

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-03)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Absent (COCA)
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
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Arts	Jamie Speer	Absent
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present (7:00)
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Christine Rogerson	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Leung(p)
Business	Paul Chaput	Present
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Absent
Education	Rohit Sharma	Coles(p)
Education	Robert Hartery	Absent
Education	Justin Klaassen	Absent
Engineering	Jordan Harris	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Present
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Justin Lee	Dave Smith(p)
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	Present
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Absent
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Gregory Hawrylak(p)
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Absent
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Present
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present

Science	Allen Lim	Present
Science	Aleem Rajani	Present
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Lisa Lemieux(p)
Science	Chamila Adhietty	Matylda Machinowska(p)
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Blair Miller, Community Relations Coordinator
Christie Tucker, News Editor, *The Gateway*
Bill Curry, Science
Ron Vinokoor, Pharmacology/Medicine
Michael Winters, Managing Editor, *The Gateway*

2000-03/1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

2000-03/2 **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"**

Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-03/3 **University of Alberta CHEER SONG**

Rajani led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2000-03/4 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gall/Chaput moved that the agenda be approved.

Late Additions

2000-3/10g – Casino
2000-3/10h – Website Development Project
2000-3/10i – Lister Hall Student Association Handbook
2000-3/10j – MoneyCon
2000-3/10k – Campus Advantage (CCBC)

Consensus

2000-03/5 **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**2000-03/5a
CASA
PRESENTATION**

Naomi Agard, Vice-President External, gave a presentation on Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

CASA is a student lobbying organization at the federal level. Its member student unions represent students to administration, government, and the media. CASA was founded in 1995, and the University of Alberta was one of its founding members. Its mandate was and is to influence government policy in favor of post-secondary students nationwide.

An important distinction to make is with the word “lobbying”: CASA does not organize rallies or riots. CASA’s lobbying is done through meeting with officials, bringing to light issues and concerns affecting students, and presenting viable, realistic solutions. As such, CASA’s influence has become stronger as a result of gaining especial respect from the federal government.

CASA is effective because it can show real results: its initial *Real Solutions* document in 1997 had a major impact on how government at the federal level views post-secondary education. CASA is taking steps to give students more control over decisions related to their education, and especially to their financial situations. The government appreciates the lobbying tactics that CASA has adopted, because they are based on pragmatism: highlighting problems and suggesting solutions.

CASA’s head office is in Ottawa, which is a distinct advantage because it gives its member schools direct access to Canada’s highest level of government, as well as its most influential decision makers. Its current initiatives are putting together *Real Solutions III* (*Real Solutions II* was released in 1999), and planning for the upcoming federal elections.

CASA membership is not referendum-based, because the students themselves are not members, nor is the University: the Students’ Union as an entity is the member.

2000-03/6**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Zwack/Rogerson moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Consensus**2000-03/7****REPORTS**

- a. Leslie Church, President
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The entire Executive has been on the road for the past month: **Church** and **Agard** in particular attended SuperCon with the rest of the Executive, and followed with a CASA conference in Fredericton right on its heels.
 - At SuperCon, the Executive met with 170 other Executives from across Canada, as well as 60 Managers from the nearby AMICUS-C conference.
 - Congratulations to **Harlow** on being elected to the Board of Directors for Campus Advantage.
 - At the CASA conference, various members plowed through every imaginable federal issue to discern what CASA will be working on this year.
 - Congratulations to **Agard** on being elected Regional Chair of CASA.

- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Thanks to everyone who sat on the Casino granting committee.
 - A report on the Canadian Academic Round Table (CART) conference will be available at the next meeting.
 - Our Students' Union successfully bid to host the next CART conference in mid-October. Anyone who wants to participate please contact **Samuel**.

- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The Senate report on Accessibility has been released, with details on post-secondary education.
 - University Vice-President Finance Glenn Harris' portfolio is currently under review, and the committee is looking for student input.

- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Congratulations to **Samuel** for nabbing CART in October, to **Agard** for being elected Regional Chair of CASA, and to **me** for being elected to the Campus Advantage Board of Directors! We rule the universe!

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - **Wanke** was absent because of the COCA conference.

- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - There is a Board of Governors meeting coming up on Friday, June 23. There have been many preparations and meetings of various sub-committees. Discussion of strategic indicators will ensue.
 - Lots of time spent socializing with Board members to become more familiar with the Board and making the student voice more significant.

- g. Education Faculty Report
 - The Faculty of Education had nothing to report.

- h. Engineering Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Harris**.
 - Engineering representatives met with the Dean of Engineering.
 - The Engineering representatives provided a Slurpee for the councillor who could accurately point out the dates of Engineering Week.

The reason that there are always so many Late Additions to Council is that there are generally four (4) meetings of the Executive Committee between each Council meeting, and the last one, which usually takes place on the Monday before Council, almost always comes up with motions to present to Council. Unfortunately, these motions are articulated too late to be included in the Agenda. However, because of complaints from Council members, the Executive Committee will try to keep Late Additions to a minimum. **(Harris)**

The Students' Union had a contract agreement with CJSR FM 88, stipulating that CJSR's offices would be located in SUB, rent-free, in exchange for SU representation on the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA). This agreement has expired, but the situation has gone unchanged. The SU is currently reviewing how valuable renewing this agreement would be: the space currently allocated to CJSR might be more profitable if it were rented out to a paying tenant. There are many issues to explore before a decision is reached. **(Chaput)**

The 1999 referendum on Students' Union Fees forced co-op students to pay more than \$100 more in SU fees every year. The Executive Committee told last year's Council that they would try to get tax exemptions for co-op students, as they are not currently recognized as full-time students by Revenue Canada, though they are by every other concerned party. The Executive Committee is continuing to work on this. **(Smith)**

At the first meeting after the Final Budget motion, a presentation and update on the TravelCUTS lawsuit will be given to Council. **(Chaput)**

2000-03/10

NEW BUSINESS

2000-03/10a ACCESS FUND BOARD

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Sumreen Ahmad – member of the University of Alberta SENATE, Carol Wilson – representative as designated by the Alumni Association, Penny Reeves – representative of community-at-large and John Mah – representative from the University of Alberta Board of Governors as the Access Fund Board members for the 2000/2001 school year.

27/0 Carried

2000-03/10b STUDENT GROUPS COMMITTEE

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Jonathan Sharun, Suresh Srikant and Gerald Lim as the students-at-large to sit on the Student Groups Committee for the 2000/2001 school year.

25/2 Carried

2000-03/10c STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES LEVY SUBCOMMITTEE

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Student Legal Services Levy Subcommittee for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to **Gall**.

2000-04/10d FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Charlotte Bourne as a student-at-large to sit on the Financial Affairs Board for the 2000/2001 school year.

26/2 Carried

**2000-03/10e
GOLDEN BEAR
AND PANDA
LEGACY FUND
COMMITTEE**

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund Committee for the 2000/2001 school year

Congratulations to **Rogerson**.

**2000-03/10f
MEDICAL
STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

AGARD / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene Brody Committee, grant the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars to the Medical Students' Association in support of their Shinerama fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis

26/1 Carried

**2000-3/10g CASINO
REVENUES**

CHURCH/HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, allocate the Casino revenues to the following groups at the stipulated percentages:

- 25% of the total Casino revenues to the Students' Union and 75% to the student groups, and of that 75%, the student groups:
- 30% to **the University of Alberta Rugby Club**;
- 24% to the **World University Services of Canada (WUSC)**;
- 16% to the **Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity**; and
- 30% to the **Kappa Alpha Literary Society**.

Harlow informed Council that the funds allocated to each student group will go to the following causes: a) the Rugby Club will fund team equipment, as well as an invitational tournament and clinic; b) WUSC will continue to develop an office at the campus International Centre in order to send students on exchange; c) the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will continue to sponsor their chartering; and d) the Kappa Alpha Literary Society will contribute their funds to the refurbishing of their house, which burned down earlier in the year.

The Students' Union has no formal policy on the moral question of accepting revenues from an institution which furthers itself by promoting gambling. The SU is a not-for-profit organization which tries not to "toe the line" of corporatization; however, asking for a political policy on this issue would only be the beginning of a stream of ethical questions pertaining to the SU's revenue. The SU has never had a policy concerning the revenues at the Power Plant, and the same question is raised.

Veale and **Taher** suggested that the Executive Committee draw up a political policy staking the Students' Union one way or the other. The Executive Committee responded that they would take it under advisement.

24/2 Carried

**2000-3/10h
WEBSITE
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**

HARLOW/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, allocate the Students' Union's share of the Casino revenues to the Website Development Project.

25/3 Carried

2000-3/10i LISTER HARLOW/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the
HALL STUDENTS' recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of One
ASSOCIATION Thousand Three Hundred (\$1,300.00) to buy advertising space in the LHS
HANDBOOK Handbook.

20/7 Carried

2000-3/10j SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the
MONEYCON recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of not more
than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for Gregory Harlow, Vice-President
Operations and Finance, to attend MoneyCon in Calgary, Alberta from July 9-14,
2000.

There was an amendment (friendly) to change the amount of One
Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars
(\$643.00).

24/1 Carried

2000-3/10k CAMPUS HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the
ADVANTAGE recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the purchase of shares in
Campus Advantage at a cost not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars
(\$15,000.00).

23/4 Carried

2000-03/13 ADJOURNMENT

Gall/Rogerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.