

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday June 4, 2002 – 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**Minutes (SC 2002-03)**

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/absent</b>	<b>Proxy Name</b>
President	Mike Hudema	Present	
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	Present	
VP External	Anand Sharma	Present	
VP Finance	Steve Smith	Present	
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mike Reid	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc			
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Arts	Chris Bolivar	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	James Knull	Present	
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner	Absent	
Arts	Alexis Pepin	Present	
Arts	Laura Roberts	Proxy	Erin Kelly
Arts	Vivek Sharma	Proxy	Shawn Hildebrandt

Arts	Paul Welke	Present	
Business	Jamie Kidston	Proxy	Queenie Lung
Business	Meena Rajulu	Present	
Business	Holly Tomte	Present	
Education	Charles Beamish	Present	
Education	Daljeet Chhina	Present	
Education	Allison Ekdahl	Present	
Education	Mandeep Gill	Not Registered	
Education	Janet Lo	Not Registered	
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	Present	
Engineering	Paige Smith	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Absent	
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	Absent	
Engineering	David Wepler	Present (8:10pm)	
Law	Paul Varga	Present	
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	Present	
Native Studies (School of			

Nursing	Shannon Moore		
Open Studies	Mark Jess	Present	
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Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger		
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	Absent	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhietty	Present	
Science	Kimberly Dary	Present	
Science	Katie Grant	Absent	
Science	Aisha Khatib	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Proxy	Tereza Elyas
Science	Chris Samuel	Proxy	Roman Kotovych
Science	Steven Schendel	Present	
Science	Kimmy Williams	Present	
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Present	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	Present	

**Guests of Council:** Sarah Kelly

**Observers:** David Zeibin

2002-03/1

**CALL TO ORDER (6:07)**

2002-03/2

**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"**

2002-03/3

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

2002-03/4

**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

**Knoll** was appointed to serve as Recording Secretary at the June 25 meeting.

2002-03/5

**ROLL CALL**

2002-03/6

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Smith/Sharma** moved late additions

12g withdrawn as other motions proposed changes to the same legislation.

13a withdrawn

Thanks to **Williams** for graciously providing the Recording Secretary with an agenda.

**Consensus**

2002-03/7

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

2002-03/7a

**David Zeibin** – Gateway Journalism Society Editor in Chief

-Bylaws are publicly available – just ask Skip if you'd like to see them.

-A number of new salaried positions are planned to handle business, advertising, etc. Also possibly another editor.

-Appeal hierarchy: EIC ‡ Board of Directors ‡ Ombudsboard ‡ Deal with it/repeat

-The GJS has much more stringent requirements for its Students-at-Large than does the SU (i.e. they can't be current or former councilors, SU employees, Gateway contributors, etc.)

2002-03/8

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (May 14)

The meeting moved to the Alumni Room after 7e, not after 7c.

In 6d, **Welke**, not **Hudema** moved that 32 be removed

**Consensus**

2002-03/9

**REPORTS**

a) **Mike Hudema, President**

Please see document SC 02-03.01

-Univ. has task force to find areas where revenue can be generated and costs saved. There are no students on the committee, but we can make presentations. Suggestions would be appreciated.

-Ralph Nader has agreed to come speak at the Eco-conference in Sept., pending adequate compensation.

-Upass meeting w/ GMCC, NAIT, GSA, ETS

b) **Mathew Brechtel, Vice President (Academic)**

Written report provided.

c) **Anand Sharma, Vice President (External)**

-Just came back from CASA and CFS conferences; expect a report soon.

-CAUS meeting soon

- Today was a councilor day and no one came except **Jess**, and that wasn't even on purpose. Come on the 6<sup>th</sup>; you'll get a free pen or something.
- Tuition situation: Gov't at an impasse, Univ. pushing for a deregulation model. This would be bad.

d) **Steve Smith, Vice President (Operations and Finance)**

Please see document SC 02-03.02.

- Every day is councilor day! [comments stricken from record upon request]

e) **Kail Ross, Vice President (Student Life)**

-written report provided

f) **Michael Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative**

-Apologies for not being at the last meeting. Was called away to Ontario. "Barf"

-Go look at Celebration Plaza, see if there's anyone you know.

-Talk to **Reid** if you want a family swim pass to the Mill Woods Rec Center, as he neither has a family nor enjoys Mill Woods.

g) **Business (Tomte)**

Tax program and Beer Gardens at the end of the year. People graduated.

h) **Education (Beamish)**

Grad stuff.

2002-03/10

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Kawanami:** Exec criticized last year's Exec for releasing tuition policy to the media before it was released to council. On May 14, an ethical business policy was released to the Green List before council; how is this any different?

**Hudema:** The administration released their official tuition policy to the media before council saw it; this policy is still in the formative stages and was circulated for feedback and input.

**Schendel:** When does GFC meet? I'm on GFC and no one told me when the meeting was.

**Brechtel:** GFC is scheduled to meet on the third Monday of each month, but it's rare for all the scheduled meetings to actually occur. Give **Brechtel** your e-mail address and he'll add you to the mailing list.

**Jess:** Has anyone on the executive ever eaten a baby?

**Hudema:** Only once and it was to prove a point.

**Sharma:** I'm a vegetarian.

**Kotovych:** On his bio on the SU webpage, the President has many political links (e.g. criticizing the FTAA, G8, etc.); is this appropriate? When can we expect to see some pro-WTO links for a balanced perspective?

**Hudema:** That's meant to be a personal space where people can see the

President's personal views, which don't necessarily reflect the views of the Students' Union. The links could be removed if council deems them inappropriate.

**Kawanami:** Given that parking is such a chronic problem on campus, why is the university not renewing its lease on the Newton Place parkade?

**Ross:** Parking on campus will always be a problem; not sure why lease isn't being renewed.

**Kelly:** There have been numerous security issues in the parkade over the past year.

**Reid** requested that **Sarah Kelly** be designated a guest of council for the evening.

**Brechtel:** Did the VP Ops and finance in fact win the after-hours soccer match as stated in his report, or was that just a blatant fabrication?

**Smith:** I only ate one baby and it was to make a point.

**Kotovych:** Why is SUBTitles open full time all year?

**Smith:** Because SUBTitles is oh so much more than just used textbooks.

**Rajulu:** Is SUB expansion still planned to be completed in time for school?

**Smith:** Nope. [laughter]

**Welke:** Has **Smith** fulfilled his campaign promise to address the campus Mozza Stick Crisis?

**Smith:** Actual remark during the campaign was: "No mozzarella sticks anywhere on campus? Holy shit." No commitments were made at that time. It appears that the crisis will continue.

**Jess:** Will the construction continuing in September be very intrusive?

**Smith:** No, not really; all businesses and services will be up and running by then.

**Kotovych (to Sharma):** did Raj give you that "Hottie" hat?

[laughter, no response]

**Kotovych:** Has **Sharma** taken a leave of absence from his activities with the New Democratic Party?

**Sharma:** Yes.

**Jess:** will the uber student finance center be up and running in September?

**Smith:** Yep.

2002-03/11

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-03.03.

No report was submitted last week because the relevant minutes had not yet

been approved.

**Kawanami:** Who didn't want to send the VP Student Life to Guelph?

**Sharma:** Me. It was a joke and probably should have been corrected.

2002-03/12

**LEGISLATION**

2002-03/12a

KAWANAMI/JESS MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Article V of the Constitution – Power to Amend the Constitution (SECOND Reading).

**Kawanami:** Last meeting was further evidence of why we should pass this.

BRECHTEL/SHARMA MOVED THAT this motion be approved, referred to CRAP, and brought back to council on June 11.

**Brechtel:** A change to the Standing Orders is necessary to deal with some perhaps exceptional powers that that this motion might provide. CRAP needs to deal with this.

**Welke:** Robert's Rules of Order has provisions for this; the concern is unwarranted.

**Carried (27/3/3)**

Councilors were reminded that they should retain their copies of old agendas as part of our new paper-saving initiatives.

2002-03/12b

KAWANAMI/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed amendments to Article VI of the Constitution – Powers Regarding Bylaws (SECOND Reading).

**Kawanami:** Same bat motion, same bat spirit.

BRECHTEL/SHARMA MOVED THAT this motion be approved, referred to CRAP, and brought back to council June 11.

**Carried (28/2/3)**

2002-03/12c

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Article VIII of the Constitution – Powers Regarding Finance (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-03.04.

**Smith:** eliminating the section requiring referendum notices to be printed in the Gateway, as this is no longer a SU organization. It is inappropriate for the constitution to make reference to an organization created in a bylaw. The issue is also covered in referendum legislation.

**Carried (25/2/2)**

2002-03/12d

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 7150 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-03.05.

**Smith:** see above comments regarding redundancy, propriety, etc. IRB will (hopefully) replace all references to "The Gateway" in SU bylaws, etc. with "The Official Student Newspaper"

**Carried (29/2/0)**

2002-03/12e

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 3200 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-03.06.

**Smith:** Updating all salaries set by SU bylaws. Increases pay of all SU employees as needed to comply with CUPE agreements. InfoReg staff now have longer hours. We shouldn't pay Gateway staff anymore.

JESS/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT \$79.95 be replaced in 9a and 9b with \$120.

**Jess:** This was an issue last year that was never addressed. The Speaker and Rec Sec are underpaid (GSA speaker makes ~\$100/meeting for smaller, less frequent meetings)

**Kawanami:** These are important positions for our organization to function; the small applicant pool should be a concern.

**Smith:** The SU is full of employees who are overworked and underpaid; let's keep everyone that way! The GSA is probably not the best organization to be emulating. Last year, council passed a motion calling for a salary review every four years; we shouldn't be dealing with this in a piecemeal, ad hoc manner.

**Pepin:** Consider not just the length of meetings but also the amount of preparation, follow-up that these positions require.

**Chhina:** This should be dealt with under the standard review policy.

**Schendel:** How much prep time does this job require?

**Harlow:** Commenting would be inappropriate.

**Sharma:** The pay set for the Speaker and Rec Sec was set with shorter meetings in mind; this is clearly not currently the case. Would be more comfortable if there was an example of salaries for similar positions in other organizations.

**Kelly:** During the last personnel review, the positions of Speaker and Rec Sec were never really addressed.

**Welke:** Council know what the Rec Sec and Speaker do far better than any review committee could.

**Jess:** The onus is on the general manager and the executive to bring to council's attention to the other underpaid staff. \$120 just seemed like a good number.



**Reid:** The \$120 seems awfully arbitrary. There was a lot of turnover in administrative staff last year; perhaps the exec should consider a more timely review.

**Kotovych:** Meetings are now longer than originally intended; this isn't a raise so much as bringing the salaries to where they should have been.

**Chhina:** We will have more demands for raises; having SU employees continually coming to council requesting raises would be impractical and inappropriate.

**Knoll:** Note that the Speaker and Rec Sec did not request raises; this was a council initiative.

SHARMA/SMITH MOVED THAT this motion be referred to the Financial Affairs Board and brought back to council on June 25.

**Sharma:** The \$120 figure is quite arbitrary and there are concerns regarding compensation of other employees; this would be better dealt with by FAB.

**Smith:** The time, date and location of this FAB meeting will be publicized.

**Jess:** The \$120 figure was indeed arbitrary. These two individuals are the direct servants of council; the rest of the SU employees are not.

**Kotovych:** FAB includes a lot of people with little or no knowledge of how council works and what would be appropriate compensation.

**Brechtel:** FAB deals intricately with the budget and thus has a knowledge of how this fits into the budget as a whole. FAB can provide a perspective which council cannot.

**Carried**

2002-03/12f

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve Bylaw 6600 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-03.07.

**Smith:** This bylaw would govern the SU's relations with the Gateway Journalism Society and would serve the same function as bylaws regarding other dedicated fees.

**Carried (30/1/1)**

2002-03/13

**OLD BUSINESS**

2002-03/14

**NEW BUSINESS**

2002-03/14a

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councilor to sit on the Financial Affairs Board for the 2002-2003 school year.

Congratulations to **Bolivar**

2002-03/14b

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the

recommendation of the Executive Committee, strike a Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections which will:

- a) be composed of one (1) member of the Executive Committee as chair and who will vote only in the event of a tie, two (2) Councilors, and two (2) Students at Large;
- b) have a quorum of three (3) members;
- c) have a mandate to investigate any changes to Students' Union elections that would lead to increased democracy and/or efficiency including, but not necessarily limited to, changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of the organization;
- d) reports to Students' Council no later than September 15, 2002.

**Smith:** There were many concerns regarding last year's elections; this committee would address that.

**Kawanami:** There's a huge potential for conflict of interest here since people intending to run next year may be setting the rules for the election.

**Kotovych:** Would this interfere with the ability of the CRO to make decisions regarding the election?

**Smith:** The committee can (and should) still consult with the CRO.

**Reid:** Our election rules have evolved over a 90-year period; they usually exist for a very good reason and shouldn't be tinkered with recklessly. Council should consider the committee's recommendations carefully.

**Smith:** A committee with three months to make its decisions hardly represents reckless tinkering.

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate two (2) councilors and one (1) Executive Committee member to sit on the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections.

Congratulations to **Kawanami, Clyburn, and Smith** for their nomination and to council as a whole for a stirring chorus during the voting process.

2002-03/14c

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate three (3) councilors and one (1) Executive Committee Member to sit on the Committee for Council Reform And Progress.

Congratulations to **Welke, Dary, Rajulu and Smith**

2002-03/14d

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, ratify the hiring of Kim Emsley-Leik as Chief Returning Officer for the period May 1, 2002 – April 30, 2003.

JESS/SMITH MOVED THAT council go in camera to discuss this personnel decision.

**Carried**

In Camera Business

**Carried**

**2002-03/14e**

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve in principle the proposed Operating Agreement between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Gateway Journalism Society.

**Smith:** This agreement has yet to be formally reviewed by a lawyer, etc. However, limited council approval is necessary now so that construction on the third floor can proceed.

**Carried (27/1/4)**

**2002-03/14f**

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, authorize the Executive Committee to commence on the construction on the third floor of the Students' Union Building in preparation for its occupancy by the Gateway Journalism Society in September 2002.

Withdrawn. (Redundant)

**2002-03/14g**

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor to sit on the selection committee for the Sustainability Director.

JESS/WELKE MOVED THAT "councilor" be struck and replaced by "voting member of council."

KAWANAMI/KOTOVYCH MOVED THAT "voting" be struck.

**Carried (21/8/3)**

**Carried (27/1/4)**

**Carried (31/0/0)**

Congratulations to **Reid** for triumphing scissors, paper, paper, paper to **Slomp's** paper, paper, scissors, rock.

KNULL MOVED THAT standing order 30 be suspended

**Carried**

**2002-03/15**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2002-03/15a**

Council Register

**2002-03/15b**

Minutes in Brief.

**2002-03/16**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Knul:** Thanks to whoever brought drinks

**Sharma:** Come visit me!

**Ross:** If we keep getting out early, we can see movies...

**Brechtel:** The office is more interesting this year; come see!

**2002-03/16a**

**UPCOMING**

**COUNCIL**

**MEETINGS**

**Next Council Meeting**

- June 11, 2002 – 6:00 PM
- June 25, 2002 – 6:00 PM

**2002-03/17**

**ADJOURNMENT** (9:10)