

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-09)

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	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
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Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present (6:30)
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Christine Rogerson	Absent
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	Paul Chaput	Present
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Robert Hartery	Present
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Jordan Harris	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Joe Briddle(p)
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Justin Lee	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	Present
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present

Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Absent
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Present
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present
Science		
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Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Absent
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Heather Clark, Chief Returning Officer

Jon Dunbar, News Editor, *The Gateway*

TJ (Tajesh) Adhihetty, Student Communications Coordinator

Ryan Quigg, Engineering

Dave Smith, Engineering

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

Church led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

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University of Alberta CHEER SONG

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Speer/Zwack moved that the agenda for the 2000-09 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

1. 2000-09/10a – External Affairs Board

2. 2000-09/10b – CNS Focus Group

2000-09/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zwack/Speer moved that the minutes of the 2000-08 meeting be approved.

- **Samuel**: The transfer of the International *Office* has already occurred.
- **Agard**: It is not University of Alberta tuition that is both third highest in Canada and increasing by the largest increments, but tuition throughout Alberta.
- **Samuel**: The wording on the issue of the Ombudservice should be “the service continues as an advisor [. . .].”

Consensus

2000-09/7

REPORTS

- a. Leslie Church, President
 - A written report was included in the agenda package.
 - Congratulations were offered to all who worked on Orientation this year. It was a great success. **Church** noted in particular the enthusiasm of the first-year students.
 - Week of Welcome was also very successful. All the events were especially well-attended. **Church** thanked Jennifer Wanke and Mike Zimmerman for all their hard work.
 - The Minister of Learning came to attend Teaching and Learning Week, and was a happy attendant at Beer Gardens during WOW.
 - There will be a third tuition café meeting next Thursday, September 21, at the Sugarbowl Café at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Church** displayed her WOW wounds to Council: her neck was scraped while crowd-surfing at the WOW Dance the previous Saturday.
- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Further congratulations were given to all who made Orientation and the Week of Welcome such a thundering success.
 - The Academic Plan Task Force will influence University decisions for the next five years.
 - **Samuel** met with Ernie Ingles. He is working to form a productive dialogue between their two offices, which will likely result in an advisory committee.
 - The AASUA is looking for further recommendations from the Students' Union.
 - **Samuel** met with Michael Byrne.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - **Agard** congratulated everyone involved in the Week of Welcome and Orientation.
 - **Agard** asked that members of Council read her written report carefully.

- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - **Harlow** received a letter from Faculte Saint-Jean regarding the fees owed to them, which are being sent.
 - The new Students' Union web page is now available for use. A careful eye is now being turned to the services that were wanting during the development of the site.
 - Work is now beginning with Marc Dumouchel to restructure the Students' Union computers.
 - **Harlow** attended Orientation as a first-year student this year, as he felt the Orientation services offered in his own freshman year were lacking. It has improved vastly, he reports, in the intervening years. Especial thanks were offered to Dan Coles, who was his Orientation Leader.
 - The Executive Committee has approved some floor changes to the Students' Union Executive and Administrative Offices.
 - The legal review of the Students' Union should bring some legislation motions to Council for the next meeting.
 - Sincere thanks were offered to **Wanke** for the success of the Week of Welcome.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- An oral report was provided at the meeting.
- **Wanke** apologized for not having offered a written report to Council: the absence is due to a hand injury that has temporarily prohibited typing.
 - Thanks were given to the volunteers who helped with the Pancake Breakfast, which was a roaring success: in particular, **Wanke** noted the hard work of Mike Zimmerman, Student Activities Coordinator, and of the football team, who made simply *enormous* pancakes!
 - Beer Gardens, Karaoke Night, and Taste of the U were all very well-attended and were planned and executed excellently. **Harlow** singing Karaoke was especially entertaining.
 - The Shaken, Not Stirred Martini Party was an absolute stomping success, as were Shinerama and the Sleeping Bag Drive-In.
 - The WOW Dance, featuring Edwin, was a fantastical, effervescent, enchanting success.
 - Orientation was also a remarkable success.
 - Now that the hullabaloo is finished, the issues concerning residents at Newton Place are being explored.
- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
- Congratulations were offered to **Wanke** for resounding success of the Week of Welcome.
 - The next Board of Governors meeting is coming up Friday, September 15.
 - **Cormier**'s offices are moving his office to the Students' Union Executive and Administrative Offices.

- g. Athletics Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Macapagal**.
 - The Pandas Field Hockey Team is in New York playing NCAA teams.
 - Bears Hockey will be playing the Oiler Rookies this week.
 - Most teams are currently in training camp.
 - The Athletics shirts can be ordered until September 20.
 - Panda-Bear Fest coming up September 30.

- h. Arts Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Speer**.
 - The Clubs table at the Week of Welcome was roarily successful. ASA members distributed Student Survivor Kits, and the ASA has developed a solid volunteer base for the school year.
 - Arts locker and merchandise sales are going very well.
 - The Arts Students' Association is looking to expand its services, such as a periodical newsletter. The ASA Executive will be fostering a dialogue with other faculty associations for advice on this matter.
 - Faculty administration relations are going well. **Speer** met with the Dean last week, and relations look positive for the future.

At this time, Council offered full consensus for TJ Adhietty, Student Communications Coordinator, to provide his own report as a Late Addition.

- i. TJ (Tajesh) Adhietty, Student Communications Coordinator
 - An oral report was provided at the meeting.
 - The SU Posse, consisting of the Academic Affairs Coordinator, the Student Communications Coordinator, the Student Activities Coordinator, and the External Affairs Coordinator, have compiled reports of their activities over the summer.
 - Please contact **Adhietty** for questions or concerns regarding pictures before Friday, September 15. A notice will be posted over e-mail.

NB: The Recording Secretary asks Council's appreciation of the innovative array of adjectives prefixing the word "success" over the course of 2000-09/7, the Reports section of the Minutes of Students' Council. Through many thanks regarding Orientation and the Week of Welcome, the term "success" was used in a myriad of contexts, and the Secretary, she believes, successfully maintained the diversity of the individual reports, without, she hastens to add, the use of any manner of thesaurus. End of Aside.

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QUESTION PERIOD

The e-mail addresses used to contact members of Students' Council are those that individual members supplied to the Speaker. Contact Slavinka Osmanagic, Administrative Assistant (Executive), for the details on contact information. **(Veale)**

Campus Advantage is the new incarnation of the Canadian Campus Business Consortium (CCBC). Its mandate as an umbrella organization is to procure better services and deals to students on a business level and with other non-academic concerns. The University of Alberta Students' Union owns twenty (20) shares, which is tentatively the largest number owned by any other member. With respect, **Harlow** asked the Speaker if he might table a more detailed explanation of the resources used by Campus Advantage to the next meeting. **(Adhietty)**

The Edmonton Transit System (ETS) Advisory Board is not removing its student seat. The endeavor is to change the bylaw guaranteeing said seat, because student attendance has been low in past years. Their concern is that special interest groups not use the Board as their own tool.

This year, there were some concerning issues with the Orientation Manager, whose two-year contract has been terminated early. The main contention was over the Manager's performance, which is anomalous. All those involved in Orientation have extended their deep gratitude to the Coordinators and Managers on permanent staff with the Students' Union, who stepped in on short notice and performed beyond the call of their duties to ensure the success of Orientation. In particular, Katherine Huising, Manager of Entertainment and Programming, worked very hard on the events. In future, the hiring process for Orientation Manager will be undertaken more carefully, and the delegation of duties for this position will be articulated in more detail. The fault was with the individual, not with the position itself. **(Zwack)**

Timetabling was in charge of the delegation of tables during Orientation. Any concerns should be directed there. **(Cabaj)**

Registration is being revamped with the help of the Administration Systems Renewal Project (ASRP). The University is looking to correct all glitches in the system, but a major obstacle has been that once they have trained the individuals they hire, they can no longer afford to keep them on staff. Therefore, the project has been delegated to a private contractor. **(Speer)**

The Executive Committee has undertaken to examine the University's spending habits in detail. However, it is also important that the Students' Union maintain positive relations with Administration in order to remain effective. Cutbacks going back several years have not yet been recovered by the University, and much of the money given is specifically directed, and cannot be used at the discretion of Administration. The University has gone on record stating that its policy will be to cement its financial resources and ensure only an inflationary tuition increase for students. **(Adhietty)**

The federal and provincial campaigns will necessitate timeline changes for CASA strategic plans. Provincial spending occurs in October, and a campaign encouraging students to vote will be executed. The SU is partnering with the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to perform more effectively. The SU is also looking to procure party representatives to give talks to students on the present and future of education. **(Zwack)**

UAB has nothing to do with the quality of the facilities offered by Athletics. The issue of their cardiovascular exercise machines being broken is the concern and responsibility of Athletics, not the Board. **(Clark)**

There has been an effort from the ONECard Office to improve the scope and service of the ONECard, but there is no certainty as to when the changes will be completed. The cooperation from University Administration has not been sufficient. The ONECard's technology is out of date, and this makes changes occur more slowly. The University is considering the technology of the "SmartCard." The ONECard Office has always been fueled by photocopying revenues, but is now being helped by the University, which should speed up this process. **(Quigg)**

Council was assured that the gymnasium facilities provided for the University Athletics Board are very shabby. **(Wanke)**

Samuel has already met with Dr. Doug Oworm (the University's Vice-President Academic), Anne-Marie Decore (Associate Vice-President Academic), and Bill Connor (Dean of Students) to discuss heightened student involvement in the Faculty Evaluation Committee. **(Speer)**

The Teaching Workshop's purpose is for both students and staff to identify key points of concern. The issues raised will be of a universal nature, so the actual courses will be largely irrelevant to discussion. **(Read)**

The expansion of the Students' Union Building is an issue that remains alive for the Executive Committee. The current wish is to create a more detailed design of plans for expansion, which will be more effectual than the blueprints created last year. The Executive Committee is also exploring more funding options for the expansion, whose cost was estimated last year at approximately \$3.2 million. The University is helping with this endeavor by placing it among their priorities for their upcoming fundraising campaign. The expansion will not begin until after the 2001 Track and Field Games next summer. A timeline is currently uncertain. **(Zwack)**

2000-09/9

LEGISLATION

**2000-08/9a
BYLAW 250 -
CHIEF
RETURNING
OFFICER AND
DEPUTY
RETURNING
OFFICERS**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT (SECOND READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 250 Respecting the Chief Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officers of the Students' Union

Heather Clark, Chief Returning Officer, introduced the motion.

31/1 Carried

**2000-08/9b
BYLAW 300 -
NOMINATIONS
AND ELECTIONS**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT (SECOND READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 300 Respecting the Nominations and Elections of the Students' Union

Heather Clark, Chief Returning Officer, introduced the motion.

The changes to the bylaw regarding pre-campaigning are simply to restrict the jurisdiction of the Chief Returning Officer, and the authority of the Elections Office in sleuthing for evidence of pre-campaigning. It is by no means an effort to make pre-campaigning acceptable. Many of the rules regarding pre-campaigning are unenforceable, and since the ineffectiveness of these regulations does not seem to have hindered the success of elections in previous years, there is no value in retaining them. **(Chaput)**

25/6 Carried

**2000-08/9c
BYLAW 1010 -
UNIVERSITY
AFFAIRS
COORDINATOR**

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (SECOND READING) Students' Council rescind Bylaw 1010 Respecting the University Affairs Coordinator of the Students' Union

30/3 Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

**2000-09/10a
EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS BOARD**

AGARD / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Nina Sharma as a student-at-large on the External Affairs Board for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school term.

33/1 Carried

**2000-09/10b CNS
FOCUS GROUP**

SAMUEL / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint two (2) councillors to sit on the CNS Focus Group.

Samuel introduced the motion. Michael Byrne is genuinely interested in garnering student input. This committee will serve as a sounding board for students' concerns.

Congratulations to **Moore** and **Veale**.

2000-09/12**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Pictures will be taken on September 26 at 5:30 p.m. Council was reminded not to be late, and to take care with appearance, as individual photographs will be taken for the SU web page.
- **Wanke** informed Council that she will be needing volunteers to coordinate Antifreeze in January 2001.
- **Church** reminded Council of the Alumni Wall of Recognition Ceremony, to which all members are invited.
- Many thanks to **Harris** for his dedication as an Engineering representative on Council for the past two years. Unfortunately, he is resigning from Council.

2000-09/13**ADJOURNMENT**

Harris/Adhietty moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.