

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday June 25, 2002 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-05)

2002-05/1 CALL TO ORDER

2002-05/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"

2002-05/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a
Cheer"

2002-05/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Shannon Moore resigns from Nursing Rep. position. Heidie Hofstra will be the new rep.

This will be Mark Jess' last meeting, this is a very sad occurrence.

KAWANAMI/SCHENDAL MOVE TO appoint Roman Kotovych as a guest of council.

Carried Lots - 1 - 0

SMITH/JESS MOVE TO appoint Sarah Kelly as a guest of council.

Unanimous Consent

2002-05/5 ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RENZI/EKDAHL MOVE TO approve agenda.

Carried.

SMITH/SHARMA MOVES TO approve late additions except 02-05/15a.

Smith: We need to have a person go to CAUS, that's important.

JESS/LAFFIN MOVE TO add 2002-05/15a.

Jess: Because it's the truth.

Failed.

2002-05/7

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2002-05/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RENZI/RAJULU MOVED TO approve the minutes.

Carried.

2002-05/9

REPORTS

PRESIDENT -

Had lunch with Chancellor of university, talked about tuition/deregulation

Eco conference meetings have been held

Company picnic held, admin trounced at soccer

Dent, pharm, med, law may be deregulated, we plan to oppose it

Sustainability director has been hired, she's a groovy gal

Productive CAUS meeting, talking tuition

Upass meeting with Edmonton transit, GMCC and NAIT on board, survey is planned for September to see ridership stats

2002-05/9a

Mat Brechtel – VP Academic. Please see document SC 02-05.01.

If you have stuff for doing drugs in your room while in rez, they can kick you out – holy cow!

NOTE: Perview perview perview

VP External: My report is attached

VP Operations/Finance: My report is attached, I trust council's literacy

VP Student Life:

I have cool stuff to give away! Come get a WOW shirts, xbox hat, van wilder toque

WOW will have a 50's comic book theme, our Super hero will be a heroine with SU flame hair

We will have SU movie nights ASAP

I have sunburn, boo-hoo-hoo

BOG representative: My report is in front of you, but for people who have trouble with big words like Anand, I'll go over a few points [Reid proceeds to highlight a few points in his report]

Faculte St. Jean:

We have a new student association, changeover going super. Our goal is to kick butt in the fracaphone week of Canada.

Science:

We have absolutely nothing of interest or substance to report, but we will give a half assed report – we have committees and stuff.

Dentistry:

We sent students to Germany to go to a dentistry school and they will be bringing back knowledge.

We had a golf tournament, it was fun.

Arts:

Arts week [oktoberfest] is on the way, it will be fun filled and alcohol filled.

Cool arts merchandise on the way, oh yes, it's sweet.

ASA is embarking on an exciting sponsorship program.

QUESTION PERIOD

Kotovych: To the president, I was parroosing the university's long range development plan, how are we coordinating the SU's environmental effort with the University's effort?

Hudema: I don't know about them, we're focusing on the SU building and vicinity, I'll look into avoiding overlap.

Jess: Will there be a bad guy called the Anarchist for WOW?

Ross: Sure, we'll take a peek at the committee, see what's up.

Smith (Councilor): Can someone speak more to the issue of the deregulation of the other faculties, what are we doing about it?

Sharma: The university is advocating the Ontario deregulation model, we can work with the government through lobby groups. We can also ask other universities about their deregulation woes.

Renzi: Is there literature/stats about how many other universities across Canada have deregulated tuition for their professional faculties?

Hudema: The president did not comment on the availability of statistics, but assured that he would look into it.

Jess: blah blah blah blah, tradition, blah blah blah, why do you want to abolish tradition?

Ross: I'll memorize the cheer song.

Kawanami: Hey Anand, who's the foxy blonde?

Sharma: she's "just a friend" [blushes].

Sharma (Councilor): Is there organizational accountability for the spending of tank C in the university budget?

Reid: The university is audited by an accounting firm, if we have a deficit budget it is reviewed by the minister of learning. We can lobby for accountability as the SU in a proactive manner.

Hudema: The university has a task force that looks at this, but that does not address administration costs. The University has been raising tuition, but it hasn't gone to the classroom.

Sharma: We don't like the composition of the funding solutions task force, no student representatives, this overlooks the University's clients.

Kawanami: Aren't these acronyms too silly to take seriously.

Smith: this is a deliberate philosophical stance, I'm doing it on purpose so that we don't take ourselves too seriously.

Reid: Have we confirmed Nader for the sustainability conference at what cost?

Hudema: Yes, he wants 20000 US dollars, we're looking for external funding to lower ticket costs.

Kotovych: Will powerplant get a blender to make tasty sweet girly drinks? I enjoy pink girly drinks.

Smith: I will...uhhhh...look into it.

Jess: Is Sub expansion going on schedule.

Smith: We're doing well, but some aspects are not going directly on schedule. It'll be completed eventually.

Meunier: The environmental ministry as called for increased horizontal linkages, are you meeting with them regarding this?

Ross: We've looked into it, we We sent them a proposal, we're trying to build more linkages with NGO's.

Laffin: Ross, why don't you know the cheer song?

Ross: Because I think it's stupid! [folds arms across chest and pouts].

Kawanami: What is the Students' Union's policy on discrimination, and is the President aware that the Alberta Public Interest Research Group is currently practicing adverse effect discrimination in its hiring?

Kawanami: What is our policy on discrimination

Hudema: We have a policy that explicitly speaks against any form of discrimination when hiring.

Renzi: Will the SU adopt the same advertising in the gateway as seen in the handbook, will students at large have input?

Ross: We are moving away from past designs, anyone can come to me and give input.

2002-05/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-05.02.

Kawanami: What about the Campus advantage concerns?

Smith: CA is an external organization, and therefore we are obligated to act in the best interests of the Students' Union, irrespective of the best interests of Campus Advantage.

Hudema: The Executive has decided not to participate in CA's sample pack program due to concerns over the amount of packaging being used.

Approved

2002-05/12

LEGISLATION

2002-05/12a

Article VIII of the Constitution

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 (THIRD Reading).

Please bring back up information previously distributed.

Unanimous

2002-05/12b

Bylaw 3200

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

Please bring back up information from June 4, 2002 meeting.

Smith moves to withdraw the motion.

Unanimous consent

BOLIVAR/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, adopt the proposed changes to Bylaw 3200 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-05.03.

Bolivar: We are revising salaries, giving some SU employees more money.

Samuel: Ditto

Reid: Why would the speaker's salary being upped so much?

Bolivar: The speaker does 5 additional hours of work per week for council, the recording secretary does the majority of work in council only.

Smith/Hudema moves to amend by striking section 9h of the bylaw and section 10, replace word constitution with bylaw.

Friendly

Jess/Kawanami moves to amend section 9b to strike 79.95 and replace with 110.

Jess: Long meetings count for the recording secretary too.

Kawanami: The recording secretary is stuck in the meeting and has no option to leave, some meetings are super long, it sets a bad precedent not to keep their salaries twinned.

Wepler: I will speak against the amendment because of the recommendation of FAB. The recording secretary makes more per hour than any other student employees in the organization. This sets a nasty precedent if we check on position at a time, we need to have a more solid review so that we may pay them hourly.

Renzi: This is a job with a salary, not someone being paid an honorarium that is changeable.

Bolivar: Council is creating extra work for the recording secretary through extra debate, we shouldn't insert arbitrary numbers.

Smith: We only had one applicant, however it was in the wake of a rough year, I would recommend against increasing.

Renzi/Smith call to question

2 opposed

Amendment fails with 2 in favor

Kotovych: Section 9s, why is the work for the CRO increased but why is the pay not increased?

Smith: We just updated that now, in practice their work is not increasing.

Sharma: Who was consulted as to why the pay for the speaker should be up to 130? How does our pay line up with other institution's SU's?

Samuel: Fab did its utmost to line up the speaker's salary with other comparable SU employees, this increase has the speaker making about 10 dollars an hour.

Kawanami: I don't think we had a CRO May 1st. Given the concerns with execs upping their own salary, will these changes be immediate or retroactive?

Smith: We didn't have a CRO May 1st due to a process breakdown. This increase will be retroactive, maybe execs should abstain on the vote.

Jess: There is no comparable SU employee as no other SU employees are paid for being at council. Holding them to the same criteria isn't fair to them. [Jess proceeds to move off topic].

Weppler: This is an attempt to correct inequities as a stop-gap measure until the salary review scheduled for next year. This is a crock of crap, they work hourly they should be paid hourly, waiting for the next review slows the process. This is a quick fix, so let's forget about the two positions.

Kawanami: Salary review committees have stated that the recording secretary and speaker were getting the shaft at the last salary review committee.

Hudema/Beamish move to call to question,

Motion carries with 1 opposition

Original motion passes 18-6, members of the executive choose to abstain.

2002-05/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-05/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-05/14a

Committee for Total Legal Optimization and Settlement of Suits

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council strike a Committee for Total Legal Optimization and Settlement of Suits with:

- A) The Vice President (Academic) as chair, voting only in the event of a tie;
- B) Two (2) Councilors as voting members;
- C) The General Manager of the Students' Union as a non-voting member;
- D) A mandate to examine the current legal standing of the Students' Union in the case of Conquest v. University of Alberta Students' Union and to make recommendations to Council as needed and as requested by Council.

Smith: This is the continuation of a committee struck by last council.

Smith/Hudema moves to strike 2b "councilors" with "voting member of council" (Friendly).

Original motion passes (Unanimously)

The floor has been opened to nominations:

Smith nominates Samuel

Hudema nominates Varga

Jess nominates Mike "snoop boggy bog" Reid

Kawanami nominates Welke

The successful nominees are Samuel and Ried

2002-05/14b

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve a budgeted expense of not more than \$820 for Mike Hudema, Anand Sharma, and Kim Steele to attend the CAUS conference in Calgary, Alberta from July 7 to July 9, 2002.

CARRIED

2002-05/15

INFORMATION ITEMS

2002-05/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharma EAB meeting Thursday at 5:30, come check it out!
Williams: Come proxy at the facra meeting at 6 on Thursday.
Kawanami: The VP external thinks that Tom Cruise is hot.
Samuel: 3 cheers for councilor jess.

Jess/Samuel move to adjourn.

Motion passes

2002-05/16a
UPCOMING
COUNCIL
MEETINGS

Next Council Meeting

- July 9, 2002 - 6:00 PM
- July 23, 2002 - 6:00 PM

2002-05/17

ADJOURNMENT