

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday April 9, 2002 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

M I N U T E S (SC 2001-24)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/a bsent	Proxy Name
President	Christopher Samuel	Present	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present (6:25)	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Present (6:10)	
Agric/Forest/Hom eEc	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/Hom eEc	Jonathon Gorton	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	

Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Absent	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Paul Welke	Present	
Arts	James Knull	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	Dan Lazin (proxy 11:15)
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present	
Business	John Watkins	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present (6:35)	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present (6:30)	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Charles Beamish	Absent	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present (6:25)	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	

Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistr y	Karen Cheng	Proxy	Heidi Binner
Medicine/Dentistr y	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of	Pamela McCoy- Jones	Present	
Nursing			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Proxy	Katie Grant
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Present	

Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Absent	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Proxy	Duncan Taylor
Science	Zaki Taher	Proxy	Mohammad Wasif Hussain
Open Studies	Mark Jess	Present	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Present	
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Proxy	David Ziebin
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

Observers

George Slomp

Catherine van de Braak

Paige Smith

Chris Bolivar

Dawn Buehan

Louis Bezuidhout

Adam Cook

Adam Rozenhart

Kim Gordon

Michael Mahon

John Barry

Edward Montgomery

Hugh Hoyles

Ryan Schula

Emilia Kennedy

Peter Present

Tatiana LoVerso

Selvi Sinnodunai

Kris Fowler

Guests of Council

Steve Smith

Rebecca Lake

Kail Ross

Mike Reid

2001-24/1

CALL TO ORDER

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

2001-24/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-24/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-24/4

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-24/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Coles/Baxter moved that the agenda of the SC2001-24 meeting be approved.

Item 11g was struck from the agenda.
Item 12m became item 10j.

Loewen/Harriman moved to suspend Standing Order #1.
21/10/2

Reports were struck from the agenda.
Presentations were limited to ten minutes each.
Item 10f became item 10d, and other items were renumbered accordingly.
Items 10k through 10o were struck from the agenda.
Item 12n will be deliberated immediately following the presentation regarding Athletics.
Item 11c was struck from the agenda.
All ratifications were omnibused with the exception of that of the Speaker.

Consensus

2001-24/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-24/6a

The Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation will present on an increase to the Athletic Fee.

This fee would help Athletics to fulfill its mandate and create opportunities for students. The previous change in 1993 did not account for benefits and increments increases, nor did it account for the replacement of equipment.

The current Athletics debt is approximately \$2 million, with an average annual deficit of \$500,000. The University has provided a one-time fund of \$250,000, and the fee increase would be isolated rather than annual.

Athletics has been audited by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and has hired a director of Finance and Planning in order to ensure transparency. The University of Alberta Athletics fee is comparatively low in Canada.

The floor was opened to questions from Council.

Coles: Will there be increased user fees within the department as well, such as lockers and intramurals?

Athletics: There are no plans for such increases.

Renzi: Will new staff be hired with this increase?

Athletics: Hopefully. It would be an administrative help.

Jones: Why is Athletics seeking Council's approval?

Athletics: The earlier recommendation stipulated that "extraordinary" fee increases should be presented to and approved by the SU and the GSA. Transparency is important.

Salyzyn: This is concerning because other departments are currently being cut. This is a direct tax outside tuition, and a direct result of University cuts.

Athletics: The University is providing funds to Athletics for the first time since 1993. There have been many requests this year, and the fee increase would benefit students.

2001-24/12n

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council approve an increase in the Athletic and Recreation Fee of \$5.11.

Sharma: Another fee increase is unjustifiable.

Tobias, Sharun, Renzi and Schula spoke in favor.

Wanke and Salyzyn spoke against.

14/27/1 **Failed**

2001-24/6b

The Sexual Assault Centre will present on an increase to their fee.

Representatives of the Sexual Assault Centre opted not to present.

2001-24/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Loewen/Knull moved that Question Period be suspended to the end of the agenda.

Carried

2001-24/10a

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Article VIII of the Constitution, Power Regarding Finance (THIRD Reading).

30/2/2 **Carried**

2001-24/10b

KOTOVYCH/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes Bylaw 100 Respecting Students' Council, to take effect April 30, 2002 (SECOND Reading).

34/2/1 **Carried**

2001-24/10c

GORTON/HARRIMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6550 Respecting the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (SECOND Reading).

The proposed bylaw was circulated and **Gorton** outlined it.

Sharma/Gorton moved that Mike Reid, Rebecca Lake and Steve Smith be designated Guests of Council.

Consensus

Samuel/Welke moved that the words "non-voting member" in Section 8b be struck.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

27/3/2 **Carried**

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 8c be created to read "One member of the Executive Committee."

Wanke: This amendment would ensure representation and power of taxation.

Baxter: Typically, there is only one vote to represent the governing body.

Salyzyn: Councilors and Executive members have unique offerings for a board such as this.

Burrows: An Executive member would provide consistency and expertise, but could do so equally well as a non-voting member.

Lake spoke against.

Loewen spoke against.

Reid: Executive members are on every other dedicated fee board. This one should not be different.

Gorton spoke against.

19/18/1 **Carried**

Samuel/Zwack moved that parentheses be struck, in favor of commas, and that the words “of this bylaw” be included (friendly).

Samuel/Zwack moved that the word “policy” and the words “the criteria of the” be included in Section 13.

25/3/2 **Carried**

Samuel/Jones moved that the words “For each of the Fall & Winter Terms” be struck from Section 12, and be included individually in Sections 12a and 12b (friendly).

Samuel/Speer moved to add Sections 12e (perform accounting) and 12f (ensure that an annual audit is performed).

Lake spoke against.

21/14/1 **Carried**

Samuel/Speer moved specified amendments to Section 18 regarding APIRG as an apolitical body and treating applicants equally.

Lake spoke against.

Reid: The SU is the umbrella organization, and it has the right to impose this criteria. APIRG is not an autonomous body.

McGraw: "Apolitical" is a subjective, and therefore dangerous, term to include in a bylaw.

10/22/5 **Failed**

McGraw/Jess moved to suspend Standing Order #30.
19/16/0 **Carried**

Samuel/Speer moved that the current Section 15 be struck and replaced with Section 21 of the amendment document.

17/14/4 **Carried**

Sharma, Jess, Harriman, Clyburn and Gorton requested a roll-call vote.

18/12/0 **Carried**

Brechtel opposed the reckless and frequent use of the roll-call vote mechanism.

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 16d be added: "Any other items specified by the Financial Affairs Board."

26/4/2 **Carried**

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 19 of the amendment document regarding Values be added.

Lake spoke against.

Wanke: This mandate is part of every such bylaw.

Loewen: Such values should go without saying. To articulate them calls into question everything that may have been omitted.

20/12/1 **Carried**

Salyzyn/Welke moved to call the question on the amendment.

28/5/1 **Carried**

28/4/2 **Carried**

Brechtel/Taylor moved that Section 14d be struck from the main motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

28/5/0 **Carried**

Zwack/Speer moved to proceed to items 11c and 11d immediately.

2001-24/11c

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the CASA Constitution and Bylaws as amended.

Zwack outlined the bylaws and Constitution.

Debate ensued on the motion.

Baxter/Welke moved to call the question.

30/1/0 **Carried**

32/1/1 **Carried**

2001-24/11d

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of Liam Arbuckle as CASA National Director.

25/4/2 **Carried**

2001-24/10d

WEPPLER/JONES MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 8451 Respecting the Students' Union Engineering Membership Fees (FIRST Reading).

Weppler introduced and outlined the bylaw, and cautioned Council against being too susceptible to details and horror stories regarding what could go wrong.

Weppler/Loewen moved that Section 11b, "The funds will be administered in accordance with generally accepted and relevant accounting principles," and Section 11c, "The Faculty Association must demonstrate sound and acceptable accounting principles" be added to the bylaw (friendly).

Baxter spoke in favor.

Brechtel/Taylor moved that all references to "Engineering Students' Membership Fee" be replaced with "Faculty Association Membership Fee", and all other similar references be likewise replaced.

Wanke: This amendment takes the motion too far beyond its original scope.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

Samuel/Loewen moved that the word "proposal" in Section 7c be replaced with "bylaw."

9/19/1 **Failed**

Discussion resumed on the amendment.

McGraw/Harriman moved that a Section 6b be added to provide for departmental associations where there are no faculty associations to be had (friendly).

Discussion resumed on the amendment.

20/9/4 **Carried**

Discussion resumed on the main motion.

Samuel reiterated his opposition from the previous meeting.

Coles/Jess moved to add Section 11d: "The SU will provide full access to accounting services to department and faculty associations/schools at no cost, so that financial accountability can be ensured."

Samuel/McGraw moved that the Section be amended to read "on a cost-recovery basis" (friendly).

On the amendment: 24/8/0 **Carried**

Tackaberry/Welke moved to call the question on the main motion.

25/8/3 **Carried**

24/8/0 **Carried**

Kotovych/Knull moved to adjourn the meeting.

14/17/1 **Failed**

2001-24/10e

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 3000 Respecting the Strategic Planning and the Business Planning of the Students' Union (FIRST Reading).

Samuel introduced and outlined the bylaw.

Debate ensued on the motion.

18/2/2 **Carried**

2001-24/10e

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6000 Respecting the Establishment, Governance and Use of Dedicated Fees Mandated by Student Referenda (FIRST Reading).

Samuel introduced and outlined the bylaw.

Debate ensued on the motion.

Smith: This is not the appropriate time to be discussing such a controversial issue. The debate should take place with a full Council, and not in the middle of the night.

Speer: Approving the motion at first reading allows room for amendments later. If the motion is defeated, it cannot come back.

Sharun/Harriman moved to table the motion.

Harlow deemed the motion out of order.

Sharun challenged the Chair.

20/6/1

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

Welke/Nychka moved to call the question.
10/15/2 **Failed**

Samuel (councilor)/Welke moved to postpone indefinitely.

Jess/Knull moved to limit debate to twenty minutes.
19/5/1 **Carried**

Sharun: It would be impossible to consult all concerned dedicated fees during final exams. This should be taken up by next year's Council.

Wanke spoke against.
Brechtel spoke against.
Zwack spoke against.

Weppler/Zwack moved to call the question.
19/6/1 **Carried**
9/17/1 **Failed**

Jess/Sharun moved to call the question on the main motion.
18/5/0 **Carried**
16/10/0 **Failed**

A roll-call vote was requested.
16/6/3 **Carried**

Knull/Sharun moved to adjourn the meeting.
Failed

Clyburn/Jess moved to proceed to item 11e immediately.
Carried

2001-24/11e

SHARMA/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor to sit on the Board of Directors for the Gateway Journalism Society until the end of this council term.

Congratulations to **Jess**.

2001-24/10j

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the Political Policy "Alberta's and the University of Alberta's Tuition Policy".

McGraw moved to change the word "learnercentric" to "studentcentric" (friendly).

Jones moved to postpone the motion to April 30 (friendly)

Samuel/Brechtel moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 a.m.

Consensus