

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

June 10th, 2003 – 6:00PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2003-05)

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/HomeEc	Paul Reikie	X	
Arts	Alex Abboud		
Arts	Chris Bolivar		
Arts	Adam Kaasa	X	
Arts	Erin Kelly		
Arts	James Knull	X	
Arts	Chris Laver		
Arts	Terra Melnyk		
Arts	Heather Wallace		
Arts	Paul Welke		
Business	Adam Cook		Nandini Somayaji
Business	Steve Smith		

Education	Charles Beamish	X	
Education	Allison Ekdahl		
Education	Mandeep Gill		
Education	Christine Wudarck		
Education			
Engineering	Josh Bazin		
Engineering	Paige Smith	X	
Engineering	David Wepler		Margaret Laffin
Engineering	Matthew Wildcat		Angela Thomas
Law	Dean Hutchison		
Residence Halls Association	Samantha Kelch		
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk		Stephen Congly
Medicine/Dentistry	Rosalind Ting	X	
Native Studies (School of	Valerie Knaga	X	
Nursing			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy			
Physical Education	Holly Higgins		Joanna Clair
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth		
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube		
Science	Anne Aspler		
Science	Tereza Elyas		Babar Khlihi

Science	Aisha Khatib		
Science	James Meeker		
Science	Shawna Pandya		Matthew Eaton
Science	Elaine Poon		Sundeep Talwar
Science	Steven Schendel		
Science	Duncan Taylor		Justin Kehoe
Science	LeeAnn Lim		
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith	X	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow		
Recording Secretary	Shirley Ngo		

Observers

Geneva Rae, Leila Darwish, Kyla Rice, Aliya Jamal, Kirsten Mccrea, Samantha Power

2003-05/7

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the agenda be approved.

BOTTEN – I would like to make item 15c a special order.

Carried

2003-05/9

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SCHENDEL/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the minutes be approved.

Carried.

2003-05/10

QUESTION PERIOD

SMITH – Regarding the Academic Affairs Board minutes, what are these items? Can they be publicly discussed?

LO – There are so many goals in the year. If you would like to talk to me about them, come to my office.

SCHENDEL – How the Undergraduate Board Governors Representative plans to vote on the Augustana issue?

KOTOVYCH – Lots of questions I would like to see answered. Depending on the issues that are brought forward, whether the province comes through. As of today, I have some major concerns, if the vote was today, I would vote no today

ABBOUD – About the BoG consultation forum a while ago, what plans do you have in mind so when you vote, you will be voting for the student and that you has the information?

KOTOVYCH – I will be continuing with the Bog consultation forum. A lot of things have to do with keeping the councilors up to date with the activities. I am available to answer any questions student have. One of the biggest problems with the BoG is the time scope the agenda is brought forward. Beyond that if you have guys have any additional comments, please let me know.

WALLACE – A question regarding the U pass. Have you talked to NAIT and Grant McEwen? Any progress from last week?

SAMUEL – Yes, I have a meeting set up with the President of NAIT and Grant McEwen. The meeting is taking place on Thursday @ 10am. I have also contacted Vicky from ETS and left her a message. Kevin Tab and I will also be setting up a meeting.

ABBOUD - When can we see a report from the COCA conference?

MAH – Next council meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

BOTTEN – I would like to delete the dates included under item 2b.

BRECHTEL – I’m excited about 2a.

SMITH – A question about 2c. Just wondering, will there be any substantial item discussed at that meeting that we can’t just discuss it on a Tuesday?

BRECHTEL – Well, the intent was to do 2 things. To have this meeting and come up with a tuition policy for the year and also discuss our ideas to what should be done. It is in my mind, the most important issue of the year.

WALLACE – In council a couple weeks ago, I mentioned a conference and 4 councilors are interested, can you move the meeting back a week?

BRECHTEL – I will just call a council meeting on Aug 16 then. One way or another we need it to be after the first week of August.

DUBE – Can we make it start in the afternoon? Not at 8:30am.

BRECHTEL – Maybe later.

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED to strike 2c from the Executive Committee Report.

Carried.

ABBOUD/SMITH MOVED THAT council move in camera

Carried (23/1/0)

SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT council move ex camera

Carried (23/1/0)

2003-05/11

DUBE – What is Vitalize?

MAH – A volunteer conference that a lot of non-profit societies attend to help their volunteers manage other volunteers.

ABBOUD - How come 3 of the members you are sending are paid staff members and one is not.

ASPLER – There was a little competition for us who wanted to go and a lot of people wrote my name so I got to go.

2003-05/12

APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

CRAP will be meeting after this.

2003-05/14
2003-05/14a

LEGISLATION

BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, repeal Bylaw 2300 (SECOND Running).

Carried (25/4/1)

2003-05/15
2003-05/15c

NEW BUSINESS

BOTTEN – Last year an agreement was signed to allocate space in the lower level of SUB for the Women's Center. The executive approved of such an agreement. The agreement was later signed for Rm 416 and approved by council. I had an opportunity to meet with Women's Center to discuss the agreement. Specifics like rental rates weren't included in the initial signing so we met to discuss this. I'm very happy to see that the Womens' Center is willing to come in. They will have 2 spaces to their name.

SMITH – I move to amend 15c, I will bring it up in writing to the Recording Secretary.

DUBE – Who is the group that is organizing this and what position is this?

MCCREA - We have anywhere from 10-30 members at the meetings. We decided on Sunday to become a society.

MA/LO MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, sign the agreement between the Students' Union and Tess Elsworthy relating to the Women's Center contingent on the latter's willingness to cancel the existing agreement between the two parties.

Carried (23/4/0)

2003-05/15a

SMITH/WELKE MOVED THAT Students' Council direct the Internal Review Board to draft a referendum question asking the Students' Union's membership if its supports the elimination of Section 3 (e) of Article VII of the Students' Union Constitution, such question to be presented to Students' Union Constitution, such question to be presented to Students' Council not later than February 1, 2004, in time for use in conjunction with the campus-wide election schedule of March of 2004.

SMITH – A large number of students would like to see this eliminated.

CONGLY – Wondering if SMITH and WELKE will amend part of this.

HUCHISON – What are the costs for having a referendum?

SMITH – Since it will be held in conjunction with the elections, the only cost I will see is probably \$2000. \$1000 for each side. The election budget is constructed that there might be a referendum.

MELNYK – What effects would sport teams have if they don't have funds? Will they no have expenses for travel?

MAH – I believe that you are correct, they will have no expenses for travel. We have also alienated them from our meetings as they have their practices during our council meetings.

ASPLER – Is there any night that would be good for them and they can come?

MAH – This the only time they can get together to practice. They are absolutely not allowed to miss their practices.

DUBE – It seems to me that every athlete is in various faculties so they are represented by a councilor in this room. If they have a problem, they can just come talk to you.

MAH – There are special groups that are not represented. We have automatically alienated the UAB by scheduling our meetings during their practice nights. There are a number of things that seem little to us, but we are bridging those gaps a bit.

THOMAS – At least one person from them must be free on a Tuesday. I don't think we have prevented anybody from coming into the building. My sister is going to be on sport teams next year at the university and she is definitely interested in what is going on with Students' Union.

BOLIVAR – Please focus your debate on what the question says. It says that they will direct this to the Internal Review board.

WALLACE – I approached a member of the Pandas and they are very concerned about the VP Student Life's point of alienation. It is our responsibilities as councilors to let them know what is going on. Students on this campus don't really know what their fees are for. Students deserve this opportunity to say whether they think this \$6.00 is worth letting the Sports teams to attend conferences. It will come into a debate between the hacks and the jocks.

ABBOUD – The basic question is do we support asking the Internal Question Review board to draft the question. We are debating the merits of the Legacy Fund here. The question is if it is worthwhile and I think it is. This is something that a lot of students support this motion. I'm glad to see that there are proponents to both sides.

HUCHISON/SCHENDEL MOVED the previous question.

Defeated.

DUBE – If we don't feel comfortable with this, lets move on.

ASPLER – How are the funds divided. Would there be other options?

MEEKER – The motion is whether we want IRB to draft this referendum. Students have approved this fee a long time ago. Not only is this an opportunity to review the fees. I think what we should be doing is ask the students if they still want to subsidize the sports teams. This will come back to council.

BAZIN – This fee hasn't been looked at for a long time. Shouldn't we be giving students a chance to think about this?

BRECHTEL/KELCHE MOVED THAT the question be postponed to the July 8th meeting.

BRECHTEL - If each of you went out and did 4 hrs of consultation with the students, we will have a wealth of information to decide.

SMITH – Council always has a degree of hesitation in controversial matters. But having a degree of hesitation is not a reason to postpone. I am willing to run a "yes" side. I am fairly certain that some of you will put together a "no" side.

DUBE – What is the damage of postponing a month? Elections aren't until March.

SMITH - There won't be any real harm. I would like to get this over with as soon as possible. Council's hesitation to deal with substantial issues during summer months may cause problems later.

HUTCHISON/CONGLY MOVED THAT the question be postponed.

Carried (26/9/0).

SAMUEL/LO MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation for the Executive Committee, approve the proposed ECO Conference November 7-9, 2003.

RAE – If you approve it, we would like to plan the 2nd annual ECO Conference. We will have an opportunity to learn about the environment.

Last years conference was held in September. Planning began in May. 4 months is no time to plan a conference, especially in this magnitude. We will try to establish an advisory committee and I've taken on the role of organizing the conference. We all have experience in the environmental field. The dates we had set are from November 7-9, 2003. Last year it was \$40 a ticket to attend and was probably too expensive for students to attend. Now, we are going to have it on Nov 1-2. At the back of your agenda package, there is a breakdown of the budget. There will be table revenue, about 27 tables, that is not included in our budget. Anything we do make, it will be included in the ECO budget.

We have budgeted for 5-8 speakers. We are trying to eliminate a lot of costs on paper and trying to do it as online as possible. I realize we did lose money last year. So it was unrealistic to bring in the main speaker at \$20,000 US and charge students \$40 a ticket. We are extremely accountable to our budget. There were concerns last year but this is also something that we want to put into an annual event.

2003-05/15b

DARWISH – The whole point is that we are trying to appeal to all the faculties and bring the diversities that these faculties have together. This conference affects everyone. We will have different seminars and break into groups. We are going to have sessions on racism, corporate responsibility, genetic engineering, eco-psychology...and that's just a few.

We believe that this conference will benefit students in many ways. It will also be an opportunity for students to network. We are also hoping to have a Grad Student Fair so students will have an idea of what kind of research is going on at the U of A. This will be an empowering experience.

KOTOVYCH – Question about the headliner. Do we have any potential names at this point? This is potentially a very important part.

What steps are taking to maintain the diversity of participants in the groups? Who is on the advisory committee? Oh, never mind, it's in the package. Have you guys been in contact with the Debate Committee?

ABBOUD – The ECO Conference is a good idea. 300 expected participants. Looks like all the revenues from the conference is coming from the delegates.

SMITH – It was mentioned that sponsorship revenues are not included in the budget yet.

ABBOUD- Yes. Ok. I found that the more you get to the end of term, students are more busy, so I don't know if they are more willing to attend, and they may also have less money near the end of the term.

BOLIVAR – Last year, we had 150 people attend this conference. Concern I have is that if we are spending less money on marketing (posters), how are we going to double the number of participants? Last year we were hoping to break even. But we didn't. Until there is more information where we are getting the revenue, we need a more complete budget, not just the costs listed.

SMITH – In terms of timing, what kind of marketing we should do, I think council is getting too into this. We are just deciding if this is something we should be do and if it is something we can afford to do.

Last year, when we budgeted and fell short by \$6000, we had 2 prices, \$10 for students and \$20 for non-students. However, the \$10 also became the price for low-income people. This year, with our set price, I don't see this occurring.

RICE – Moving the date back is a good idea. I didn't hear about the conference last year. I believe many students will be attending this year.

MEEKER – We are scaling back the conference a bit but we are also expecting a lot more people. Please address that concern. Also, with this being a lot more locally focused, how many people are we going to get?

All the people that do attend, are they going to see a lot out of the conference so they can see this occur year after year?

RAE – Our headliner is a bit up in the air. We would like to work with the Revolutionary Speakers Series, if we can get someone in the environmental side, the costs will be much lower. Anyone that came to my office last year, we had many posters. Comments on revenue, it is difficult to get a grant because we don't even have an approved conference yet. Green Campus and Project of ECOs came out of the conference last year. This year, we would like documents transcribed to the university. And make it a bit more informal and cohesive. We've changed the format; there will be 2 things going on at the same time, either a lecture or a discussion. A transcriber will be in the room and record the ideas so we can give this to the university so they can see what came out of the conference. Comments last year was there weren't enough discussions and that it was not cohesive enough.

DARWISH – Having it in early November is the best time. Most of our papers are due after November and we are having it right after midterm week. We also placed it so other conferences do not overshadow it. It will be the first one of November. It will also give us more time to raise awareness of the conference and talk to Professors and get them tell students to go. Sometimes the class does go to the sessions and will boost the number of people coming to the session. It doesn't matter how much we advertise, but the quality of them, by placing them in more relevant places, it will make sense. We will also have a lot more time to do classroom speaking.

Carried (27/2/3).

2003-05/16

REPORTS

BRECHTEL – My report is on the backside of the crossword puzzle. We're looking at provider of health care plans to be implemented for the GSA pending a referendum in the fall. It will be the first of several discussions with them to provide healthcare to undergraduates.

LO – Included in late additions. Its all there. Read it.

SAMUEL – We spoke with the university about Bill 43. Yesterday, we attended a high school class in East Glenn and talked to them about what University life is like.

BOTTEN – I have not have time to type it up. We engaged in debate with students on issues of dedicated fees and also the opt-out model that currently exists. I've also been dealing with the Women's shelter, and have been dealing with the budgets.

2003-05/17

INFORMATION ITEMS

MAH – I would like to congratulate Smith on being the first councilor to finish the crossword puzzle correctly. Also to P. Smith and Laffin for completing it next. The prize is a \$10 gift certificate for Chiantis. I'm still recovering from 2 intense conferences.

KOTOVYCH – Rather uneventful in BoG land. Next week, there is a BoG meeting coming up and lots of other meetings. Convocating after 6 years of U of A from the Faculty of Science, my only consolation is that Greg Harlow is older than I am. If you can live through council, you can live through convocation. Singing of the Cheer Song at convocation was absolutely dismal. I think it was only the lady on stage and me.

KELCH – Programming is on way for the summer. I'm working on insurance with the vehicle pool and with Athletics on a moving strategy. Also working with the Rock conference and the U of A has won the conference bid. Attendance last year was 50 members, hoping to raise it to 150 members. Last year's RHA executives started the Rock Conference.

DUBE – For the Faculte of St.Jean, we have a new Dean. I was invited to the farewell party of our former dean.

2003-05/18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker - June 24th is our next meeting.

LO- The Canadian Millennium Scholarship deadline is June 30th. Scholarships are available from \$4000-\$10,000.

BRECHTEL – On August 16, there will be an extra SU Council meeting. We will be debating the issue of the Sport teams on July 8.

HUTCHISON – Do we get to vote on that Sat meeting?

2003-05/19

BRECHTEL – We can debate about it next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

CONGLY/HUTCHISON MOVED TO adjourn at 8:12pm

Carried (23/0/0).