STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday July 23, 2002 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-07)

Position	Name	6:00	9:00
President	Mike Hudema	✗	✗
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓	✓
VP External	Anand Sharma	✓	✓
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓	✓
BoG Rep.	Mike Reid	✓	✓
Ag/For			
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Arts	Chris Bolivar	✓	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner (Aimie Meunier)	✓	✓

Arts	Alexis Pepin	✓	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓	✓
Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓	✓
Business	Jamie Kidston (Queenie Lung)	✓	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✗	✗
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✗	✗
Education	Mandeep Gill		
Education	Janet Lo		
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith (Kevin Campbell)	✓	✓
Engineering	Jason Tobias (Josh Bazin)	✓	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓	✓
Engineering	David Weppler	✓	✓

Law	Paul Varga	✓	✓
RHA	George Slomp	✓	✓
Med/Dent	Miranda Richardson (Patricia Tsang)	✓	✓
Med/Dent	Jeffrey Cao	✓	✓
Native Studies			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger		
Rehab Med	Adelaine Wong (Carla Webb)	✗	✗
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	✓	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✓	✓
Science	Katie Grant (Laura Patterson-Fortin)	✓	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓	✓

Science	Constantino Renzi (Tereza Elyas)	✓	✓
Science	Chris Samuel (Roman Kotovych)	✓	✓
Science	Steven Schendel	✓	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✗	✗
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith	✗	✗
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓	✓

Observers

David Zeibin

In Brief:

The 22-station computer lab will go ahead as planned

Budget, with the exception of 666 (Sustainability Office), was passed

2002-07/1	<u>**CALL TO ORDER**</u> (6:10)
2002-07/4	<u>**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**</u>

Patterson-Fortin delivered an appeal from **Grant**, who is working out of town, and has had difficulty finding proxies.

WEPPLER/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT **Grant** be reinstated

Carried

2002-07/6

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
REID/SMITH MOVED to approve the agenda.
SMITH MOVED to strike 12b and to add all Late Additions
The speaker ruled that 14h did not meet the requirements to be added to the Late Additions.
CLYBURN/SMITH MOVED to overturn the chair's ruling.
Defeated (6/26/3)

2002-07/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
ROSS/SLOMP MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting.
Ross: Robb is the new director of student programs, not the new director of student groups. (This was an error on the part of the VPSL, not the Rec Sec).
Welke was neither pleased nor excited by **Ross's** singing of the cheer song.
Carried

2002-07/9

REPORTS

    Vice President, External – Anand Sharma
Things are great, now that Mike's gone. Upcoming meetings with Rahim Jaffer and Lyle Oberg; pointed questions will be asked. A tuition document will be tabled at the next meeting. Expect to see something in SEE Magazine soon re: tuition.

    Vice President, Academic – Mat Brechtel
I've been in California so I haven't done much lately but there's lots coming up. Curriculum panel will be considering a trimester system and evening and weekend classes. Litigation, VP Facilities and Opps selection, Prof advisory selection and awards committees will be meeting.

    Vice President, Operations and Finance – Steve Smith
Written report before council.

    Vice President, Student Life – Kail Ross
Busy with WOW – we're doing arts and crafts tomorrow.

    Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep – Mike Reid
BoG hasn't met – nothing to report. Learned about the four principles of neo-liberalism from **Sharma**. Said hi to FARCE.

2002-07/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Clyburn: Why do the computers on campus not have a French keyboard option?
Brechtel: What a great question! I'll ask the director of CNS!

Samuel: When will online registration be available?
Brechtel: Tomorrow morning! Faculte St. Jean and Phys Ed will be eligible tomorrow, bug testing for a week, then additional faculties will be added each week.

Welke: How is FARCE progressing?
Smith: We're soliciting feedback from past, present, and future SU hacks. Public

solicitation is upcoming. Discussion of options, recommendations will commence after the submission deadline on Aug. 15

Kawanami: When will Council receive the comparison between CASA and CFS that we were promised when we agreed to send **Sharma** to both conferences?
Sharma: Hopefully in the next month or so. I'm contacting past VP Externals to find out how things ran. CFS report is done, just waiting for organizational chart. Still work to do on CASA. EAB is scheduled to discuss national organizations next week, but this may be deferred.

Vigeant: Why does U of A gets rid of so much perfectly good furniture at auctions?
Smith: This would be a good thing to bring up at the funding solutions task force; I'll pass it along to the President.

Sharma (councilor): Will there be a political angle to the tuition info in SEE and the Journal? Will council have a chance to approve this?
Sharma: The VP External is meant to be the spokesperson of the SU. I often need to resond to the media in a timely manner so, unfortunately, I can't come to council with everything.

Kawanami: Why does the VP External's website have links to the NDP, Conservative Party, and Bloc Quebecois but not to the Liberals or CA?
Sharma: These are personal links. The CA has no post-secondary related policy (this will be brought up with Mr. Jaffer); there's no point in linking to them, since they don't think our issues are important. The Liberals haven't been doing enough for putting money towards education.

Samuel: Do we have any political policies regarding university expansion?
Sharma: I don't believe so. That's a darn good idea.

Bolivar: Mr. Reid, what do you think about a political policy on university expansion?
Reid: I can't comment on a policy that doesn't exist, but I'm apprehensive. The LRDP has already been passed, and with a delicate balance of agreement between the university and surrounding communities.

2002-07/11   <u>**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**</u>

Please see document SC 02-07.01.

Sharma: We met three consecutive days; we're crazy and like talking to each other.
Kawanami: Why is the President on the Dean of Students Review Committee, rather than the VPA who has more experience in these areas?
Smith: Unfortunately, **Brechtel** wasn't at the meeting when this was decided. Plus **Sharma** doesn't like the VPA.

BOLIVAR/WELKE MOVED THAT Mat Brechtel replace Mike Hudema as the Executive Committee designee on the Dean of Students review committee.

The Speaker ruled this motion out of order, as this is a matter of executive character.

WELKE/BOLIVAR MOVED THAT The first motion in the executive report (re: dean review committee) be postponed until the next meeting of council.

Carried (consensus)

Welke: What was found out regarding the municipal smoking bylaw?
Ross: It's being looked into.

WELKE/SLOMP MOVED THAT approval of the smoking policy be postponed until sufficient information is available.

Smith: All indications are that this policy is in compliance with the bylaw. Even if it isn't, U of A does not have to comply with municipal bylaws, so it is not necessary to postpone it.
Reid: Will this new smoking policy reduce the total amount of smoking hours and space available?
Smith: Yes.
Reid: Have we found out how students feel about this?
Smith: They're fairly evenly divided, so this is a values call.
Welke: It's not our place to make value judgments on the personal habits of others. Minimum compliance is good.
Ross: We wanted to eliminate smoking in Dinwoodie for several reasons: lots of little kids use the facility for dance recitals, student groups use it, groups have declined to rent it because of the smell and dinginess, and this reduces damage costs to the SU.

Defeated (7/25/0) (Yes: Welke)

2002-07/12	**LEGISLATION**
2002-07/12a	SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 6300 (SECOND Reading).

Please bring documentation from July 16, 2002 meeting.

Carried (26/0/5)

2002-07/13	**OLD BUSINESS**
2002-07/13a	SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council eliminate the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building Expansion plans in favour of three to six public access terminals to be located on the main floor of the Students' Union Building.

Smith: This motion would significantly reduce the costs of hardware replacement and maintenance and would preserve student group meeting space.

REID/WELKE MOVED THAT the motion be amended to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22-station lab to a 10-station lab, to be located on the main floor of the Students' Union Building."

Reid: We can afford $11,000/year for this lab. If we are concerned about student group space, we can find it somewhere else; it's not necessarily lab vs. meeting space. Computer labs are more important to students than tuition.
Brechtel: We need more lab space. Dalhousie has ~14,000 students and 18 computers in their Students' Union Building; UBC has 80 computers. Last year, councilors were adamant about the importance of a computer lab. SUB is a

heavily used building; it ought to have a good computer lab. The SU operates many student services, often not at a profit; this is another service we should provide.

Schendel: The SU should set a positive example as we complain about the university cutting funds for computer space.

Welke: Public access terminals are used for e-mail and not much else. An actual lab will allow the computers to be used for more purposes.

Smith: The costs of a lab (financial, strain on staff and technical infrastructure) outweigh the benefits (10 more computers for 27,000 students). We will be giving the university an out, not setting an example; if we feel that the university isn't delivering adequate education, is it then our mandate to start teaching classes?

Kawanami: The student:computer ratio doesn't tell the whole story; labs are often used by classes at peak times. Since student groups can book any room on campus for free, preserving their meeting space needn't be a priority.

Sharma: Computer labs are a university responsibility, not the SU's. This will set a dangerous precedent and gives the university an easy out. A better solution would be to lobby the university to do their job.

Khatib: Would alternate arrangements for student group meeting space be made available?

Bolivar: SUB is the most heavily used building on campus; it is the SU's responsibility to pay for adequate services for it. However, computer labs are used mostly for e-mail and the internet. Public access terminals better address this need by taking strain off other labs (c.f. Knowledge Common in Cameron). Perhaps the SU should seek a partnership with CNS.

Adhihetty: We're expanding because so many students go through SUB. Personal computer use should be acceptable too. We know that 22 terminals will be used; it will be a good investment. The SU has a mandate to serve students; this is exactly what an expanded lab would do.

Laffin: There is obviously a computer problem on campus, but this isn't the best solution to it. There's not room in SUB for an adequately sized lab and there will be too many people wanting to use a SUB lab for it to be useful; adding a 10 or 20 unit lab will be more trouble than it is worth.

Rajulu: Public access terminals are a nice compromise if we can't afford to put a large lab in SUB. It will allow students to check their e-mail, which is what the lab would be used for mainly.

Weppler: We can decide about access terminals later; right now we need to decide what will happen in the SUB basement. Student groups would benefit from access to computers in SUB.

Ross: SUB can't be all things to all people. Yes, we need more computers on campus; a SUB lab isn't the place to deal with this. Students may want computers, but are they willing to see a fee increase to pay for it?

Sharma (councilor): Perhaps we could better publicize existing labs or have an additional lab operating only at peak times.

REID/VARGA MOVED THAT the amendment be amended to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22 station lab to 15 public access terminals."

Reid: See what happens when we rehash plans that a previous council has already hashed??? This would preserve space and better address student needs.

Brechtel: Where will 15 public access terminals go on the main floor of SUB? There is a need for computer lab space on campus. We already approached CNS looking for support and they said no. One problem with the existing labs is that they aren't always open at convenient times. SUB is open much longer than most other buildings, better serving students in that way. A small increase in computers would still be beneficial (we don't ask for tuition cutbacks all at once).

WEPPLER/KOTOVYCH MOVED THAT the entire motion be referred to the Financial Affairs Board

Weppler: FAB will be able to address this in a more thorough matter. If FAB can't meet, this is important enough to slow down construction.

Smith: Council is ill-equipped to make design decisions but this is a very time-sensitive matter. As it stands, we will have to proceed with the current plans (i.e. 22-station lab); construction will begin before FAB could possibly resolve this. Expansion timelines have already been disrupted; it is important that they not be delayed further.

Slomp: FAB isn't the appropriate place to refer this; most of the concerns raised thus far have nothing to do with the cost of the lab, but rather the message that this action sends, etc.

RAJULU/ADHIHETTY MOVED THAT the motion be amended to refer to AAB rather than FAB.

Weppler: We can argue forever about which committee this should be referred to; FAB has been largely overseeing SUB expansion, they are the appropriate place.

SHARMA/KHATIB MOVED the question
Carried

Defeated (13/20/0)

[on referring entire motion to FAB]
Smith: referring will mean a 22-station lab or a massive delay to SUB expansion.

WEPPLER/KOTOVYCH WITHDREW the motion to refer

[on amendment for 15 public access terminals instead of 3-6]
Carried (20/13/1)

SMITH/CHHINA MOVED TO AMEND the motion to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22 station lab to <u>as many public access terminals as is deemed feasible by the executive committee</u>."

KAWANAMI/BOLIVAR MOVED TO AMEND the amendment to the amendment to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22 station lab to as many public access terminals as is deemed feasible by the <u>Financial Affairs Board</u>."

Dary: The 3-6 number was decided to be feasible; won't that still be the case?
Smith: Council's priorities have changed; we can reconsider.
Sharma: Keep in mind that all executive committee members are members of FAB. FAB is the best place to send this.

Oops – we're out of order; too many amendments.

SMITH MOVED TO withdraw his amendment.

KAWANAMI/BOLIVAR MOVED TO AMEND the motion to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22 station lab to as many public access terminals as is deemed feasible by the<u> Financial Affairs Board</u>."

Knull: I'd like to see a minimum number of terminals guaranteed.

KAWANAMI/BOLIVAR MOVED TO AMEND the motion to read: "Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22 station lab to as many public access terminals as is deemed feasible by the <u>Financial Affairs Board, with the stipulation that no fewer than 10 terminals be installed</u>."
(Friendly)

[referring to FAB vs. 22-station lab]
Welke: I still don't like public access terminals. Last year's council came up with the 22-computer figure; why are we taking this matter out of Council's hands?
Smith: When circumstances change, matters can be revisited.
Chhina: SUB needs a proper lab, not public access terminals.

WEPPLER/BOLIVAR MOVED TO AMEND the motion to read "Students' Council instruct the Financial Affairs Board to re-examine the question of having a computer lab versus public access terminals, and the number of computers either should contain, if any, in the SUB expansion plans and make a recommendation to the planners as per their decision.

Weppler: This has gone on too long! Bad things happen when council debates things too long! Let's defer it to FAB!
Meunier: This is a multi-faceted decision, well beyond the purview of FAB. We would be giving FAB too much leeway in the decision.
Khatib: Does FAB have time to consider this?
Smith: In theory, we could meet in time. There's a possibility that we would be unable to make quorum.
Kawanami: Last year's Council already made a decision; let's not second-guess them.
Kotovych: Last year's Council made their decision with the input of students; we have not had that benefit tonight.
Brechtel: Circumstances have not significantly changed since last year's Council made their decision.

WELKE/SMITH MOVED the previous question
Carried

[on amendment for FAB to make recommendations to planners]

Defeated (11/22/1)

REID/WELKE MOVED the previous question

Carried

Current motion:
SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council alter the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building expansion plans from a 22-station lab to as many public access terminals as is deemed feasible by the Financial Affairs Board, with the stipulation that no fewer than ten terminals be installed.

Defeated (12/21/0)

SMITH/KAWANAMI MOVED TO SUSPEND standing order 30.
Carried

2002-07/14   <u>**NEW BUSINESS**</u>

2002-07/14a   SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of
                                  the Financial Affairs Board, approve the proposed Students' Union Operating,
                                  Capital, and Non-Dedicated Reserves Budget.

                                  Documentation will be provided at the meeting.

                                  SMITH/REID MOVED THAT council go into informal consideration.
                                  Carried.

                                  Smith: A representative from each budget department made a presentation to FAB.
                                  FAB cut their requests until we were no longer in deficit. Many budgets are
                                  budgeting to make less than was budgeted last year; this is still usually more than
                                  last year's actual. Since **Sharma** is the chair of CAUS, this year's CAUS budget
                                  will work out of our bank account.

                                  *At this point, Council had a 10-minute recess and reconvened in the Alumni
                                  Room at 10:00*

                                  REID/SLOMP MOVED to strike Section 666 from the budget.

                                  Reid: Council should be given an opportunity to reevaluate this before the year-
                                  long budget is approved.
                                  Sharma: Let's put it off for a bit, but not for too long.
                                  Slomp: The money we budgeted goes until the end of August; as long as we
                                  discuss this by August 6, we'll be fine.

                                  ROSS/SCHENDEL MOVED the previous question
                                  Carried

                                  Carried

                                  Carried (unanimous)

2002-07/17   <u>**ADJOURNMENT**</u>

                                  SAMUEL/SCHENDEL MOVED TO ADJOURN since quorum was lost.

                                  A council meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, to deal with time-
                                  sensitve motions that were not addressed.

Congratulations to Steve Smith who won last meeting's Council Quotes contest. He provided
the correct answer (b) not once, but twice in an almost embarrassingly speedy 15 minutes.

This week's contest:

Which of the following events did **not** occur during the July 23 council meeting? The first council
member to contact the Recording Secretary (<u>hmcgraw@ualberta.ca</u>) with the correct
answer will be appropriately rewarded.

a. In the middle of a lengthy debate, Sharma whipped a large jar of Vaseline out of his bag.

b. Smith called Welke a jackass, but only meant it as a term of endearment.

c. Ross stuck Twizzlers up his nose during Question Period.

d. The President's report started to be delivered by part of a chicken costume, but was cut short.