

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 20, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2001-15)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent	Proxy Name
President	Christopher Samuel	Absent	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Absent	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Absent	
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	Proxy	Travis Peter
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	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Proxy	Charlie Beamish

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	Proxy	Angela Thomas
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Proxy	Heidi Beinmer
Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present	
Science	Constantino 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	
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	
Recreation Action Committee			

General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

Observers

- M. Mustafa Hirji
- Amanda Hamelink, Recreation Action Committee
- Tiffany Brown Olsen, CJSR
- Douglas Gorman, Garneau Community Association
- Colm McCarthy, Garneau Community Association
- Julian Martin

2001-15/1

CALL TO ORDER

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

2001-15/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."

Zwack led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-15/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-15/4

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-15/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Melnyk/Jess moved that the agenda of the SC2001-15 meeting be approved.

Consensus

2001-15/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-15/6a

U of A Long Range Development Plan - Garneau Community Association (Limited to 10 minutes for Presentation, 10 minutes for questions)

This presentation was given by Doug Gorman and Colm McCarthy, representatives of the Garneau Community Association.

The Garneau Community Association was concerned that the University of Alberta's Long Range Development Plan would extend to the residential areas of the Garneau neighborhood. This would be a considerable infringement. The Association had creative alternatives to using the Garneau area in such a way, but the University, the Association intimated, does not feel the need to be accountable for its decisions or seek consultation.

As partners of the City of Edmonton, expanding into the Garneau area would be a dubious proposal. There has been little or no consultation with the City regarding this expansion.

The Association further argued that the projections of the University's proposal have not been subject to scrutiny from non-University stakeholders. It was expressed that it seems inappropriate for the University to impinge on privately owned homes.

The Association projected that the total cost of the development plan would outweigh the benefit of such an expansion. A document outlining these projections was circulated to members of Council. They also expressed concern that the development would not ultimately benefit students.

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

Brechtel: Will the Garneau Community Association always oppose this expansion, or is it just at this point?

Gorman/McCarthy: The Association is hoping to get some of the private homes provincially designated, to stop the University from expanding into that area. This would be an ongoing concern.

Sharun: Did this Association raise concerns about the construction of the Telus Centre?

Gorman/McCarthy: With directed funds, the University's hands are often tied, although it is difficult to know what the purpose of such a building is.

Jones: Does the Association plan to make any campaign about traffic congestion in the Garneau area?

Gorman/McCarthy: There is an ongoing study of that issue. The Association wants a safe pedestrian community, which means more use of public transport.

The Garneau Community Association were thanked by Council for their presentation.

2001-15/6b

University's Capital Plan - Dr. Julian Martin, Chair of the Long Range Capital Plan Steering Committee.

Dr. Martin thanked **Samuel** for the invitation to present to Council; this was the first public presentation of the University's capital plan.

The University is currently at the midpoint of its long-range planning phases, which has included academic planning and the structure of the South campus. The third phase of planning will lay out terms and strategies. Communication and feedback have been a substantive part of this process.

The current incarnation of this process is called the 'preferred concept', as it will not be a formalized plan until it is accepted by the Board of Governors. It has been discussed with the Steering Committee, advisory groups, the General Faculties' Council Executive, the Deans' Council, and the Facilities Development Committee. Soon, it will be brought to the media, City Council, and MLAs.

There are several reasons that the University is loath to expand into the downtown area. The first is fragmentation: there are technically three campus areas already, and students need the social cohesion of a scholarly community. The second is the physical facilities: there is much expectation of new building growth, and in the downtown area, the University would not be able to structure this growth according to its desires. Finally, it would require capital that the University does not have; no individual faculty would prosper while separated from the others.

Dr. Martin concluded by assuring Council that the University's plan only involves the land it currently owns. There has been appropriate anxiety over this matter, but the University has approached this plan with all due diligence. The Garneau area east of 110 Street is not involved.

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

Hamelink: Is the University considering constructing student residences downtown?

Martin: It would be an excellent idea, provided the University had financial support.

Agur: Areas such as the HUB parking lot and others are not being put to use. Why would the University not consider these areas first in their plans?

Martin: There will be buildings going onto those areas; that recourse is certainly the University's responsibility.

Jess: Regarding fragmentation, would it not behoove the University to have a closer integration with the city?

Martin: That is an arguable point, but the University has a responsibility to build a scholarly community first, rather than integrating with external bodies.

Mendoza: What is being built?

Martin: There will be teaching areas and residences, and in particular, research facilities.

Samuel: How long will it be before the University is required to purchase new land?

Martin intimated that both he and **Samuel** would be dead before the University exhausts the land it already owns.

Council thanked Dr. Martin for his presentation.

2001-15/6c

Students' Council Survey - Amy Salyzyn

Salyzyn explained that the purpose of this survey is to ensure that Council is doing its job in the proper fashion, and to further ensure that it examines the proper issues. The survey was circulated to Council and asked to return them completed, so that the results might be tabulated.

2001-15/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Zwack/Samuel moved that the approval of the SC2001-13 minutes be postponed to the next meeting due to fragments missing from the agenda package.

Carried

McGraw/Hillier moved that the minutes of the SC2001-14 meeting be approved.

Consensus

2001-15/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

Samuel was absent from the meeting.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- The results of the SU Survey will be coming to Council soon.
- The ONECard Office has agreed to make stickers for this academic year available to alleviate difficulties.
- There is a campaign being mounted for academic fairness, regarding how to file complaints against professors and how to defer exams, among other things.
- COFA has established a date for its InterFaculty Competition Week.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External

- A student loan breakfast will be held to create awareness about low student loan allocations for food.
- The High School Leadership conference is coming up, and there are heady compensations for volunteers.

d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance

Speer tabled a written report for the meeting.

e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life

- The InterFaculty Competition week will be in February, and is a mechanism to showcase individual faculties. It will not be a full week in the interests of the time constraints of students.
- Antifreeze registration packages are going quickly. The events will include a photo hunt, Weakest Link and Whose Line is it Anyway competitions, and the premiere of some X-Box games.
- The Inner City Christmas Party needs volunteers, as there will be 750 children this year.
- The FreshHeads events are beginning soon. There will be a wrapup party on November 30 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre.
- Gripe Tables require volunteers. A signup sheet was circulated to members of Council.

f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

- **Burrows** was absent from the meeting.

g. Arts Report

- An oral report was provided by **Melnyk**.
- This week is Arts Week. There will be a barbeque, a photo scavenger hunt, a Jell-O-eating/Coke-sucking competition, and karaoke. The wrapup will be held at the Drink.

h. Business Report

- An oral report was provided by **Watkins**.
- The November 4 Dressed for Success event at the Faculty Club was a success.
- The undergraduate student awards will be held December 1.
- Business students will be celebrating the last day of classes at Squire's.
- In January, there will be a charity fair and fashion show.

2001-15/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Baxter thanked the Executive for the food it provided Council at the meeting.

Adhietty: There is a concern that professors aren't properly schooled for the technology they use in classrooms. Is there a solution for this?

Salyzyn: Workshops and training are held for technology-enhanced instruction, but it is not compulsory.

Coles: How is the Silent Shopper program going?

Wanke: It is just now going into effect to assess businesses and services.

Coles: Are there going to be comment cards available?

Wanke: This is a difficult proposition for the SU's licensed establishments, because customers would often fill them out when they were obviously inebriated.

Loewen: If the SU is seeking a legal opinion regarding the PIRG board structure, does that mean that there was no such opinion before?

Salyzyn: The SU has been in contact with a lawyer, but now it seeks a formal opinion. This will be brought before Council.

McGraw: What is the SU's official stance on the University's long range plan?

Zwack: There has been consultation through a focus group, but otherwise, the SU is not involved.

Harriman: What is the status of SUB expansion?

Wanke: The expansion has passed through FDC. At the next meeting, a document will be tabled as an Information Item at Council, and at the following meeting, a motion will be brought. The ground has not been broken yet, so there is still room for input.

Sharma: What is the tuition task force?

Wanke: This is a group being assembled to ensure enough student input for the tuition debate next year.

Jones: What is the status of the CUP Memorandum of Understanding?

Wanke: It will hopefully be resolved by the end of January.

Sharun thanked all parties who attended the APIRG Town Hall meeting.

2001-15/10

LEGISLATION

2001-15/10a

SALYZYN/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 9100 respecting the Involvement Recognition Awards of the Students' Union (FIRST reading).

Salyzyn introduced the motion and outlined the proposed changes for the bylaw.

Agur/Baxter moved that Standing Order 31 regarding adjournment be suspended.

Carried

Jones/McGraw moved to strike Section 5b, sub. 2 regarding gender parity from the bylaw.

Jones: The bylaw should not examine issues extraneous to merit.

Sharma opposed the amendment, stating that the clause should remain in the bylaw to ensure fairness.

McGraw: The clause implies that women need help to get awards, and it should be established that being a woman should not be a disadvantage.

Agur/Brechtel moved to call the question

Carried

18/14/2 **Carried**

Debate ensued on the main motion.

Loewen/Sharun moved to call the question.

29/2/1 **Carried**

26/5/1 **Carried**

2001-15/12

NEW BUSINESS

2001-15/12a

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DIE Board Selection Committee, ratify the appointment of Dean Dowle as a member of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board for the 2001/2002 school year.

32/0/1 **Carried**

2001-15/12b

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor who is not a member of any of the President's Boards or Committees to participate in the review of the SU President.

Salyzyn explained the review process, and Council decided to hold a separate debate and motion on the merit of the review.

Debate ensued on the merit of the review.

Samuel: Why is there a restriction on the boards and committees the councillor sits on?

Salyzyn: The review requires a diversity of forums and angles.

Brechtel: Why could all councilors not submit a review of their own?

Wanke: This would be a logistical nightmare.

Salyzyn: The Council survey will provide that opportunity.

Thomas/Baxter moved to call the question.

23/2/3 **Carried**

20/6/0 **Carried**

Congratulations to **Sharma**.

2001-15/12c

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor who is not a member of any of the Vice President External's Boards or Committees to participate in a review of the Vice President External.

Congratulations to **Agur**.

2001-15/12d

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor who is not a member of Vice President Academic's Boards or Committees to participate in a review of the Vice President Academic.

Congratulations to **Kotovych**.

2001-15/12e

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor who is not a member of Vice President Student Life's Boards or Committees to participate in a review of the Vice President Student Life.

There was a tie between **Darling** and **Jess**, which was settled through gentlemanly combat. The victory went to **Darling**.

2001-15/12f

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor who is not a member of Vice President Operations and Finance's Boards or Committees to participate in a review of the Vice President Operations and Finance.

Congratulations to **Harriman**.

2001-15/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Brechtel: Renzi** and **Speer** are sitting on the Vice-President Administration (University) committee, and are seeking input from councilors. Email to tino_r@telusplanet.net.
- **Agur**: The We Want Your Pants clothing drive is collecting clothing in SUB next week.
- **Jones**: Tickets for a \$2,000 raffle are available in Civil Engineering.

2001-15/15

ADJOURNMENT

Brechtel/Kotovych moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.
Carried