

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

May 13, 2003 - 6:00PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2003-02)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ absent	Proxy Name
President	Mat Brechtel		
VP Academic	Janet Lo		
VP External	Chris Samuel		
VP Finance	Tyler Botten		
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah		
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych		
Agric/Forest/Hom eEc	Paul Reikie	x	
Agric/Forest/Hom eEc			
Arts	Chris Bolivar	x	
Arts	Adam Kaasa	x	
Arts	Erin Kelly		

Arts	James Knull		
Arts	Alex Abboud		
Arts	Chris Laver		
Arts	Terra Melnyk		
Arts	Heather Wallace		
Arts	Paul Welke		
Business	Adam Cook		
Business	Steve Smith		
Education	Charles Beamish	x	
Education	Allison Ekdahl		
Education	Mandeep Gill		
Education	Christine Wudarck		
Education			
Engineering	Josh Bazin		
Engineering	Paige Smith		
Engineering	David Wepler		
Engineering	Matthew Wildcat		
Law	Dean Hutchinson		

Residence Halls Association	Samantha Kelch		
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk	x	
Medicine/Dentistry	Rosalind Ting	x	
Native Studies (School of	Valerie Knaga	x	
Nursing			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy			
Physical Education	Holly Higgins		
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth		
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube		
Science	Anne Aspler		
Science	Tereza Elyas		
Science	Aisha Khatib		
Science	James Meeker		
Science	Shawna Pandya		
Science	Elaine Poon	x	

Science	Steven Schendel		
Science	Duncan Taylor		
Science	Kimberly Williams	x	
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow		
Recording Secretary	Shirley Ngo		

Guests of Council

Alexandra Taylor – Outgoing CRO

Chad Moore – Incoming CRO

Kyla Rice – RHA VP External

Sara Katz

Dale Coffin – SU Services Manager

- 2003-02/1 CALL TO ORDER 6:01 pm
- 2003-02/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"
ASPLER led singing of the national anthem
- 2003-02/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"
BRECHTEL led singing of University of Alberta CHEER Song.
- 2003-02/4 STUDENTS' UNION CREDO

MEEKER led reading of Students' Union Credo.

2003-02/5

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Guests of council will now sign a sheet of "sign-in" paper.

BOTTEN/ KOTOVYCH, MOVED THAT June 3rd is added as a meeting.

Carried

2003-02/7

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT to approve the agenda.

BRECHTEL - Item 15a should not be there, it will come back to council in a later date.

SAMUEL / KHATIB MOVED TO AMEND agenda.
Item 13 is pressing and urgent, many board meetings concerning Item 13 are held within the next 2 days.
Item 15c is also pressing because we need to be authorized

Amendment to agenda is carried.

Main Motion is carried.

2003-02/8

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2003-02/a

SPEAKER'S WELCOME AND ADDRESS

Speaker – If you miss 4 meetings in total, you are supposed to be reprimanded by the Speaker. If you miss 5 in total or 3 in a row, a Councilor is removed from Council. This does not include proxies.

Any voting member of council, except for Executive Committee Officers may appoint a proxy. A notice must be given, containing the name and contact number of the proxy. The notice must be in writing or by electronic mail. The councilor must also date and sign the notice.

The 5 most important things SU will be dealing with are the following:

1. The Universities Act – which the SU was created by and drives authority from.
2. The Student Union Constitution – This is the chief governing document of the SU.
3. Structure of Students' Council (By-law 100) – Council consists of 55 members, 5 of which are non-voting and 50 of which are voting.
4. Standing Orders of Students' Council – Covers and directs the day-to-day operations of Students' Council. They require a majority vote to suspend, amend, create or rescind. They outrank Roberts' Rules of Order.
5. Roberts' Rules of Order – There are 4 pages of notes in the Agenda package. Please bring it to future meetings, you might need to refer to it. Roberts' Rules of Order is a system of meeting procedure that Students' Council has adopted for carrying out business. It outlines how to introduce business, the rank of motions, debate and decorum, voting and many other subjects.

Before a member can make a motion, they must get the floor and we do it here by putting up your hand. Debate is supposed to be directed to the chair. Please rise and say, "Mr. Speaker" or "Mr. Chair". The member introducing a motion will have first opportunity to speak to it. Please use your nametag for the first while. I do know everyone's name by the end of the year. All principle motions must be in writing.

If you know you are going to make an amendment,

please write it out before so we don't have to wait.

Please talk about what is relevant. Refrain from attacking a member's motives, not attacking people. Please refrain from voting against your own motion. If interrupted by the chair, please be seated. I will interfere if I can't hear somebody anymore. Please contact me at speaker@su.ualberta.ca or Gregory.Harlow@su.ualberta.ca if you have any questions.

2003-02/8b

SPEAKER – U OF A CALENDAR ALTERATIONS

Speaker - U of a Calendar costs about \$80,000 to print, advertising pays about \$15,000 of it, so total costs are about \$65,000. The U of A is planning to eliminate the calendar and put everything on the web. The discussion is continuing to provide first year students and administrators with the calendar. Students who change programs will also receive one. However, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students will no longer receive the calendar. Doing so will only save about 20,000. The university has a one billion dollar budget.

WUDARCK –I would rather have a timetable than the Calendar. But, even as a 4th year student, looking at the Calendar is very useful.

SCHENDEL – I approve of the approach the web board is going towards. Killing less trees is a good thing. We can always go to the faculty office if we need information.

SMITH – I approve of all elimination of printed copies. I have never used it.

WEPPLER – 2 things. We should be moving towards more online things. The time- table should be better online, as things are always changing. Put course listings online. Very important to have the listing right there so students know what they need.

BRECHTEL – Things should be moved online. The idea of purchasing the calendar is absurd. Nobody reads the regulations until they need the regulations, so having them online is the best way.

WALLACE – I constantly look at it. I like hard copy things. When people are changing minors, you need to know certain things. I make notations right in the book. The rules are changing so often. I also think that Bearsat is brilliant. The beginning part of the book is useful. The last part of the book can be put online.

ASPLER – Does the University of Toronto have their information in print or online?

Speaker – Queens have eliminated their calendar. The institutions that have the most problems with their calendars are those that update on a quarterly basis. In terms of finances, to have a web page is going to cost more to administer in the long run.

2003-02/8c

ALEXANDRA TAYLOR – OUTGOING CRO

TAYLOR – The nomination packages have not really changed that much from last year. We should also make it clearer that nomination packages are available online. I recommend that next year, we put a list of sample offences, so candidates can have an idea of what would happen to them if they did something wrong.

Poster limits – The cost of printing doesn't correlate to the posters. The reduced budgets were probably taken a bit too low. I recommend that we have centralized poster locations and posters will be displayed there exclusively. I also recommend that we increase poster budgets to \$450.00 from the new \$350.00.

Webboard- The webboard should remain deregulated. It ran really well. However, the web space wasn't used effectively. Next year, my recommendations are to post online voting information, nomination packages, DIE Board and CRO rulings and daily updates. Candidates should submit their webpages at least 4 days before campaign.

Cellphones – We really need them. We will try to get all 4 for the next elections.

Polling stations –There are 23 of them. We had an incident in Tory #1. Somebody managed to open the bubble sheet box. We eliminated the votes from that station, however, it did not effect the election results. 120 students voted twice and there were 45 invalid votes.

Security zones have been issued for elections – Campus Security transported our ballots for free. I strongly recommend that we continue to use Campus Security as opposed to an outside security firm.

Ballot and ballot counting machines – We pay in \$1400US to get 2 memory packs programmed. We should look for a Canadian company next year.

Staffing – This year's election staff is dealing with new bylaws. My recommendations are that the CRO's salary gets bumped up to \$4800, the DRO's salary gets bumped up to \$1800 and \$8.50 for Poll Captains. The CRO and DROs should also be paid 1/3 of their honoraria before campaigning.

I would also like to introduce Chad Moore as our incoming CRO.

DAVID WEPLER – HOW TO BE A GOOD COUNCILOR

WEPLER – Remember to pick up the agenda package in SUB 2-900. If you are not able to make it to the meeting from 6:00-9:00, find a proxy and fill out the form, available on the SU website. Remember to bring your agenda package, binder with bylaws/policies, pen, and scrap paper for keeping notes.

During the Question period, you may use this opportunity to grill the elected officials on issues outside of what has been brought forward as motions.

Debates on a Motion – The following are the Finger rules. One finger means you have a new point about the motion. 2 fingers mean that you have something to say about the current topic. 3 fingers mean that debate is becoming circular, and Council should move on.

After a Council meeting, keep a copy of all the material from council in the same binder that has the bylaws and policies.

When passing a motion, talk to other councilors to sound out your ideas and get feedback. You should also talk to an executive member to find out the appropriate way to solve the problem. You should submit your motion in writing to the Speaker of Council or the Executive Assistant by noon the Wednesday before the next council meeting.

2003-02/9

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO approve the minutes.

Carried.

2003-02/10

QUESTION PERIOD

SMITH – The provincial government recently released its proposal to replace the Universities Act. Does the executive committee have any action?

SAMUEL – Yes, its true the government is introducing legislation. It is important to clarify the act at first reading. In the fall session, the 2nd reading will occur. So we have to consult with the government what the motivation and response should be. If they are not responsive, we will rally public support to our changes. There are 2 approaches, we are holding a cause press conference, in SUB (tomorrow), sub stage. And in terms of what we are doing,. We are doing all we can to fight this. Some of the submissions took us completely by surprise.

SCHENDEL – With regards to the upcoming Cokathon. One of the conferences he attended was completely useful, which one was it and are you going to attend?

MAH – Actually the CCSA, council has approved for us to attend. There are many issues I hope to gain from the conference.

EKDAHL – Councilor parking passes for Tuesday night, are we getting those tonight?

MAH – I will look into that and get back to you by next meeting.

P. SMITH – The passes started at 5pm last year, which was not useful for people who had to drive in the mornings.

KHATIB – Where are we standing at with the universal bus pass?

SAMUEL – We spoke with council of Grant MacEwan today. Basically, ETS has come up with a price where they are inflexible on, which is \$218/year. We will try to get other institutions on board or look for other sources of funding.

KHATIB – Is there a good possibility that it will implemented?

SAMUEL – Not comfortable to taking it to referendum if price is not reasonable. Definitely something we are looking to get done this year

ABBOUD - Item 2c regarding the May 8 meeting looks irregular.

BRECHTEL – A Staff member lent a tent to the former President and it was never returned. We never had an agreement or anything. In the future, any borrowing will have an agreement signed between the person and the borrower.

WUDARCK – Were efforts made to contact the former president to retrieve the tent

BRECHTEL – Currently he is in Manitoba, I can e-mail him. But he has said that he doesn't know.

HUTCHINSON – Is there any way of getting the former president to reimburse it himself, other than having the money come out of the SU?

BOTTEN – No. A cheque of \$300 was issued. But the cheque was not enough to cover the costs. We found out about the cheque till later. It should say \$181 instead of \$481.

2003-02/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the executive committee report be approved.

Carried.

ELECTION OF COUNCILORS TO SU BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs Board – (LO) This year, we will focus on establishing teaching standards, also looking at standards for English. I expect the councilors to do research and be ready to do work and represent students. Hoping to meet 1-2 weeks.

Congratulations to ABBOUD, DUBE and MEEKER

Financial Affairs Board (BOTTEN) – Will be busy in August and December. We do a review of the situation at the end of each term. Meetings will be held once every 2 weeks.

Congratulations to WEPPLER, COOK and PANDYA

Legacy Fund (BOTTEN) – Decides on how money will be given to traveling for sport teams.

Congratulations to WILDCAT.

Access Funds (BOTTEN) - It was a rocking good time. The most exciting of all funds. By bylaw, we have to meet twice a year. My goal is to meet 3 times a year.

Congratulations to WILDCAT, SMITH and MELNYK

Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (BOTTEN) If you know something about campus recreation, this will be a good board for you. 4 meetings a year.

Congratulations to KNULL.

External Affairs Board (SAMUEL) – Would like to see councilors take risks and chances. In the past, 2 years ago, the board met 3 times, last year they met 18 times, so there is a wide range of how often they meet. I believe they will probably be meeting around the 18 meeting range. I assure you that you won't be bored on this board.

Congratulations to MELYNK, SMITH and COOK

Eugene Brody Committee (SAMUEL) - It is SU 's way of giving back to the community. Approximately, one meeting a month. The community relations' coordinator is Kimberly Williams.

Congratulations to HIGGINS and WALLACE.

Student Life Board (MAH) – This board is way more fun than all of Botten's boards put together. We will be tackling parking, a potential for a health plan for students, preparation for Week of Welcome...etc. Commitment is huge during the summer and also the beginning of September.

Congratulations to LAVER, EKDAHL and TAYLOR

Student Group Granting Committee (MAH) We meet 3-4 times a year to dole out cash to different student groups based on an application process.

Congratulations to KNULL and SMITH

Programming Committee (MAH) - The most fun committee. We work closely with student life board. There is extensive work with AntiFreeze, Revolution Speaker Series...etc. Creativity is encouraged. WOW committee is on May 28th in the bubble room. Lots of responsibilities during the first couple weeks of September.

Congratulations to KNULL, MELYNK and Kelly.

Internal Review Board (BRECHTEL) Everything that is legislated by council will go through the internal review board. This committee will determine the long-term direction of the Student Council. Meetings take place every other week (Everytime there are legislative changes).

Congratulations to BAZIN, SMITH and WEPPLER

Awards Selection Committee (HENDERSON) If you sit on the committee, you cannot receive an award. We will be calling a meeting before August. The busiest time for this board will be in January and February.

Congratulations to WALLACE

SCCAB (Speaker) It is a gatekeeper. We have met twice in the last 12 years.

Congratulations to DUBE and HIGGINS, SMITH, WELKE, WUDARCK, BAZIN and MEEKER

FACRA Board of Directors - 1 councilor needed.
Congratulations to LAVER

Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors -
1 councilor needed.
Congratulations to SMITH

APIRG Board of Directors - 1 councilor needed
Congratulations to ABBOUD

Student Legal Services of Edmonton Student Levy
Subcommittee - 1 councilor needed
Congratulations to DUBE

Refugee Student Committee - 1 councilor needed.
Congratulations to ASPLER

Gold Key Selection Committee - 2 councilors needed.
Congratulations to KOTOVYCH and KELLY

Committee for Council Reform and Progress - 3
councilors needed plus 1 executive member.
**Congratulations to PANDYA, WUDARK, WEPPLER and
BOTTEN**

2003-02/16

NEW BUSINESS

JONES/BAZIN MOVED THAT items 16d and 16c
specials orders.

Carried.

2003-02/16d

SAMUEL/LO MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon
the recommendation of the Executive Committee,
approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1450.00 to send
the VP Student Life to the COCA conference in Montreal
May 31 - June 5, 2003.

MAH - We will be networking, and we will be able to
meet other people in the same positions as us. We will
also be able to access resources that we may not be able
to afford.

Motion is Carried.

2003-02/16c

BRECHTEL/MAH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, strike an ad hoc Nominating Committee to select SAL's for committees that still need to have SAL positions filled.

BRECHTEL – Not interested in going through the motions. We need 2 councilors to be on this.

Congratulations to PANDYA and WUDARK.

Motion is Carried.

2003-02/15c

SMITH/JONES MOVED THAT item 15c becomes a special order.

Motion is Carried.

SAMMUEL/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Students' Council that it approve the proposed Political Policy – Post –Secondary Learning Act.

Please see document LA 03-02.02

SMITH – Scratch “Current” to “Current Proposed form”

JONES/ABBOUD MOVED TO insert 93(2), 94(2) to the list as well.

WEPLER/KOTOVYCH MOVED TO refer this to the External Affairs board.

WEPLER – This is not appropriate for council to decide. We need to go through the steps clearly.

SAMUEL - We are having a press conference tomorrow. In regards of timeliness, the main reason we want to get this policy over with tonight. Media buzz will die down within the 2 weeks it will take us. We were not expecting this.

JONES/DUBE MOVED TO suspend

Motion to suspend is carried.

DUBE - There are a lot of problems with this act. We want the government to take us seriously. We are just 1 person over quorum right now. I am in full support of Jones' amendment, but I don't feel comfortable of passing it tonight, because there is not enough information.

BRECHTEL - What we have proposed is minimal. At this point we would like to have a policy that deals with our most serious concerns, and retain the capability to add other concerns to policy later. We have had the opportunity to talk to other universities in Canada. If we are unsure if we have other concerns we shouldn't postpone, but instead accept this and add to it later.

WEPPLER - Just use political policy when you have the research to back it up. There is zero harm on postponing this.

SMITH - Policy should be carried as is.

Amendment to insert 93(2) and 94(2) is carried.
Wildcat, Bazin, Jones, Weppler, Wudarck abstained.

Main Motion to approve political policy is carried. (13/2/5)

2003-02/20

ADJOURNMENT

DUBE/SMITH MOVED TO adjourn at 12:20 am.

Carried.