

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday September 17, 2002 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-11)

Faculty/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/HomeEc	Paul Reikie	✓	✓
Ag/For/HomeEc			
Arts	Chris Bolivar	✓	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner	✓	✓
Arts	Alexis Pepin	✓	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓	✓
Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓	✓
Business	Jamie Kidston	✓	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓	✓

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00	9:00
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✓	✓
Education	Mandeep Gill	✓	✓
Education	Janet Lo	✓	✓
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith	✓	✓
Engineering	Chris Jones	✓	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓	✓
Engineering	David Weppler	✓	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✓	✓
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✓	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson (Patricia Tsang)	✓	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✓	✓
Native Studies			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy	Kurt Greene	✓	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	✓	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	✓	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary (Tereza Elyas)	✓	✓
Science	Katie Grant	✓	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓	✓
Science	Constantino Renzi	✓	✓
Science	Chris Samuel	✓	✓
Science	Steven Schendel	✓	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓	✓

President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓	✓

MINUTES (SC 2002-11)

2002-11/1 CALL TO ORDER 6:12

2002-11/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Sharma and Hudema presented flowers to Information Officer Kim Steele in recognition of her service to the Students' Union.

The following people were named guests of council: Mustafa Hirji, Alex Taylor, Chris Jones, Roman Kotovych, David Arsenault, Pierre St. Jacques, Birkley Wiseniewski, and Christine Owrarn

Lanette Prediger has resigned her seat

SAMUEL/CLYBURN MOVED TO NOMINATE Paul Reikie as an Agriculture/Forestry/Home Economics councilor.
Carried.

WEPLER/LAFFIN MOVED TO NOMINATE Chris Jones as an Engineering Councilor.

Hirji: Appointing Jones would disenfranchise Engineering students who were not given an opportunity to vote for their representative.

Carried

PEPIN/JONES MOVED TO NOMINATE Kurt Greene as a Pharmacy Councilor.

Carried

2002-11/6 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED TO approve the agenda
ROSS MOVED TO add the Late Additions

WELKE/OBERHOFFNER MOVED TO move the discussion of the President's Address to the first item of New Business
Carried

2002-11/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BEAMISH/SMITH MOVED TO approve the minutes

Ross: Parking Services didn't claim to have only made a profit once in the past decade; rather, they have only raised parking fees once in the past decade.

2002-11/9

REPORTS

2002-11/9a

External Affairs Board

Please see document SC 02-11.01.

2002-11/9b

SMITH/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council accept the report of the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections and direct the Executive Committee to prepare any amendments necessary to the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Policy of the Students' Union to bring it in compliance with the recommendations of the Committee for the FARCE.

Smith: Recommendations include:

- Number of posters per building reduced to 16/building (currently unregulated). -Get rid of rules re: distance between posters.
- Candidates shouldn't be penalized for using recycled paper.
- Councilor elections should be organized centrally, held on the same day and after exec elections.
- CRO should be involved in faculty association elections.
- Eliminate external media rule.
- Implement web-based voting as soon as possible.
- Include none-of-the above as an option.
- Move to preferential ballot.
- Move to centralized voter registry as soon as possible.
- CRO should have a publicity campaign in first term.
- Computer lab computers should remind about elections.
- APIRG should be allowed to use SU polling stations

- for a reasonable fee.
- Exec elections in January, councilor elections in March.
 - All banner placements should be controlled by central office.
 - Only joint use of resources, not endorsements, should be considered collusion. If a portion of ballot is spoiled rest is ok.
 - Classroom speaking rules ok.
 - Elections office should provide more services (e.g. workshop, brochure).
 - Greater budget for joke candidates.
 - Faculty associations should not be allowed to attach council seats to exec positions.
 - New slate expense formula (more money).
 - Candidates should not be required to take a leave of absence.

HUDEMA/ROSS MOVED TO postpone until the next meeting
Reid: This is not necessary. This is just a motion to approve the report; we will have ample time to debate the actual bylaw changes drafted by the executive.

Hirji: It would be easier if council debated the principles of the recommendations before the exec makes bylaw changes.
Defeated

Sharma: This is an excellent (and timely) report. However, it does not seem fiscally prudent to allow a larger budget for joke candidates. What is the justification for moving elections to January?

Hirji: Joke candidates provide a tool for spreading legitimate concerns; this is an important resource for students. Elections are currently right after midterms; this can make it difficult for some students to participate in the electoral process.

Wepler: This is not the place to be debating the committee's recommendations; that should be brought up in the bylaw discussion.

Brechtel: It doesn't make sense to pass this and then debate so many different bylaw changes; let's defeat this report and bring it back to council later.

Carried

Please see document LA 02-11.01

Hoping to add functionality to Bear Tracks so a class search allows that class to be added to your schedule.

2002-11/9d Steve Smith, Vice-President Operations and Finance

Please see document LA 02-11.01

I met Joe Clark, Ralph Nader and Weibo Ludwig.

2002-11/9e Kail Ross, Vice-President Student Life

Please see document LA 02-11.01

20002-11/9f Mike Hudema, President

Eco Conference last weekend. Positive feedback from students and community; budget breakdown next meeting. Ralph Nader sold out. National TV and radio coverage. Met with Rod Fraser. 3 faculties looking to differential tuition in the next year (Law, Medicine, Business). U-pass survey in the beginning of October. Campus Rec Endowment Fund will start Bicycle hospital for free bicycle repairs. Hired new ECOS director and new Information Officer (Shannon Phillips) to replace Kim Steele. Green Campus meeting 5PM on Thursday. World car-free day on Sept. 21.

20002-11/9g Anand Sharma, Vice-President External

Met Joe Clark. Universities act has been opened and will be discussed in the spring legislature session. CASA/CFS document is set to go. Needs to be proofread and will be sent out at the end of the week. It will be discussed at the Oct. 15 meeting. When there will also be presentations on FTAA and GATT.

20002-11/9h Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Finance and Property meeting. University has approved deficit budgets for the next three years. These deficits are projected to be larger than budgeted so they are scrounging for money: gov't grants, cuts, larger tuition increase. We're

getting more parking! First real meeting coming up!

20002-11/9i

Lisa Clyburn, Faculte St. Jean

The executive entertained council with the Faculte Dance. Written report (including a business card and tattoos provided)

Enrolment is up: 229 students this year. Faculty orientation, welcome dance. Talk to Lisa to find out about crazy Fac parties!

20002-11/9j

Margaret Lo, Faculty of Education

Exec intros, BBQ this week.

20002-11/9k

David Weppler, Engineering

I was in Toronto for the last week and saw lots of male nudity. New calculator policy. Hired new student recruitment and liaison officer. Faculty Association Membership fee didn't go through university in time; hope to get in place for next year. Short on money for handbooks and clubs. Lots of volunteers. The Bridge is now a weekly newsletter. We have a faculty e-mail list and weekly classroom announcements. God save the queen.

20002-11/9l

Paul Varga, Law

I was in Europe and saw things other than just male nudity. Friday Afternoon Beer social up and running. Baseball tournament and BBQ coming up.

2002-11/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Bolivar: The add-drop deadline doesn't appear to have been extended; how's that coming?

Brechtel: My hopes for the extension of the add drop deadline are good, but the odds of it actually happening aren't necessarily good. These good hopes are due to the climate this year in addition to the actions of my predecessors.

Kawanami: Will efforts be made to achieve higher and more diverse attendance at future Eco Conferences?

Hudema: Yes. Unfortunately, some people were unwilling to come to the table. We had 260 registrants. In the future,

we'll probably hold the sessions in smaller rooms and start later in the day.

Knull: Did the Eco Conference break even and when can we expect a budget report?

Hudema: Stay tuned for the next council meeting.

Varga: Did the exec get any good ideas from having dinner with Ralph Nader?

Hudema: Mr. Nader had recommendations about the new ECOS office and provided contact information. He also suggested a civics course at the university. About 400 people signed up on an e-mail list for the class at his talk.

Samuel: Who is responsible for the handbook shortage?

Ross: It's Anand's fault <laughter>. In the past, we've ordered 18,000 and only given away 15,000. This year we ordered 18,000 and gave them all away.

Sharma: Has the BSA responded to their faculty's recent mail out to new students suggesting that they all purchase laptops?

Tomte: This faculty did this because there is a computer constraint in the faculty. The BSA didn't know about the letter until it had been sent out.

Wepler: Did the BSA have representatives on any committees that would have approved this?

Tomte: A draft of the letter was sent to the technology committee on which the BSA has a seat.

Taylor: The previous CRO nom com was supposed to meet and bring a recommendation to council this meeting. When will the committee have a recommendation?

Hudema: 4/5 of the members have been contacted but the committee was unable to meet. We will have a recommendation before the next council meeting.

Jones: What is the "Mobilization Committee" for which the president is recruiting volunteers and what is its connection to the SU?

Smith: This committee is intended to lobby on issues on which the SU has political policies. As this committee has no official powers, it was decided that it was unnecessary to bring it to council.

Laffin: What does the President believe is the point of

Orientation?

Hudema: To orient new students about the University and Students' Union.

Adhietty: At the President's Address, Ross said "I know you guys are expecting a rah rah speech;" is this comment not demeaning to all orientation volunteers?

Ross: I applaud the efforts of orientation volunteers. Unfortunately, in a one-year term there are limited opportunities to bring up issues to new students. It is more important that this opportunity be used to discuss real issues. I do apologize for not having more of a welcome.

Kawanami: Has Ross considered using VIDS as a means of spreading information about real issues to all students?

Ross: No. That's not an option.

Williams: The VPSL didn't answer **Adhietty's** question; does he think his comments at the President's Address were demeaning to the volunteers?

Ross: No, I don't.

Clyburn: Why are there no French keyboard options on any campus computers?

Brechtel: I met with the director of CNS; they are putting together a budget. The relevant committee hasn't met yet but the issue will be brought up at the next meeting.

Cao: Med students attend school until the end of May; could ONECard access to the gym be extended until then?

Ross: We'll talk to the ONECard guy about that.

Jones: With how much of **Smith's** money did former councilor **Kotovych** walk away from Saturday's Old Boys Club poker game?

Kotovych: I won \$55 but lost \$60 last time; Steve lost \$45 but netted \$125 last time. So it all balances out. Sort of.

Bolivar: Will council have an opportunity to consider the infrastructure that will be placed in the SU computer lab?

Smith: The current plan is to install Macs. This is clearly a matter of executive character so there are no plans to bring it before council.

Eckdal: Who is the master of chess in the ESA office?

Ross: After roundly trouncing **Chhina**, Lo beat me only by cheating.

Welke: The VP External has a distinguished history of unfairly stereotyping fraternities; did **Samuel's** article in today's Gateway do anything to change his opinion?

Sharma: I commend **Samuel's** insight but still do not endorse fraternities.

Smith: Did **Sharma** not, in a conversation earlier today, express disappointment at **Samuel's** writing of the article?

Sharma: Fraternities have traditionally marginalized many groups on campus. During WOW I challenged frats to participate more on campus.

Wepler: Would you consider frats to be a visible minority on campus?

Sharma: No.

Jones: Why is a tuition task force being created so late considering that the tuition decision will be made at the end of October? Since the president and VP external ran on platforms of tuition freezes or rollbacks, why are they now advocating 2% plus CPI?

Hudema: We have succeeded in getting the tuition decision pushed back until January. Last year's council passed a motion advocating 2%+CPI.

Sharma (Councilor): What is Law doing regarding the potential threat of tuition deregulation?

Varga: We meet with the dean and I come here and vote on the issues.

Reikie: Will expanded parking be funded by tuition increases?

Reid: Parking Services is an ancillary unit and thus must cover its expenses with revenue. Parking prices will probably go up to cover the costs.

2002-11/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-11.02.

Hudema: Policy 14.08 was never officially passed and thus should not appear in the report.

Jones: Are there any provisions for pesticides and fertilizers

to be used as a last resort?

Hudema: That provision isn't needed.

WELKE/JONES MOVED TO reject item 3b (changes to operating policy 11.08 re: Publications Distribution).

Smith: Mechanisms of appeal are included in the policy.

Defeated

Kawanami: Has anyone considered getting an Air Miles program with the corporate credit card to reduce the SU's travel costs?

Smith: What a rockin' idea.

Pepin: Who will be economically affected by the Fair Trade Purchasing policy?

Hudema: The keywords in the policy are "possible" and "feasible;" when a significant cost difference exists, the matter would need to be addressed.

Carried

2002-11/12

LEGISLATION

2002-11/12a

SAMUEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 4300 Respecting the Financial Affairs Board of the Students' Union (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-11.03.

Samuel: We still want to change the composition of FAB. Math 329 is hard.

Carried (31/3/3)

2002-11/12b

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 7500 Respecting the Students' Union Environmental Co-Ordination Office of Students (SECOND Reading).

Please bring back up documentation from the August 20th, 2002 meeting.

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED the following amendments:

Section 3: Amend to read, “the Director and Associate director shall be selected...”

Section 4: Amend to read “the terms of office of the Director and Associate Director of ECOS shall be from May 1 to April 30.”

Section 5: Amend subsection to read “the Director of ECOS shall hold a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week in office time.”

Section 5: Add subsection “b. the Associate Director of ECOS shall hold a minimum of ten (10) hours per week in office time.”

Add Section 7: “The Associate Director shall assist the Director in the fulfillment of his/her duties, as required.”

Hudema: These changes are intended to address concerns that it would be difficult for students to work 30 hours per week and maintain their studies. This splits the position and salary into two.

Carried (32/0/2)

Carried (34/0/2)

2002-11/12c

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3200 Respecting the Honoraria and Salaries Paid by the Students' Union to Term and Elected Employees (FIRST Reading).

Please bring back up documentation from the August 20th, 2002 meeting.

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED the following amendments:

Section 9: Amend subsection r to read: “A salary will be paid to the Director of the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students in the amount of seven hundred eighty-three dollars (\$783.00) per month.”

Section 9: Add a subsection reading: “A salary will be paid to the Associate Director of the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students in the amount of three hundred fifty

dollars (\$350.00) per month” and renumber accordingly.

Carried (34/0/1)

Carried (33/1/1)

2002-11/12d

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 5400 Respecting the Nominating Committee of the Students' Union (FIRST Reading).

Please bring back up documentation from the August 20th, 2002 meeting.

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED the following amendments:

Section 5: Amend to read “...will be divided into twenty-two (22) autonomous groups...” and add Group 22:
“a. Nominating Committee Group ‘22’ will be responsible for selecting a candidate for the following position:

i. Associate Director of the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students

b. Nominating Group “22” will consist of:

i. the General Manager or designate, as Chair;

ii. the incoming Vice President (Student Life) of the Students' Union, as a voting member;

iii. the incoming Director of the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students, as a voting member;

iv. two (2) participants in the programs of the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students as voting members, appointed by the General Manager or designate.”

Carried (33/0/3)

Carried (35/0/3)

2002-11/12e

ROSS/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, adopt the proposed Political Policy - Affordable Housing.

Please see document LA 02-11.01.

Ross: This policy has been a long time coming. Alberta

municipalities are allowed to levy residential housing taxes. Housing and Food Services (and thus students) currently pay this tax.

Brechtel: Be aware that this policy focuses too much on saving the world and not enough on students.

Rajulu: It isn't the SU's place to be advocating for changes to non-student housing.

Hudema: The guiding principle of this motion is to improve the lives of students with respect to housing. It is important for students to have access to affordable housing both on and off campus.

PEPIN/WELKE MOVED TO remove the words "and non-student"

Sharma: Students are very low on the government priority list when it comes to housing.

Ross: The SU has obligations to both students and non-students, as the latter may be prospective students.

Samuel: This council represents all students on campus, most if not all of whom would support this policy.

Weppler: This council has no obligations to non-students; students' fees should not be going towards this cause.

Roberts: Many students live in "non-student" housing.

Khatib: We have an obligation to focus on the interests of students.

Jones: If the SU were truly concerned with student homelessness, the most effective solution would be for the organization to purchase an apartment building.

Hudema: Pushing for affordable housing in general, rather than just for students will be the most effective way to achieve affordable housing for students.

Brechtel: We must be wary of spreading SU resources too thin, thus preventing us from properly working on student issues. We should support the issue without necessarily obligating SU resources to be spent on it. We should not commit ourselves to lobbying actively on the issue.

Oberhoffner: Does a commitment to "student" housing, rather than just "U of A student housing" not oblige us to spend our resources lobbying for students at NAIT, GMC, etc.?

Pepin: The purpose of the amendment isn't to claim that homelessness isn't a problem. Rather it reflects our obligation to undertake projects that are feasible and provide direct benefits to students. After acting on student housing, the SU may in the future like to work on non-student housing.

BOLIVAR/WELKE MOVED the previous question

Carried

Carried (25/14/4)

OBERHOFFNER MOVED TO change the title of the policy to read "Affordable Housing"

Carried

KAWANAMI/KHATIB MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 30

Carried

BRECHTEL/JONES MOVED TO ADD "Be it further resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union endorse campaigns aiming at increased public spending on affordable housing in as much as such campaigns benefit students by increasing the availability of affordable housing."

Kawanami: Does the status quo preclude us from doing this already?

Smith: I suspect that if we did this now that councilor **Kawanami** would probably give us a hard time about it.

Oberhoffner: Would Sharma consider this motion to be friendly?

Sharma: Yes.

Friendly

Carried (33/1/0)

2002-11/13

2002-11/13a

OLD BUSINESS

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure of \$4500 from the Special Projects Reserve to pay membership fees in the Canadian University Press for the

2000-2001 year, with said payment being contingent on an agreement from the Canadian University Press not to seek any additional membership payment from the Students' Union.

Smith: Gateway autonomy provides us with an excellent opportunity for closure on past disagreements between the SU and CUP. Last year there were issues regarding CUP refusing to allow the SU to send a representative to CUP meetings, claiming that The Gateway, not the SU, held the membership to the organization.

Carried (28/4/2)

2002-11/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-11/14a

BOLIVAR/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee draft a letter of apology addressed to the Orientation Staff, Orientation Volunteers, University Administration, Office of the President, and New Students regarding inappropriate conduct at the President's Address for submission to council no later than October 1, 2002.

Bolivar: This motion is the result of much consultation with students. The President's Address is an inherently apolitical event intended to welcome students to university. Orientation staff had no indication that such comments would be made; they were owed this courtesy. Orientation volunteers were explicitly told not to speak poorly of the university or administration, who provide a lot of financial support for orientation. While many of the remarks may have been true, this was not the forum for them to be voiced. Speeches of this nature create a climate of hostility between the university administration and students and create resentment between the SU and Orientation Volunteers. This motion is intended to indicate a willingness on the part of the SU to have a constructive relationship with the administration. Furthermore, responding to student concerns in this manner shows an openness to consultation on the part of the SU executive.

Williams: I have been extensively involved in orientation and am one of the few TFs who were not offended by the

speeches. Society censors too much; the only group to whom an apology is perhaps owed is the Orientation Volunteers. Mike was justified in using the platform in this way.

Smith: The orientation staff was intentionally not told about the speech. While it is perhaps not in our best interests to create an adversarial relationship with the university, that's why only the exec, not staff were involved. Our behavior was not inappropriate regardless of whether Orientation Volunteers considered it to be so. If an apology is owed, it is not owed to the administration; it is our duty to expose flaws in the administration. No one has produced evidence showing that first year students were, in fact, offended by the speech.

LAFFIN/JONES MOVED TO add "and upon approval by Council will be printed in the Gateway."

Laffin: This motion needs to go somewhere, not only be approved by council.

Smith: While I don't support the original motion, if it does pass, the apology should go somewhere.

Bolivar: This was the original intent of the motion.

Williams: There was a lot of unnecessary animosity last year; it is important that the SU exec have the respect of students.

Welke: If Council decides that an apology is owed, justice must be seen to be done.

Samuel: New students are only one group to whom this apology is owed; it doesn't make sense to include a venue for one group but not any of the others.

Carried (21/10/0)

Sharma: Although I was unfortunately unable to attend the President's address, my consultations with students have shown them to be supportive of or indifferent to the comments made. It's unfortunate that Orientation Volunteers were offended but the administration does many things to hurt students and there needs to be a forum to address these concerns. This is a political body and it is entirely within our mandate to act as such. First-year students are intelligent and quite capable of forming their own opinions. No bylaws were broken and I'm proud of the actions of our executive.

Adhihetty: First year students are at the doorway of the university and the exec spoke only about tuition and not about any of the things that are great about this university.

Instead of providing first year students with a broad view of what university is about, the exec instead focused on only one issue. That being said, I think this letter is unnecessary. **Slomp:** Orientation often lacks realism; this was a good first step. It's not a crime to bring these issues to the forefront. This letter is unnecessary.

Pepin: One of the strengths of the SU is its wide and committed volunteer base. Orientation should not be a political event in that capacity. Some communication is owed to all those volunteers who gave up their summers to give first-year students a positive welcome to university. Many volunteers have expressed a reluctance to volunteer at future events due to this experience.

Sharma (Councilor): Orientation is intended to welcome students to university life, of which tuition is a component. The president is a political figure and is supposed to make political statements. The SU's political policies were consultation enough. What relationship but a negative one are we to form with the administration when they continually block us from the legislative process? The primary function of the President's address is to give students a feel of where their president is coming from.

Brechtel: The exec was elected to be political. Orientation has never been a place where political issues were raised but that doesn't mean that it need never be. No one told the exec not to make political remarks at the address so they can't be faulted for having done so.

Jones: Politics is inherent to the operation of the university. That the President's Address has traditionally not been a political venue doesn't mean it can't be one. The opinions of students in general are more important than those of Orientation

Volunteers alone; it's their party so they can cry if they want to. Mr. Hudema's views as expressed at the address are entirely in accordance with the policies of the Students' Union and did not bring the SU into disrepute. As such they should not be forced to apologize.

Clyburn: This motion is asking the executive to lie about what they believe is right. That speech may have attracted as many students to volunteer for the SU as it may have turned off.

Samuel: A rah rah speech also sends a political message, i.e. that all is well with the university. The purpose of orientation is not just to welcome but also to inform. It is

important that this opportunity be used to inform students about both the good and the bad about university.

Kawanami: It is not the message that we're seeking to condemn here; what is at issue is the venue. There is a difference between information and indoctrination; the intention of that speech was not to inform students.

JONES/WELKE MOVED TO suspend standing orders.

Carried

Kotovych: The President represents all students, not just this organization. Last year, council raised questions on how a president wearing a \$1300 suit reflected on all students; surely it is fair to ask how these remarks reflected on all students. The exec is responsible to Council, which never approved a motion advocating an activist approach to tuition.

OBERHOFFNER/SMITH MOVED to make Mark Jess a guest of council.

Carried

Oberhoffner: The exec has claimed that it was never told not to make such remarks.

KNULL/VARGA MOVED TO STRIKE "the University Administration, Office of the President and New Students" from the motion

Knull: An apology is owed for the fact that volunteers were offended but not for what was said. This would be a fair compromise.

Samuel: Apologizing to volunteers will accomplish something useful while the original motion will not.

Jones: This gives orientation volunteers a greater constituency than regular students. Forced apologies are worse than no apology. If the exec is not sorry for what they have done, they shouldn't have to apologize for it. If the motion is passed, it should be on behalf of the SU, not the executive committee.

Jones: A forced apology is useless. The motion should perhaps suggest that the exec apologize, rather than forcing them to do it.

Varga: Perhaps "apology" is the wrong word to be using; the

exec should apologize for the way their remarks were interpreted, not for saying them.

Bolivar: I support the amendment except for the removal of the Office of the President. It's the President of the University's address, not the President of the SU's.

Hudema: In hindsight the speech should perhaps have been more welcoming. I don't, however, regret anything I said. Kail and I participated in Orientation; it is unclear what we would be apologizing for.

Knull: The spirit of this amendment is to apologize for offending, not for the content. It's necessary for volunteer retention.

Sharma: Not all Orientation Volunteers were offended by the speech. I respect Orientation Volunteers but other students have been offended when the SU doesn't take a strong enough stance on an issue. This would set a dangerous precedent. We may lose volunteers but we may gain some too.

Pepin: A forced apology is meaningless. Orientation keeps volunteers for many years and something needs to be done to bring them back. In fact, this might provide an opportunity to put positive spin on the issue and bring more people out.

Kawanami: When you apologize for someone being offended, you are placing the blame on them. Rather than an apology, perhaps a clarification would be a better solution to the problem.

SHARMA (COUNCILOR)/OBERHOFFNER MOVED the previous question.

Carried

Carried

GRANT/SLOMP MOVED the previous question

Defeated

VARGA/SLOMP MOVED TO replace "apology" with "clarification" and "inappropriate" with "controversial"

Friendly

REIKIE/JONES MOVED TO reconsider the Laffin/Jones motion to add "and upon approval by Council will be printed in the Gateway."

Bolivar: Orientation Volunteers are a large group of people and something in print would have greater efficacy than something sent out on their mailing list. There should be no fear of making this public.

Oberhoffner: A letter of clarification should be presented to as many people as possible.

Reikie: The issue here is volunteer retention; it is important that they and they alone are reached. A public apology would be an admission of guilt.

Rajulu: No one else needs it! Just give it to the Orientation Volunteers!

Kotovych: Many people have heard about the issue, whether they were offended or not. They would benefit from hearing about this. Furthermore, the exec could turn this into a positive opportunity to promote what they believe in.

Knoll: Keep in mind that council will still have to approve this letter.

WILLIAMS/SLOMP MOVED the previous question.

Carried

Defeated

Jess: Perhaps the Orientation Volunteer party on Friday would be a good opportunity to contact the volunteers personally. In fact, I applaud Mike and Kail for saying something different at the address.

Bolivar: Sorry for presenting such an ill crafted motion to council. I agree with everything that was said in the speech. I agree with the motion as it stands. I would encourage the exec to consult the boards and committees that are intended to deal with such issues.

SLOMP/OBERHOFFNER MOVED the previous question

Carried

Main Motion:

BOLIVAR/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee draft a letter of clarification addressed to the Orientation Staff and Orientation Volunteers regarding controversial conduct at the President's Address for submission to council no later than October 1, 2002.

Carried (Abstentions: Hudema, Ross, Smith)

2002-11/14b

SHARMA/HUDEMA MOVED THE Adoption of the following resolution, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students' Council strike a Tuition Task Force (TTF) to be composed of:

- a) Two (2) members of the Executive Committee, as selected by the Executive Committee, as voting members;
- b) Three (3) Student Councilors, as selected by Students' Council, as voting members; and
- c) Three (3) Students at Large, as selected by the members stipulated in a) and b) as voting members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TTF have a mandate to solicit input from public meetings and to synthesize this input into recommendations to Students' Council on tuition policy and action on this policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TTF's chair be elected from and by the TTF's voting membership.

Carried

2002-11/14c

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Mike Hudema and Mat Brechtel be appointed the two undergraduate student representatives on the University of Alberta Vice President (Academic) and Provost search advisory committee.

Please see document SC 02-11.04.

ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO AMEND the motion to read "SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two undergraduate student representatives to sit on the University of Alberta Vice President (Academic) and Provost search advisory committee."

Friendly

Smith: Doug Owram will be leaving this post at the end of the year and he needs to be replaced.

Carried

2002-11/14d BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$445.36 to send Anand Sharma, Vice President (External) to the Council of Alberta University Students conference scheduled for September 30, 2002 to October 2, 2002 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Brechtel: Sharma is the chair of CAUS, so it would probably be good if he went. The motion as originally passed in executive committee included "for as long as possible."
Carried (Abstention: Sharma)

2002-11/14e SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$2,200.00 to send Anand Sharma, Vice President (External) to the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's National Lobbying Conference scheduled for October 25 to November 2, 2002 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Kawanami: Haven't we in the past sent two people to these conferences?

Sharma: This conference is lobbying, not policy development, so it is unnecessary to send two delegates.

KAWANAMI/GRANT MOVED TO AMEND the motion to add "and a member of EAB as selected by that committee" and replace "\$2,200" with "\$5,000"

Kawanami: Sending an EAB member would allow them to better discuss CASA at EAB meetings and provide a non-exec perspective on CASA at council.

Rajulu: We always complain about how much money is spent sending people to conferences; this is unnecessary.

Hudema: Knowing how Anand handles his money, I don't want to give him \$5,000 to play with.

Brechtel: We usually send two people. Being versed in policy is a requirement; being an executive committee member is not.

ROSS/SLOMP MOVED the previous question
Carried

Carried (Abstentions: Sharma, Samuel, Jones)

KAWANAMI/SLOMP MOVED TO reconsider the previous amendment

Defeated

Main motion:

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$5,00.00 to send Anand Sharma, Vice President (External) and a member of EAB as selected by that committee to the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's National Lobbying Conference scheduled for October 25 to November 2, 2002 in Ottawa, Ontario.

The meeting was adjourned because quorum was lost.

Carried

2002-11/17

ADJOURNMENT (11:20)