

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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**Tuesday October 30, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

## **MINUTES (SC 2001-13)**

*The Secretary would like to thank Mr. Jones – and whoever aided him – for bringing Diet Pepsi to Council on this evening, for it provided her with the necessary aspartame to complete the minutes.*

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/absent</b>	<b>Proxy Name</b>
President	Christopher Samuel	Present	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Brett McNelly	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	

Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Present	
Arts	Kara Deringer	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Meena Rajulu
Business	John Watkins	Absent	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	

Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Absent	
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing	Vacant		
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Proxy	Steve Smith
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Christopher Samuel	Proxy	Candace Rypien
Science	Constantina Renzi	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Present	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Absent	

Gateway/ Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	
Recreation Action Committee			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

### Observers

Jonathan Gorton

Patrick Finlay

Emilia Kennedy

Geoff Dixon

Scott Harris

Rebecca Lake

Vlad Gomez

Mark Wells

Greg Kitt

Tiffany Brown Olsen

Steve Lillebuen

Stephen Osadetz

Marcus Bence

### 2001-13/1

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2001-13/2

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"**

**Samuel** led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

### 2001-13/3

#### **University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

**Jones** led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

**2001-13/4**

**ROLL CALL**

**Wanke/Mendoza** moved that Council appoint Shannon Moore as the representative for the Residence Halls Association.

**Carried**

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

**2001-13/5**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Jones/Zwack** moved that the SC2001-13 agenda be approved.

**Jones/Sharun** moved to amend item 2001-13/6a to include the stipulation that said item be limited to twenty-five minutes.

**Carried**

Late Additions

2001-13/12e – Ottawa Lobbying Trip

**Carried**

**2001-13/6**

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**2001-13/6a**

At this point, the Vice-President Operations and Finance gave a presentation on the agreement between Coke, the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union.

### History

- The idea of an exclusivity agreement was attractive to the Coca-Cola company because it gave them the opportunity to gain a loyal customer base.
- The University of Alberta began discussions regarding the agreement in December 1996, and it was brought to Students' Council for the first time in October 1997, to overwhelming approval.
- The agreement returned to Council in January 1998, and the presentation included the following terms: that prices of Coke products would be fixed for a minimum of three years; that Athletics would receive a "face lift"; and that funding would go to bursaries and scholarships.
- In February 1998, the agreement was sent to plebiscite, and was approved.
- In March 1998, Council ratified the agreement, with the provision that the Students' Union acts as co-signatory and co-administrator.

### Guiding Principles

- That funding would not be derived from price increases;
- That monies would be funneled into scholarships and bursaries;
- That prices of Coke products would be frozen for a minimum of three years;
- That the Students' Union involvement would be ongoing.

Finally, certain aspects of the Coke agreement cannot be publicly disclosed because they would be damaging to Coke's competitive ability if they were widely accessible.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

**Taher:** Since the three years elapsed, how much longer are students guaranteed a price freeze on Coke products?

**Speer:** There is no guarantee currently in place. However, off-campus competition should ensure that prices remain low.

**Moore:** Is the classified information available to anyone in the Students' Union?

**Speer:** The Manager of Facilities and Operations; the General Manager; the President; the Vice-President Operations and Finance; and the Manager of Finance and Administration know these details.

**Rypien:** Can student groups or clubs bring other products on campus?

**Speer:** These groups are prohibited from selling outside products on campus.

**Jones:** Can the classified information be disclosed to Council *in camera*?

**Speer:** No.

At this point, **Jones** recited the items falling under Article XVIII of the Constitution, and was informed that this agreement was irrelevant to Article XVIII.

## 2001-13/6b

At this point, the directors of APIRG gave a presentation.

APIRG is student-funded and student-directed, and community-minded. It is also independent and non-partisan. There are currently 18 other PIRGs in Canada.

### Structure

There is an APIRG board that governs its day-to-day operations. This board supports student-working groups on a case-by-case basis. These working groups are student initiatives presented to the board for consideration and funding. Board members are volunteers, who commit themselves to five to ten hours *per* week.

Some examples of working groups are food buying co-ops, ecological housing groups, ethical investment groups, and anti-racism groups.

### Funding

APIRG is funded by the stipulation of the 2001 referendum, which collects \$2.50 *per* term for full-time students and \$1.25 *per* term for part-time students. This provides the organization with stable funding, as well as independence from other institutions on campus. APIRG is not-for-profit, and therefore qualifies as a charity, and is empowered to do its own fundraising. The APIRG is accountable to the SU and to Council for its financial activities. However, legally, APIRG is responsible for its actions, rather than the SU.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

**Salyzyn:** CFS web pages list many PIRGs as their “partners”. How, then, can they be independent and non-partisan?

**Lake:** The APIRG is not meant to have any such connections. Student unions and PIRGs have often successfully collaborated. The University of Alberta is a CASA school, so if there were to be any affiliation, it would be with them, not with CFS.

At this point, a discussion ensued regarding the structure of the APIRG board, and how many Council representatives should be mandatory members. **Samuel** argued that because the SU is liable for the actions of APIRG, and because Council is the natural democratic link to the student body, there should be a generous number of councilors on the board. APIRG countered that board election should be open to all students, not only those who sit on Council, and the time commitment required would, in many cases, be prohibitive. Furthermore, APIRG argued, all meetings of the board are open, and activities and deliberations would be transparent.

**Wanke/Jess** moved that discussion be extended no longer than 20 minutes.

**Carried**

**Wanke:** Would non-students be able to sit on the board?

**Lake:** *Ex-officio* members may be non-students. Only students could propose working groups.

The Executive Committee expressed to APIRG that the SU seeks compromise in this matter: that it wishes APIRG to serve its mandated purpose freely, but that the Executive and Students' Council must be empowered to fulfill the SU's responsibility in the execution of said purpose.

APIRG returned that what they seek is independence of action, but that they understand that financial guidelines must be articulated.

**Gomez:** Research groups have been limited in the past by governing bodies, and because APIRG operates in the public interest, some of the issues it examines may affect the SU. There are several hypothetical working groups that could create a conflict of interest with the SU.

**Speer:** The mandate of Council is to represent the needs and interests of students, and any issue that Council does not want pursued would be, by definition, against the interests of students.

Any other concerns or questions should be directed to [apirg@yahoo.com](mailto:apirg@yahoo.com).

**2001-13/7**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Melnyk/Hillier** moved that the minutes of the SC2001-12 meeting be approved.

**Salyzyn:** There is a ONECard deposit machine in SUB, not a wired vending machine.

**Carried**

**2001-13/8**

### **REPORTS**

- a. Christopher Samuel, President
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The SU's tuition proposal was presented to the Academic Planning Committee and the Board Finance and Property Committee, and was defeated at both. Information cards were circulated to Council to be distributed to students.
  - Halloween candy was given to members of Council.
- b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
  - A written report was provided at the meeting
  - The CART conference in Halifax was insightful and interesting.
  - Hopefully a midterm teaching evaluation pilot project will take place next semester.
- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The CASA conference went well, despite an anthrax scare.

- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - A Campus Advantage board meeting took place most of last week. A national program director has been selected, and the head office has been moved from Edmonton to Toronto.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The WOW supplement has been completed.
  - Antifreeze began planning this week.
  - The Inner City Christmas Party will take place December 7.
  - **Wanke** turned 25 recently.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - **Burrows** encouraged members of Council to attend the Board of Governors meeting November 2.
- g. Rehabilitation Medicine
- An oral report was provided by **Webb**.
  - Rehabilitation Medicine has involved itself in many charitable endeavors recently.
  - Research in Corbett Hall has recently attained a good deal of funding, which means the loss of study space and lounges for students. This is a considerable concern.
- h. Science
- An oral report was provided by **Brechtel**.
  - Science Week has begun. Councilors are encouraged to stroll through CAB. UASUS challenges Arts Week to top it.
- i. President Athletics
- **Wanke**: The President of Athletics has been removed from Council due to delinquent attendance. He cannot be replaced.
  - **Wepler**: He should be re-admitted to Council.

**Agur:** Why were there Late Additions, and why were there no reports available in the agenda package?

**Salyzyn:** Because of the recent CART conference.

**Wanke** was in Oakville.

**Samuel:** “I suck.”

**Speer:** Because of the recent Campus Advantage meeting in Mississauga.

**Zwack:** “Ditto the President.”

**Agur:** Will there be more timely reports in future?

**Samuel:** Every effort will be made.

**Jones:** Has the idea of “nonstop pop” at RATT and the Power Plant been investigated?

**Speer:** It is not feasible, unfortunately.

**Jess:** Is it possible to revisit the structure of the APIRG board after one system has been tried?

**Harris:** Registration requires bylaws, which means that a fixed system must be in place.

**Samuel:** This issue will be referred to FAB, where hopefully an amenable conclusion can be reached.

**Zwack:** Is there a hierarchy of PIRGs? Will this one in particular be answering to any other?

**Harris:** No, all PIRGs are independent of each other.

**Rypien:** If the Executive and Council are concerned about financial control of APIRG, could APIRG compose a board whose decisions would be ratified by an SU financial board?

It was agreed that this was an excellent idea, and should be discussed further.

**Taher:** Will there be enough space for the Chaplains after SUB expansion?

**Samuel:** There will be ample space for their use, although that space will be moved.

**Wanke, Jones, Kawanami, Deringer,** and **Sharun** approved a 15-minute extension of Question Period.

**Kotovych:** How is *The Gateway* distributed off-campus?

**Alexander:** It is distributed down Whyte Avenue by a distributor who circulates other publications in the city.

**Sharma:** Why will the SU not support SWAG?

**Samuel:** Because successes are gained for students by meeting Administration and government on their own ground.

**Sharma:** Activism takes many different forms. Does the Executive condone a tuition freeze?

**Samuel:** Unfortunately, a tuition freeze would be beneficial only with the cooperation of government, which is not, at the moment, forthcoming.

**Samuel/Jones** moved that Standing Order #30 regarding adjournment be suspended.

**Carried**

**Jones:** Raffle tickets from Engineering have been circulated to members and guests of Council. Numbers will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

## 2001-13/10

### LEGISLATION

## 2001-13/10a

JONES/SHARMA RESOLVED THAT Students' Council amends the Standing Orders of Council and rescinds motion 99-23/10e.

Please see documents SC 01-13.02 and SC 01-13.03.

**Jones:** The 1999-2000 Council approved a moment of silence each year to commemorate the life of the Friendly Giant, within Students' Council's Standing Orders. This motion asks the current Council to add Mr. Dressup – Ernie Coombs – to this Standing Order, as both have likely touched the lives of all Council members.

**Carried**

**Moore's** abstention was noted.

## 2001-13/12

### NEW BUSINESS

## 2001-13/12a

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Nathan Brown as Student-at-large member on the Communications Advisory Committee for the term November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**Carried**

**2001-13/12b**

SPEER/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint one member of Students' Council to sit as a Students' Council representative on the Recreation Action Committee for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to **Wanke**.

**2001-13/12c**

SAMUEL/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the D.I.E. Board Selection Committee ratify the appointments of Ryan Cheng, Chris Fahlman and Katharine Nicolson as Alternate Members, Heather MacNeil, Tasha Novick as Alternate Members pending a successful interview and acceptance of the position and Sean Doherty, Nels Ekelund, R. Aaron Low and Vincent Tong as Members of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board for the 2001/2002 school year.

**Carried**

**2001-13/12d**

SAMUEL/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the D.I.E. Board Selection Committee, ratify the appointments of Vincent Tong as Chair and Sean Doherty as the Alternate Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board for the 2001/2002 school year.

**Carried**

**2001-13/12e**

SPEER/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1100.00 for Chris Samuel to attend the Ottawa Lobbying trip with the University from November 19-22.

**Fraese/Smith** moved that the amount \$1100.00 be struck, and that the amount \$1026.00 be entered.

12/13 **Failed**

**Rypien's** abstention was noted.

**Carried**

**2001-13/14**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulations to **Salyzyn** for making the semifinals in her debate tournament.
- Congratulations to **McGraw** and **Kotovych** for performing well in their Ottawa debate tournament.
- The Political Science Undergraduate Association will be holding a tuition town hall meeting.
- There will be an Education Builds a Nation competition for tuition vouchers. The deadline for submissions is mid-January.
- Bar None will be taking place on November 17.

**2001-13/15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Agur/Mendoza** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.