ex-officio members by virtue of their office, elected by the Students' Council, or appointed by the Students' Council via recommendation from Nominating Committee. Members recommended by Nominating Committee underwent extensive screening to determine their suitability for the committee.

All members of SGC also received presentations regarding UASU bylaws, their own held biases, conflict resolution styles and reviewed past student group scenarios to prepare for this recommendation.

Recommendation Principles

After reviewing the report conducted by Student Group Services, the members of Student Group Committee have established the following principles to guide our recommendations:

1. We follow restorative justice practices whenever possible.
2. Trust and collaboration are essential for this relationship to function effectively.
3. Strong communication streams between the UASU and ISA are essential to establish trust.
4. Roles and responsibilities for UASU Councillors and SRAs must be clearly outlined.

5. The delegated authority of SRAs must be clearly defined.
6. Respect for fellow student representatives must be upheld.
7. Both organizations must act proactively and constructively rather than reactively and destructively to work effectively.

Committee Recommendations

Better Defining Roles

- Student Group Committee recommends that the UASU Bylaw Committee clearly define delegated authority for SRAs (with specific emphasis on non-academic SRAs).
 - This definition needs to be reviewed in collaboration with all SRAs.
- Student Group Committee recommends that the UASU Bylaw Committee, Executive Committee, and ISA executive have a joint meeting to establish a memorandum of understanding.
 - This memorandum of understanding collaboratively codifies the mandates, roles, and responsibilities of both the UASU and ISA representatives.
- Student Group Committee recommends that the ISA must clearly designate a counterpart from their executive team to attend regularly scheduled meetings with their UASU executive counterpart to foster better trust and collaboration between the UASU and ISA. This process would be reviewed at the end of August 2022.

Direct Collaboration

- Student Group Committee recommends that the UASU Executive and ISA Executive attend a Joint Summit organized by the UASU at the beginning of each executive term to foster a stronger and more collaborative relationship between organizations.
- Student Group Committee recommends that the UASU and ISA work collaboratively to designate an executive from each organization to attend on the other organization's board as a delegate to provide updates, information, and resources. This process would be reviewed at the end of August 2022.
 - Upon consultation with the ISA, Students' Council may extend this period if deemed necessary.
 - It is recommended that the Council Administration Committee be tasked with, in consultation with the ISA, determining an appropriate method to operationalize this

recommendation. This would then be codified within the memorandum of understanding recommended above.

- It is recommended that a member of the UASU Executive Committee sits on the ISA's board in a similar position to that of the Executive Committee's liaison to Aboriginal Students' Council. The specifics of this position should be determined in consultation with the ISA and it is the view of this committee that this position is codified within the memorandum of understanding recommended above.
- This committee understands that this recommendation may be viewed with apprehension by those who are wary of the UASU or ISA presence within their boards. This committee wishes to stress that this recommendation was settled upon as the most effective way to foster mutual trust, consistent effective communication, and to build towards a proactive relationship for both parties.

Conclusion

As the scope of the report did not include an investigation of the financial practices of the ISA or their ability to administer a fee, it is the view of this committee that the above recommendations on the relationship between the UASU and the ISA should be considered separately from the ISA's ongoing application for a referendum.

Ultimately, Student Group Committee hopes that these recommendations be adopted in good faith by both parties as a sign of commitment towards improving relations and better serving our U of A community.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Date: Jan 14, 2021

To: Students' Union Council
University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU)

Letter of Commitment

Dear UASU Council Members,

The University of Alberta International Students' Association (UAISA) writes this letter to make our commitment towards working on the UASU Student Group Committee (SGC) recommendations on improving the UASU and UAISA relationship.

Firstly, we would like to thank the Students' Council for sending the relationship matter to the SGC in May 2021, and letting a thorough investigation into the issues that our organizations have faced in the past. By sending this matter to SGC and not acting impulsively, the UASU Council has shown its willingness to improve relations and now it's our part to make a commitment to the UASU Council, that the ISA Board and Council members also wish the same. It is in the best interest of our membership and ISA/SU advocacy efforts, to work mutually, build trust and cooperate for the international students.

With this letter of commitment, the ISA would like to formally commit to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the UASU and UAISA to codify the mandates, roles and responsibilities. UAISA shall also clearly designate counterparts from its newly elected executive team after our Feb elections to meet monthly with UASU counterparts. ISA and SU have been doing monthly counterpart meetings the whole year, and it has proven to be effective in establishing clear communication and improving relationships. After the UAISA and UASU Elections, we would also join the Joint Summit hosted by UASU before the beginning of new executive terms. UAISA shall discuss further with UASU Execs about the ISA/SU board/council seat recommendation. If there is any additional measure that comes up during drafting of MoU, ISA is willing to look into it and accommodate it in good spirit.

Many things have happened in the past and we want to move past those issues and thus the UAISA has decided to limit the information about past issues in our Exec/Council transition. This shall enable new UAISA Execs to have a fresh perspective and not be influenced by incidents of the past. UAISA is an SRA to represent its membership and advocate on issues that we see our membership want us to speak about and thus UAISA/UASU could have different opinions on a topic, but it's important to acknowledge that the UASU didn't make UAISA an SRA to listen what it desire and believes, but rather to hear what international students want and we shall continue being that voice. We look forward to working on recommendations.

Best Regards,
ISA Executives

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Abstract

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Motion

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This motion is to put the Student Group Committee Recommendations to improve the ISA/Students' Council relationship into practice.

[1] This session was cancelled