

December 12th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dênesųłíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2023-17)

2023-17/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

2023-17/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-17/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-17/3d **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow CJSR to present their 2023/24 DFU Proposal

See SC-2023.17.13

2023-17/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2023-17/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-17/6 OPEN FORUM

2023-17/7 QUESTION PERIOD

- 2023-17/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 2023-17/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2023-17/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2023-17/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2023-17/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2023-17/12e Students' Council Submissions
See SC-2023.17.13-19
- 2023-17/12f Executive Committee Report
See SC-2023.17.20

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Motion Griffiths/ Fotang move to allow CJSR to present their 2023/24 DFU Proposal

Mover Griffiths

Seconder Fotang

Presenter CJSR (unsure who)

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?

Office/Committee Responsible CJSR

Abstract

CJSR's 2023/24 DFU presentation

Presentation Slides Upload



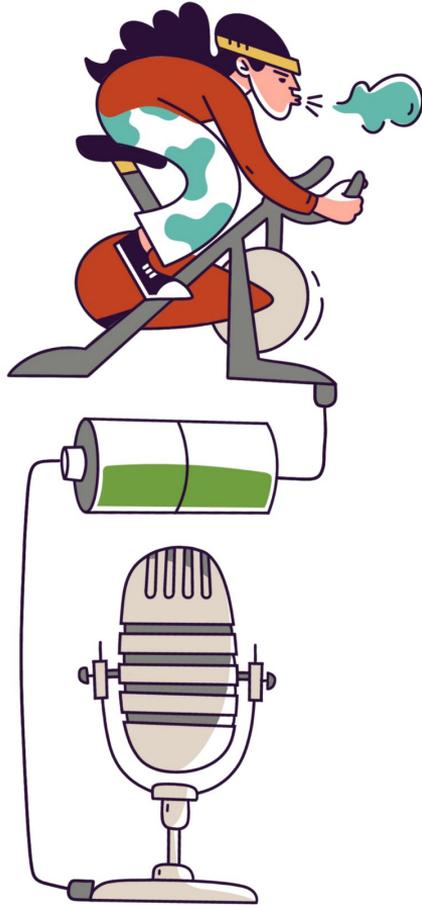
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Written Questions

CJSR 88.5 FM

Campus Radio





We are:

- Campus-community radio
- Volunteer-powered
- Non-profit arts & media organization
- Registered charity
- Award winning radio and podcasts, nationally recognized

We have a deep and long-standing relationship with the U of A campus community

- History:
 - CKUA (1927) → University Radio Society (1946) → (closed-circuit radio) → CKSR (1970) → CJSR 1.0 (1978) → CJSR 88.5 FM, Edmonton's campus-community radio (1984)
- Student and U of A alumni volunteers, staff, donors
- _____

We have a financial relationship with students and the Students' Union

- We are a DFU and collect a fee from students to support our operations (CJSR-FM Fund)
 - \$2.31 from full-time students, \$0.83 for part time students each fall/winter semester, none from Augustana
- Students vote on whether to continue supporting each DFU fee in a plebiscite ever 5 years
- Location in SUB - we are rent payers

We are deeply invested in and supportive of
students and the U of A campus,
and we are a good investment

Student led programs and podcasts



We offer

- Regular training opportunities: journalism, media literacy, audio recording and editing, among other opportunities/workshops to build communication and professional skills
- Community Service Learning placements
- Campus PSAs (i.e. Student Elections, Pride Week, etc.)
- Relationships and support for other DFUs & campus organizations
 - On-air advertisement and PSAs
 - Friends of CJSR program (deals!)
- We bring in external funding for student jobs to campus (interns/ bursary positions)

We care about supporting students and helping them tackle the issues and be active in the communities they care about (giving students tools)





Providing a platform to amplify stories and voices

- Cost and quality of edu, feeling safe on campus based on intersectional identities or sexual assault, being a green campus, etc.
 - Programming highlights (Gaywire, Acimowin, Terra Informa, Shout! for Libraries, Adamant Eve, cultural shows, etc.)

We are keen to expand our presence on campus and be better for students/ better known

- Right now: primarily remote training opportunities and programming
- Efforts to make remote things accessible like free audio editing (DAW) licenses, USB and field recording equipment, etc.
- Keeping it real in the pandemic: re/launched shows/podcasts, podcast bootcamp, increased student hiring through external funding,
- Connecting students with each other - CSL projects, moving from basic training to a show, radio hangs, volunteer awards
- Continually expanding our Friends of CJSR program to partner with organizations that are important to students - tell us who you want to see on there.

Our goal is to deepen our relationship with students -
please connect with us anytime!

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Agenda Title CAC Chair Report for the 2023 Fall Trimester

Description of the Information Item

Hello Council,

I have attached here my report as the chair of CAC, it details what we have been up too since my last update with both a summary of the major items as well as a list of all the motions made during the committee meetings.

Attachments



Council Administration Com... .pdf

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Date: 12/12/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Council Administration Committee Chair Report for Fall 2023

Dear Student's Council,

This trimester was a bit of a slow one for the Council Administration Committee as most of our pressing items were completed back in the Spring/Summer, however I am happy to say that despite not having much mandated work, we still had productive conversations regarding a variety of topics.

Summary of Committee Activities

- CSJ and Augustana Retreat
 - Successfully able to hold the CSJ retreat
 - Planning for new Augustana retreat date in the works
- SAL Nominations
 - Adjudicated and appointed SALs to various committees
- Changes to Students' Council Standing Orders
 - Facilitated discussions regarding various changes to standing orders
- KAIROS Blanket Exercise
 - Facilitated the holding of the KAIROS Blanket Exercise
- Council Sharing Circle
 - Planned and held the first one of the year
 - Will be looking to plan the next one in the Winter Trimester
- Trimester Celebration
 - Planned a celebration for council members to celebrate the end of the trimester/year

Committee Meeting Schedule

- We held our regular bi weekly meetings every council Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm, with our last two meetings being back to back due to council meetings being held back to back

Summary of Motions

Meeting Number	Motion	Result
9	GRIFFITHS/FLAMAN MOVE TO open an application for the appointment of two SALs for the Sustainability Executive Sub-Committee.	CARRIED
10	THIESEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO rescind the appointment of Kingsley from the Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee due to not committing to job duties.	CARRIED
	THIESEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO reopen the student at large position for the Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee position, with them reviewed biweekly.	CARRIED
	THIESEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO ask staff to change the standing food order from 10 to 12 people, for the duration of the next 3 CAC meetings	CARRIED
11	FLAMAN/THIESEN MOVE TO open an application for an SAL position on the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre Strategic Operating	CARRIED

	Committee (PAWSOC).	
	MOHAMED/THIESEN MOVE TO direct staff to provide ceremonial tobacco to the facilitator of the Sharing Circle Discussion.	CARRIED
12	PICH/THIESEN MOVE TO go in-camera.	CARRIED
	ABDELWAHAB/THIESEN MOVE TO nominate Tawsif Hossain for the SAL Position on the Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee.	CARRIED
	ABDELWAHAB/THIESEN MOVE TO appoint Veronica Ortiz-Zelada and Karina Afonya for the two SAL Positions on the Sustainability Committee	CARRIED
	ABDELWAHAB/PICH MOVE TO go ex-camera.	CARRIED
13	PICH/THIESEN MOVE TO appoint THEISEN as a member of the DRO Committee, with the second position to be filled in the near future.	CARRIED
14	PICH/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO conduct the session in-camera.	CARRIED
	MAJEKODUNMI/THEISEN MOVE TO appoint Mohcene Maher Bouceneche as the Student at Large.	CARRIED
	THEISEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO direct staff to order food for the November 28 council meeting as per usual.	CARRIED
15	THEISEN/MOHMED MOVE TO submit to council a call for nominations for one member of council to sit on the Diaboard replenishment committee.	CARRIED

Sincerely,



Adrian Lam | [He/Him](#)
Augustana Councilor | [Students' Union Council](#)
Chair | [Council Administration Committee](#)
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Agenda Title Fall 2023 Finance Committee Report

Description of the Information Item

As required under Bylaw 120.7.1, attached is the Fall trimester committee report from the Chair of the University of Alberta Students' Union Finance Committee.

Attachments



Finance Committee Fall 2023....pdf

Presentations

Written Questions

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Yes.

Date: 12/11/2023

To: Students' Council

Re: Finance Committee Fall Trimester Report

Introduction

Hey Council,

As required under [Bylaw 120.7.1](#), here is the Fall trimester committee report from the Chair of the University of Alberta Students' Union [Finance Committee](#).

Activities of Finance Committee during Fall 2023

During the Fall 2023 trimester, Finance Committee struck a Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force to deliberate over and create a policy guiding how we manage our funds in reserve as well as our investments, then filled that task force with members from a few different committees and sub-committees of Students' Council as well as some student-at-large members.

In addition, the committee ratified the winners of this year's Students' Union Awards, recommended the release of funds from the Sustainability and Capital Fund to hire an architect (Arc Studio) to draw up schematic designs for the new gender-neutral and accessible washroom facilities in Dewey's, and released Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funding for the [First Alberta Campus Radio Association](#) (FACRA) and the [Campus Food Bank](#).

Presumptive activities of Finance Committee during Winter 2024

In the Winter 2024 trimester, Finance Committee will review the remaining Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) annual reports and disburse DFU funds to the respective organizations, craft budget principles to bring to council for approval based on the input from various units around the organization, then bring a Operating and Capital Budget for 2024-25 based on those budget principles.

Presumptive schedule for Winter 2024 trimester

Undecided at this time. A LettuceMeet will be sent out when we return from the holiday break to schedule our first winter trimester meeting, with a second one sent out at a later time to determine the recurring trimester schedule after the add/drop deadline when everyone has their schedule finalized.

General Summary of Decisions, Recommendations and Motions

Item	Motion	Result
2023-04/4a	FLAMAN/PICH MOVE TO release of Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funds to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA) for 2022/23 contingent on meeting minutes and financial statements being made publicly available as per reporting requirements.	6/0/0 CARRIED
2023-05/4a	FLAMAN/PICH MOVE TO strike a task force, to be housed under the Finance Committee, which will be tasked with crafting a Reserve Funds and Investment Policy to be housed under Operating Policy.	5/0/0 CARRIED
2023-06/4a	FLAMAN/SAIF MOVE TO ratify the 2022/2023 University of Alberta Students' Union Award winners and Coca-Cola Award winners.	3/0/2 CARRIED
2023-06/4b	FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO appoint Owen Poon and Caroline Hoang as Student At-Large members on the Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force.	5/0/0 CARRIED
2023-07/3a	FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO appoint Colton Meronyk as the Finance Committee member on the Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force.	4/0/0 CARRIED
2023-07/3b	FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO appoint Prabnoor Singh as a student-at-large member on the Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force.	4/0/0 CARRIED
2023-07/3c	FLAMAN/MERONYK MOVE TO recommend to Students' Council proceeding with the Arc Studio Dewey's Washroom renovation schematic design quote.	4/0/0 CARRIED
2023-08/3a	FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO approve the release of Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funds from the CJSR-FM Fund to be disbursed to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA).	3/0/0 CARRIED
2023-08/3b	FLAMAN/PICH MOVE TO approve the release of Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funds from the Campus Food Bank Fund to be disbursed to the Campus Food Bank.	3/0/0 CARRIED

Acknowledgements

The fall 2023 trimester was quite a bit busier than the Spring/Summer trimester; between reviewing DFU reports and approving DFU disbursements, to reviewing and ratifying appointments to the Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force. The winter trimester may shape up to be even busier as we review the remaining DFU submissions, then get into budget season as we first craft budget principles for Council approval before bringing the 2024-25 Operating and Capital Budget to Council near the end of the year. Therefore, I would like to acknowledge a few individuals for their various contributions to the committee throughout the trimester.

- Science Councillor **Laurel Ford**, Arts Councillor **Mason Pich** and Engineering Councillor **Aiman Saif** as the Students' Council appointees to the Finance Committee,
- Vice-President Student Life **Michael Griffiths** as the Executive Committee appointee to the Finance Committee,
- **Melissa Cyriac** and **Colton Meronyk** as the student-at-large appointees to the Finance Committee,
- UASU General Manager **Marc Dumouchel** as a non-voting resource member,
- Governance Support Assistant Manager **Courtney Graham**, Governance Support Specialist **Aseel Atia**, and Administrative Clerk **Sun Dano**.

Regards,

Levi Flaman

Vice-President Operations and Finance 2023-24
University of Alberta Students' Union

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Description of the Information Item

Social Media Sub-Committee report #2 for the fall semester

Attachments



Fall Trimester Report.pdf

Presentations

Written Questions

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

n/a

Fall Semester Report

Social Media Sub-Committee

Dear Students' Council,

Social Media Sub-Committee has had an excellent semester, here is what we have been up to:

Committee Activities:

- ✧ Completion of Instagram Posts for Fall Semester
 - ✧ Council Mentorship Program Information
 - ✧ Week of Welcome Information
 - ✧ Fall By-Election Information
 - ✧ Meet your Councillors: Fall By-Election Promotion
 - ✧ Vote Now in the Fall By-Election
 - ✧ National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Information
 - ✧ Meet the Councillor/BoG Representative/Council Speaker
 - ✧ Meet the Committee
 - ✧ Meet your Council Mentorship Program Councillor Mentors
- ✧ Preparation of Instagram Posts for Winter Semester
 - ✧ Meet the Councillor/BoG Representative/Council Speaker
 - ✧ Meet the Committee
 - ✧ Students' Council General Election Information & Promotion
 - ✧ Major Students' Council Legislation/Presentation Updates

Committee Schedule:

- ✧ Met every second Thursday as needed from 4:00pm-5:00pm
 - ✧ September 21, 2023 (SMS-2023-04)
 - ✧ November 30, 2023 (SMS-2023-05)

Summary of Decisions, Recommendations & Motions:

- ✧ THIESSEN/GARBUTT MOVE TO go in-camera
- ✧ THIESSEN/GARBUTT MOVE TO go ex-camera
- ✧ GARBUTT/SECONDER MOVE TO appoint THIESSEN as interim chair for meeting SMS-2023-05

Moving Forward:

- ✧ Completion of Instagram Posts for Winter Semester

Moving into the Winter Semester, the Social Media Sub-Committee will continue to highlight our awesome group of councillors and curate content that we feel is important to have on the Council Instagram Account. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas!

Kind Regards,



Megan Garbutt

Faculty of Science Councillor

Social Media Sub-Committee Chair

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Audit Committee Fall Trimester Report

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Audit Committee Fall Trimester Report

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Hello Council,

It has been an eventful trimester. The Audit Committee has been hard at work to ensure financial transparency and accountability on behalf of council and students. We have succeeded in streamlining the financial reporting process, finished left over audits from the previous year's committee, and have initiated processes to ensure financial transparency and accountability within the University of Alberta Students' Union itself. As we look forward to the new year, we will continue to work on behalf of students. As chair, I wish to recognize the efforts and work of Councillors Atwood, Garbutt, Lam, and Pich, as well as Annie Miao and Courtney Graham for their support.

Sincerely,



Nathan Thiessen | (he/him)

UASU SC Arts Councillor - Chair of Audit Committee

Audit Committee Strategic Plan 2023-2024

Project and Type	Goal	Status
Winter 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Complete audits left over from the Winter 2022-23 Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Completed
Fall 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Complete audits left over from the Winter 2022-23 Audit● Complete audits for the Fall 2023-24 Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Initiated
Winter 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Complete audits left over from the Fall 2023-24 Audit● Complete audits for the Winter 2023-24 Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Contact SRAs on January 1st, 2023● Assign SRAs by January 12th, 2023● Complete Audits by February 9th, 2023
Compliance Audit - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ensure the annual audit in initiated and completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Initiated

<p>Audit Email - Structural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish an audit email to consolidate financial documents into one place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed
<p>Streamlined Audit Process - Structural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a platform, preferably through bearsden, in which SRAs can submit their financial documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed
<p>Performance Audit - FTaC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate a performance audit to ensure the efficiency in UASU spending for financial transparency and clarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiated
<p>Executive Audit - FTaC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate an audit of Executive's UASU credit cards for financial transparency and clarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiated
<p>Transition - Structural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure transition documents are provided ● Ensure that all audits are completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planned

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Description of the Information Item

This is the Fall report for the Bylaw Committee prepared by Jill Aisenstat

Attachments



Bylaw Committee Fall 2023 R...pdf

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Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Im so sorry im late !!!

Date: December 12th, 2023
To: Students' Council
Re: Fall 2023 Trimester Report

Fall 2023 Trimester Report

Introduction

Hello Council! My name is Jillian Aisenstat and I serve as the Chair of the Bylaw Committee this year. As per bylaw requirements, here is the Bylaw Committee trimester report for Fall 2023.

Activities of Bylaw Committee during Fall 2023

This semester, the Bylaw Committee has been relatively busy with approving the Second Principles of bylaws discussed in the Summer trimester, as well as preparing the restructuring of bylaws into a proposed Article 2: Operations. At the beginning of this semester, Bylaw and Council approved the Second Principles of Bylaw 9000 - thus striking it - and Bylaws 110/120/130/140. This was work carried over from the summer. Later approved were the Second Principles of Bylaw 600. The committee has also been discussing the DFU petition requirements and potential changes, these conversations will continue in the new year. Stephen Raitz has also been consulting with governance staff on potential changes to Bylaw 500 which we will see in the new year as well. Furthermore, Michael Griffiths brought a potential change to regulations regarding the composition of CORA to include an Augustana representative. We will likely see this change early next trimester.

We also welcomed a new member, Noor Abdelwahab, to the Committee!

Presumptive schedule for the Winter trimester

In addition to what we have mentioned above that will be continued work, we will be finalizing the Second Principles of the Article 2 restructuring. We will most likely be finishing up the restructuring process completely next semester. The Bylaw Committee will most likely be drafting the FAMF questions as well. Lastly, we will be preparing for a flawless transition to the next Bylaw team.

Decisions, Recommendations, and Motions Made

Item	Motion	Result
2023-07/3	ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 110/120/130/140.	Carried
2023-07/3	ATWOOD/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 9000	Carried
2023-09/4 a	AISENSTAT/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 600: Student Union Bilingualism.	Carried

Bylaw Committee

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To: Students' Council

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2023-14/3 a	AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO approve The CJSR, The Landing and The Gateway DFU questions of 2024.	Carried
2023-14/3 a	AISENSTAT/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO approve The ISU DFU questions of 2024.	Carried

Finally, I wanted to extend my gratitude to each member of the Bylaw Committee. Stephen Raitz, Levi Flaman, Damon Atwood, Noor Abdelwahab, and Marc Dumouchel. It has been a pleasure working with all of you this semester and I look forward to Winter semester. Also a huge thank you to Courtney Graham who assists me before, during and after meetings.

Happy Holidays et à l'an prochain!

Jillian Aisenstat.

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As per Standing Orders, please find attached my trimesterly report.

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Speaker Report – Fall Trimes... .pdf

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Date: December 12, 2023
To: Students' Council
Re: Speaker's Report – 2023/24 Fall Trimester

Dear Council:

It's the end of the Fall Trimester and two-thirds the way through our terms! Here is an overview of what I have been up to this term. As always, feel free to reach out at speaker@uasu.ca if you have questions!

Progress Updates

- *CSJ/Augustana Meetings:* I was thrilled with the outcome of our CSJ Retreat. A big thank you to Adrian, Courtney, Jill, and the AUFSJ for taking the reins. Planning for the Augustana Retreat has been passed off to the Governance team and Adrian.
- *Supporting Presenters + Proxies:* To better support proxies and presenters who contribute to our Council meetings, I've worked with staff to develop standard and consistent messaging that will help proxies and presenters through the process.
- *Council Workplan:* In collaboration with the Governance team, a Council Planning Document is being developed that is intended to provide a digestible snapshot of what Council does and when.
- *Students' Council Initiatives Fund:* I introduced a draft approval process for the Council Initiatives Fund. This process is currently undergoing review at CAC and will hopefully come to Council in January.
- *Students at Council:* As we have welcomed a high-volume of students to our meetings in the past month, I have worked closely with the Governance team to ensure that students can safely voice their concerns while balancing our regular workload. This process has included documenting process to inform future practices.
- *FAMF/DFU Preparations:* Continuing from the year planning in my last Report, I contributed to the strategic planning for FAMF/DFU presentations this year. A huge shout out to Courtney and the Executives for their work building relationships with SRAs and DFUs this year.

Coming Up

- *Speaker Training Materials:* Minimal planning has occurred to create Speaker Training Materials. I would like to have this complete around the elections in March in preparation for the 2024/25 Council.

- *Council Debate/Discussion Structure*: Given Council's reduced size and the types of debate that commonly happen at Council, I will be asking CAC to review how discussion is structured at our meetings.
- *FAMF/DFU Process*: In response to conversation around FAMF/DFU process, I will be asking CAC to consider how the proposal processes for FAMFs and DFUs might be streamlined and to provide recommendations for the 2024/25 Council.

Sincerely,

Christian Zukowski
Speaker, Students' Council

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exec report and sub-committee trimester report

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Council Report #14

Hi Council!

Below is an overview of the executive committee's activities this past month.

Christian Fotang | *President*

Board of Governors

Last week, during the Board of Governors, we discussed an array of topics. These topics ranged from a budget update to a briefing on the upcoming tuition proposals, a discussion on the University's net zero goals, a report on the development of the University's U of A program, and two very eye-opening presentations from Dr. Kim TallBear, and John Greiger, CEO of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Canadian Geographic Enterprise.

There were no major updates beyond what the council presented when Melissa attended our council meeting a couple of weeks ago. In regards to the University's Net Zero plans, the university's update highlights risks, such as increased energy costs, if the University does not adapt or take action to comply with provincial and federal regulations designed to elicit change. The presentation notes the university's key decarbonization pillars: energy efficiency, behavioral changes, electrification, renewables, hydrogen and hydrogen bases fuels, carbon capture utilization and storage, and bioenergy. The university continues to invest in current energy efficiency programs to avoid utility costs but states the challenge and cost it shall take to meet net-zero targets.

The University is also developing a foundation program. This was a discussion to provide an update to the board. In summary, this program is a transition year program for

students who do not yet meet the competitive entry criteria for direct admission to their desired program. This could be for a handful of reasons, but it is often and most commonly due to missing a course. After completion of this program,. Students who meet competitive admission criteria may gain entry to a university program in their second year. The intent is to have the program offered for both international and domestic students, with emphasis on rural and indigenous students, but it will be initially provided to international students.

It is important to note that this program also arrives in the context of the University's ambition to grow its enrollment by 16,000 students, and of that 16,000, an expectation for 6000 to be international students. The program is now in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which means that there is a search for vendors. Shortlisted vendors shall be invited and, in the next term, will be evaluated and selected.

CAUS Policy Committee/Advanced Education Meeting

This past week, members of the CAUS policy committee reviewed and edited the CAUS bylaws. That work continues to go underway. We have reviewed the membership definition and eligibility requirements. I also had the opportunity, alongside VP Beasley, to attend a discussion with the Advanced Education policy team members. We had robust discussions surrounding mental health funding, internationalization, international student support, and funding for Indigenous learners.

Pedro Almeida | *Vice-President Academic*

Experiential Learning Council

The Experiential Learning Council met a few weeks ago. This group may serve as an extension of the Experiential Learning Better Practices Working Group, which was a working group that did quite a bit of work last year around tackling the challenges students experience during experiential learning. There are different initiatives that this group oversees, which extend into different working groups and projects. I am hoping that this group continues to come together to discuss concerns across different faculties, and work on ways to provide resources to students, such as an online hub for experiential learning, similar to the [Experiential Learning Hub](#) from the University of Toronto.

Meeting with Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research)

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research) and one of the executives of the Indigenous Students' Union (ISU). This meeting involved discussion of different initiatives, from the University of Alberta, the ISU and the UASU, with a focus on potential areas of collaboration. One of the

focuses from the UASU in these discussions was how to continue to support the incorporation of Indigenous course content across different faculties.

Digital Teaching, Learning, & Student Experience Steering Committee

The Digital Teaching, Learning, & Student Experience Steering Committee recently met. I believe this group is tasked with providing advice, information, and direction into the Digital Learning Environment at the University of Alberta to support and enhance teaching and learning. The priority that I brought forward to this group was around the idea of lecture capture. This is an effort that I am hoping is continually emphasized across different areas of the University of Alberta in order to provide greater flexibility and accessibility for students.

ONEcard Access

Over the past few months, Michael and I have worked to advocate for greater ONEcard access for students to buildings on North Campus. This involved writing a proposal to the University of Alberta's Vice-President, Facilities & Operations, then further communicating with people in that department around the importance of access to buildings for students. This has resulted in access to four internal access routes being provided to students from 7:30AM to 9:30PM, that is further explained in this [notice](#). As previously indicated, Michael and I hope this is not the end of the conversation around access to buildings, and the current plan is for the UASU to continue to gather feedback from students to communicate with the University of Alberta.

Exam Deferral Regulations

Over the past few weeks, I have begun communicating with members of the Office of the Dean of Students around concerns with the policies for exam deferrals. Currently, in the University of Alberta Calendar, language is included for students who have an absence from final exams, being able to apply for a deferred exam. I am hoping this language is changed in the near future to allow students to be able to apply for a deferred exam ahead of the exam time, which I think would help improve the accessibility of academic regulations for students.

Leviathan Q. Flaman Esq. | Vice-President Operations & Finance

Reducing Cost of Goods Expenditures (Group Purchasing Organization)

Progress is still chugging along towards a Group Purchasing Organization; my marquee campaign goal when I ran earlier this spring. It has been immensely helpful to pore over a treasure trove of documents relating to previous attempts at a similar

arrangement; the Canadian Campus Business Consortium (CCBC) and Campus Advantage Incorporated.

When meeting my counterparts from various student associations at the Student Union Development Summit at the University of British Columbia and the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Counterparts conference at the University of Lethbridge in August, interest in banding together to reduce the cost of goods sold in our businesses and/or our operational expenses was unanimously supportive.

Operational Expenditures

While reviewing invoices and signing cheques over the last few months, I've started noticing and questioning certain recurring operational expenditures that we pay out for on a monthly basis.

For example, so far this year we have paid an average of about \$356 per month to have bottled water delivered. After looking into alternatives and bringing them to both the Executive Committee and the core management team, we are now exploring ways to reduce our monthly water bill.

In addition,

SPC Card

Since rolling out SPC Card memberships on the [UASU Perks](#) shop on November 17th (25 days ago), 89 annual memberships have been redeemed; averaging about 3.56 memberships redeemed per day. We had hoped for an average of between 2-3 per day prior to its inception, so we are quite pleased with the uptake so far.

Chris Beasley | Vice-President External

International Work Hours

On December 7th, the Federal Minister of Immigration announced that the current pilot program that uncaps work hours for International students will remain in place until the end of April 2024. This is great news for International students, particularly those who were working 35 or 40 hours a week already and were unsure what was going to happen to their jobs after the planned expiration date of the pilot, December 31st. The ability to work with the same freedom as domestic students is an insulating factor against the poverty that so many International students fall victim to in Canada. Moreover, for those who need to work to sustain themselves, changing the legal limit of working hours simply forces many International students to work under the table for cash with few protections.

While this news is good and a direct consequence of lobbying done by the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations, there is still more work to be done. I have been working with provincial counterparts to raise awareness of the issue of International work hours in the Winter semester with the ultimate goal of the permanent removal of a cap on International work hours.

Ministry of Advanced Education

On Friday December 8th, myself and President Fotang attended a consultation meeting with members of the bureaucracy within the Ministry of Advanced Education. Over the course of the afternoon we received presentations on the Ministry's current strategies and initiatives as they relate to Mental Health, International Students, and Indigenous Student Supports. Myself and the rest of the student leaders were able to provide our input to the policy team, specifically around what directions we want programs to go in. For Mental Health, we were able to stress the inadequacy of the current funding levels received from Advanced Education as well as the need for more culturally competent care. For International students, we were able to talk about the need for more services as well as regulating the runaway growth of International tuition. Finally, for Indigenous student supports we mainly discussed the lack of funding received by many Indigenous students and what financial supports are needed going forward.

I'm hoping that these conversations will inform the work done by Advanced Educations' policy team in the new year.

Panel on Student Poverty

Last week, I was able to participate in the John Humphrey Society's Ignite Change Global Convention held on the 75th anniversary of the UN universal declaration of human rights as a panelist for a conversation on student poverty. Alongside colleagues from the Universities of Lethbridge and Athabasca we talked about what student poverty looked like in 2023 and how organizations can help alleviate the severe financial stress that students are facing in this affordability crisis.

Michael Griffiths | Vice-President Student Life

Sustainability Committee

The sustainability committee has been making significant progress on refining our processes related to the UASU's Green Fund. We recently approved a new rubric that will allow the committee to assess the sustainability and deservingness of Green Fund applications more holistically and equitably. The committee is now underway adjudicating the five applications that we have received so far. Folks are working hard during the busy exam period to ensure that applicants can be contacted about the status of their adjudicated application early in the Winter Semester.

Student Group Concerns

Recently, and throughout the semester, we have heard many concerns about the barriers and inaccessibility of organizing student groups and getting student group events approved. We have been working, both internally and with the Dean of Students' Office, to communicate these concerns and refine processes. We have been meeting directly with many groups who have concerns about organizing a student group or student group event. We have listened to students that expressed the need to register as a student group, and have worked with Student Group Services to ensure that registration will be open for prospective student groups on January 8th. We have also heard students express that the 15 business day event approval timeline is burdensome, that they are frustrated with the process, and that they want easier pathways for hosting simple or humanitarian focused events. We recognize these concerns, have elevated them to the Dean of Students' Office, and are working to develop simpler, more accessible pathways for students and student groups.

Trimester Report of Executive SUB-Committees

Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Committee struggled to meet quorum early on, but really got stuck into the work once we were able to meet. We started by evaluating and reworking the rubric that is used to adjudicate Green Fund applications. The committee recently voted through a new rubric that will more equitably and holistically scrutinize applications and help the committee decide if they are comfortable allocating funding to a project. We are now in the process of reviewing and adjudicating the five Green Fund applications that are awaiting committee decision. Working with the new rubric, the committee has been working on and offline to finalize its decisions, and is on track to notify applicants of the status of their application in early January. Lastly, this semester Sustainability committee

also appointed one member to the Reserve Funds Task Force. We hope this member can bring a sustainability lens into work that will evaluate the UASU's investments and holdings practices.

Student Group Committee

Student Group Committee began its work this fall, diving into cases that were put before the committee. After receiving an overview of Student Group Services, Bylaw 5100, and what SGC's responsibilities are, the committee was ready to get into casework. We looked at two cases so far, which concerned disputes between a student group and its constituents over the group's processes. SGC is finalizing the minutes for the resolutions it delivered pertaining to these cases, and will e-vote those resolutions though for confirmation before the end of the term.

Health and Dental Plan Committee

The bulk of HDPC's work will come in the Winter Semester, as that is where the committee usually settles on its strategic priorities for the year and implements any adjustments to the plan's allotments that the committee wants to make. So far, the committee has had their introduction to the plan and their responsibilities. We have also began going through the claims data from the previous year, which will help us analyze how students are using the plan and any adjustments we may need to make to keep the plan healthy and working for students going forward. We've also started sharing our strategic priorities for the year, work that will continue into next year as well.