

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

August 19, 2003
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2003-10)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ Absent @ 9pm	Vote 1
President	Mat Brechtel		X
VP Academic	Janet Lo	X	
VP External	Chris Samuel		
VP Finance	Tyler Botten		
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah		X
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych		
University of Alberta Athletics Board Exec Officer	Kevin Petterson		X
Agric/Forest/HomeEc			
Arts	Alex Abboud		
Arts	Chris Bolivar	X	
Arts			
Arts	Erin Kelly		X
Arts	James Knull		X
Arts	Chris Laver		
Arts	Terra Melnyk		X
Arts	Heather Wallace		X
Arts	Paul Welke		
Business	Adam Cook		X
Business	Steve Smith		
Education	Charles Beamish	X	
Education	Allison Ekdahl		X
Education			
Education	Christine Wudarck		X

Education			
Engineering	Josh Bazin		
Engineering	Paige Smith (Chris Jones)		
Engineering			
Law	Dean Hutchison	X	
Residence Halls Association	Samantha Kelch	X	
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk (Stephen Congly)		
Medicine/Dentistry			
Native Studies (School of	Matthew Wildcat		Abstained
Nursing			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy			
Physical Education	Holly Higgins		
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth		
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube		X
Science	Anne Aspler		X
Science	Tereza Elyas		X
Science	Aisha Khatib	X	
Science	James Meeker		X
Science	Shawna Pandya (Matthew Eaton)		X
Science	Elaine Poon (Sundeep Talwar)	X	
Science	Steven Schendel	X	
Science	Duncan Taylor (Justin Kehoe)		X
Science	LeeAnn Lim	X	
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith	X	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow (David Wepler)		
Recording Secretary	Shirley Ngo		

Guests of Council: Sara Katz, Charlotte Bourne, CJSR Admin Manager, Chad Moore, Stephen Kirkham

2003-10/01

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker calls meeting to order at 6:11 pm

2003-10/02

NATIONAL ANTHEM “O CANADA”

BRECHTEL led Students’ Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2003-10/03

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CHEER SONG “Ring Out a Cheer”

MAH led Students’ Council in the singing of the U of A Cheer Song

2003-10/04

STUDENTS’ UNION CREDO

KOTOVYCH led Students’ Council in the reading of the SU Credo.

2003-10/05

SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Speaker - Tonight we are going to try the 3-finger rule. When you want to speak, normally you put up your hand. Well, this is slightly modified. Put up 1 finger when you have a new point (new perspective), 2 fingers, if it is still on the topic and from the current perspective, and 3 fingers if people are saying the same thing over and over again.

2003-10/06

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SAMUEL/SMITH MOVED TO approve the agenda.

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO add the late additions to the agenda package.

Approval of the agenda is carried.

2003-10/08

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BRETCHTEL/EKDAHL MOVED TO approve the minutes.

Speaker – If there are amendments to the minutes, please have it down on writing and hand it into the Recording Secretary after the meeting.

CONGLEY – Please mark me down as present in the attendance from the last meeting. (August 5, 2003)

MELNYK – Under Question Period, please insert my question to the External VP, “MELYNK - I am wondering what the nature of the participation is in the Liberal Party, "Don't Get Shocked" campaign, and if that shows in anyway that we are supporting that campaign. **SAMUEL** - About the "Don't get Shocked" campaign, we were going to have the leader of the opposition use our facility for a bit, as a background. As well, distribute flyers at the info desk, warning about dangers of signing electricity contracts.”

SAMUEL – Top of Page 4, my first comment should read, “**SAMUEL** - The mural that was located at the foot of the stairs by the elevators on the first floor of SUB was painted over a week ago Friday (10 days ago). The mural was designed to be part of an anti-FTAA campaign. \$500 was budgeted for the installation and completion of the mural. SU facilities staff painted over the mural. The General Manager, Senior Manager of Facilities and Operations and the Facilities Charge Hand were all away on vacation, so that caused a breakdown in communication, which led to the incident.”

My second comment on the page should read, “**SAMUEL**- When the 3 members of management were all unavailable, the executive committee passed several motions. One was to come up with a proposal by Aug 12 to replace the mural or some other medium of communication to convey a similar message to the mural. The other motion was to send a letter of apology to the artist that painted the mural. SEE Magazine and VUE Weekly wrote articles about the incident before the letter of apology was sent out. We drafted letters to SEE and VUE, responding to the articles they wrote. The letters explain why it happened: basically miscommunication with people being on vacation and the letters also explain what we are going to do about it. If any councilors have any suggestions on what to do to replace the mural, that would be great.”

On Page 6, my answer to Dube’s question should read, “**SAMUEL** - Most of our staff will take vacations during the summer months, it would be impossible to come up with a vacation schedule that doesn't have some overlap. That is due to the size of our organization.”

On Page 6, Kawanami’s question and my response should read, “**KAWANAMI** - Question for the VP External. Had the Exec decided on a course of action on the mural before it was painted over? **SAMUEL** - The VP Operation Finance sent an email to former President, Mike Hudema, inquiring about the status of the artist and the mural. We were planning to get the plaque put up. That was where we were with it, before it was painted over.”

My last comment on Page 8, include the words “available only”, it should read, “I think.....it would have to be "**available only**" at the table, no matter who it was coming from.....space required.”

Page 9 – My comment for 2003-09/12b should read, “SAMUEL - Eugene Brody report is self-explanatory. It's been giving out a lot of money. Which is great.”

Page 13 - Item 2003-09/14d should read, ” SAMUEL/COOK MOVED THAT upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, Students' Council rescind the Political Policy on the Canadian Federation of Students.”

Motion is carried.

2003-10/9

QUESTION PERIOD

KOTOVYCH – Regarding the mural. What does the VP External have in mind for it?

SAMUEL – The plan the executive committee envisioned for the mural was something less oriented around the FTAA and more about the celebration of diversity. We are going to be running something related to FTAA and GATS. A lot of people liked the mural as it was. We will be moving it off the wall it was on and onto the wall where the mailboxes are. The new location will be better for the mural. The wall may be used for an events calendar. I think that it's going to work out really nicely.

MELNYK – Question for the VP External, I'm wondering about the proposal to direct the external affairs to direct CAUS to run a provincial campaign opposing the inclusion of education and FTAA and GATS. Wondering what the plan is for that proposal and why it neglected to be mentioned in the external affairs board last week.

SAMUEL – If it did come out as External affairs, then that is an error. It was to direct the VP External to do it. The campaign will be centered around CAUS Policy and the U of A policy, which has established our inclusion on education, FTAA and GATS. As far as a concrete plan, a motion was moved to take action at the next CAUS meeting, but we changed it to take action at a CAUS meeting because I'm not sure yet what the campaign will look like. The shape of the campaign will take on a shape we don't know about yet. It wasn't an immediate action that was taken, so it was not necessary to bring up.

SMITH – Question for the President. What changed between July 27th, when the President assured Council that the Council “meeting” on August 16th absolutely needed to be a formal meeting, and August 15th, when he suddenly decided that it wouldn’t be a formal meeting after all? Why could this not have been decided more in advance of the meeting?

BRECHTEL – Ideally I would have liked to have it as a formal meeting. What changed was that we would have to pay the speaker for very little work. Several councilors also came to me and said that they would be removed from council if they missed another meeting. I was unaware of that on July 27th.

SMITH – To clarify, I had asked what has changed between July 27th and last Friday. All of the answers thus far provided by the President are things that could have been, and were by some people understood by July 27th.

BRETCHEL – The details of the day were different. As I said, it was a first endeavor. As the details it was becoming clear, the speaker wasn’t needed, so it was good to save the SU money. Also, back in July, no councilors came to me and told me that they would be removed from council. We were trying to get around these issues. I apologize to the councilors about this. Thank you all for coming to the meeting.

KOTOVYCH – Question for the VP of Operations and Finance, please clarify what he has in mind for the website review project. To my knowledge, the SU website was overhauled last year.

BOTTEN – The plans for review – you are correct in assuming that the website was overhauled, it was actually 2 years ago. I don’t have any strict plans for an overhaul. There were concerns in the last 3 months about the content on the website. General concern about the info for students, the ease of finding stuff and also for council on finding more specific information, so a review will help us determine where the problems are, so we can fix them this year.

WELKE – Question for the VP Student Life. Earlier last year, the Delta Gamma Women’s Fraternity were holding a charity to raise money for the CNIB and one of the events they had, it was suggested to bring a donkey onto the property. They found out they may be fined if they attempted to do that. Have you looked into any types of permits?

MAH – Ashley, our executive assistant contacted risk management, grounds, parking services and basically facility management are the people you deal with when you want to bring livestock to campus. Everything is approved, and we will have a donkey on campus.

WUDARCK – Question for the VP Operations & Finance. About the new housing registry, when and why decided to go the new format it is now and what the justification is for the price being 3.5times the old student price. For 4 weeks, it used to be \$7.50 and now it is \$25. Also, why is it free for roommate ads and students who want to sublet their apartments would still have to pay that higher price, as well you can't rent it for a shorter period of time. Only 1 month is available.

BOTTEN – The plan has been in works for some time. There has been some talk for many years to set up an online format that is better than the current housing registry format. When I brought it to the executive committee 2 months ago, and we decided to approve it, that was based on the knowledge I had on the topic with my background as Information Services Director. As to the price, the \$7.50 referred to would have been for a student rate for a 4-week ad at the old rate. Student ads are now free. So the price for students has actually gone down to nothing. The premise behind that is how the Residential Tendency Act works. When a student leaves for the summer and is subletting the place, they are taking whatever existing agreement they have and passing it onto the new individual, and that person is the new tenant. Which is why there is a price associated with subletting it for the summer. As to the 4 week time limit, I discussed this with Marc, they are trying the 4 week ad, because it has been the most popular one in the past, so they stuck with that as a standard.

KATZ - Wondering if anyone looked at the National Web Board, will there be any more promotion on that? There has been 2.5 postings per day on that and 85 of them are from us.

BRECHTEL – The national web board is an initiative we hope to have all the student executives talking about issues that were important to them. We also made a commitment that when we put it up, it would be a cost of zero. We are now trying to go through a different way, trying to get more direct contact with SU executives across the country and let them know about this. We are trying to do this at cost zero.

KATZ – Wondering if the set up and maintenance of the board is requiring any man power?

BRECHTEL – The guy in charge of it has volunteered his own time to do it because he was so excited to do it.

ABBOUD – Question for the VP Student Life. Looking through your report, your ACPC has resigned during first week of the job. When will the position be filled and will this person understand the expectations that they fulfill the term? Is this going to affect the workload of the new person since the other one quit?

MAH – It's not that the work is not getting done. The work is getting done because councilor Petterson and I have been doing it for free. The person won't be starting until later. It will be based on a monthly honorarium. The position has been posted. We are advertising for 2, instead of 1. Interviewing on the 16th.

DUBE – Question for the VP Student Life: You are still short of volunteers for WOW, is that correct? How can we help you rectify the situation?

MAH – We are not short on volunteers, but we can always use more volunteers. Basically, it gives a bit of comfort if we had some more help. It also gives councilors a chance to expose themselves to the students.

BRECHTEL – Question for the VP External: Do we need any volunteers for the campaign for Bill 43?

SAMUEL – Yes, we do need volunteers, and I will be distributing a sign-up sheet. As well, if councilors want to sign up for helping out the campaign, please contact me at vp.external@su.ualberta.ca.

2003-10/10

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

WALALCE/WUDARCK MOVED TO strike item 2a.

WALLACE – This is a friendly amendment to operating policy 14.01, so that it can go back to the executive committee.

Carried.

KOTOVYCH – Question for the VP External: Regarding the CAUS, FTAA and GATS, does it make sense for a provincial law organization to address this association? How is this different from what we have done in the past?

SAMUEL –Of course it is appropriate for a provincial law organization to address this association. This is relevant to us. This is possibly the most important issue that we will be facing in this decade.

KOTOVYCH/DUBE MOVED to strike item 3b.

SMITH – Speaking against the motion by Kotovych, CAUS is meant to represent the university students of Alberta on all issues, not just Albertan ones. As president pointed out, the results of these could drive these current issues to force deregulation.

JONES – First, its unclear that this motion is in order in sense that Samuel is incapable of directing CAUS, so the motion is out of order. It is not clear to me that anyone here remembers the basic institutions of law.

DUBE – I am curious about the time frame about this. Does CAUS have a bank account yet?

Group Answer – Yes.

SAMUEL – Are FTAA and GATS provincial issues? I would say not. Education still falls under provincial legislation. We are a representative body, a body that represents all organizations on a provincial level.

ABBOUD – Could Samuel provide an example of the Minister of Learning bartering our system?

SAMUEL – The Minister of Learning made certain comments that alluded to the possibility of the trade of education. That is something that is a reality in the province and we need to be award of that issue. As far as this issue is what we can do on a federal level, it is important to realize, we might not be able to lobby federally, what we can do to is to mobilize students on a federal level. And this is something we can do to be successful and is perfectly is in our mandate.

WELKE – CAUS has 1 part time employee, is this correct? There is a bit of a scarcity issue here, how will they do all these things.

SAMUEL – On the priority list of issues facing students in Alberta. FTAA is high on that list. We have a full-time employee this year, which is more than we ever had. As far as focusing on the provincial level, any issue, if you want to talk about where it is coming from, it is irrelevant, you need to validate which issues are most pressing and urgent.

KOTOVYCH – Yes, this is an issue that is important. But to lobby at a provincial level, is it important? Why are we trying to change CAUS into CASA?

SAMUEL – Given the types of debates we had on Saturday. We talked about the importance of creating public pressure. I think the assumption that CAUS is only good for lobbying is wrong. Part of its mandate is for running campaigns, the executions of events. I think this needs to happen.

DUBE – Are their issues that CAUS should be spending their time on instead?

SAMUEL – It is my opinion and the opinion of the executive committee that no, there are not issues that are more important than the current issue.

ABBOUD – I don't that anyone is debating that this is an important issue. I would like to focus more on the financial resources. Nothing in here that indicates how much this will cost CAUS. I would like to see how much money this is going to cost us.

BOTTEN – If we don't have the authority to perform a thorough review of the CAUS budget or impose any controls, is the cost to CAUS really an issue here?

ABBOUD - I do think it is important as an organization to see how CAUS is spending their money. Organizations like CAUS are an interest group. They only have a certain amount of capital. We need to prioritize what we want to ask - is it deregulation of the secondary act, is it the number of bursaries, increasing the accessibility of the student loan program? I think we should focus on issues that will impact students such as bill 43, students.

CONGLEY/DUBE MOVED the previous question.
Motion to strike 3b is defeated (6/19/0).

2003-10/11

APPROVAL OF STUDENT'S UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

BRECHTEL – Please look at this report closely. It will come to next meeting and will affect the internal structure of SU. I will go through each one quickly:

Item 1a – This motion will remove that definition. The purpose of having membership would facilitate what you would do. We assess fees and run elections.

Item 1b – Right now, we have a judicial, legislative and executive branch. The highest executive, judicial and legislative is student council. The DIE board will deal with stuff like when people violate bylaws and stuff, so that SU will no longer have to deal with it.

Item 1c – The biggest affect of this, the review of the Executive Committee report won't come to SU. So you will no longer look at it to approve or deny those things.

CONGLEY – How will the executive committee be held accountable with policies if they are not debated by SU?

BRECHTEL – We will come up with policies, guidelines, or bylaws to say what the executive committee can do.

Item 1d – That means the 5 people on the executive committee and the BoG will not be on council anymore.

ABBOUD – Looking at the motion, can the President clarify if IRB said that they won't be on council period? Or if they won't receive a seat?

BRECHTEL – There is no definite thing. If council was to approve this next meeting, IRB will draft specific options and council and decided whether to accept those. This is a big change. It will be coming forward next council meeting.

KOTOVYCH – Question for the President: I am wondering if the president can clarify what IRB sees as the purpose of the legal review that we approved several weeks back and the relationship with bylaw 2400

BRECHTEL – In IRB there were different opinions on this issue. The interpretation taken by IRB is to use these principles on how we would draft the bylaws. The majority of IRB believes the legal review has boundaries and will be limited by IRB as to what is appropriate.

SMITH – Under Bylaw 4300, IRB is required to review the structure of the Students' Union on an ongoing basis. That alone is sufficient mandate for IRB to make this sort of recommendation. Quite apart from that, Council directed the IRB to do a full review of Students' Union legislation. Some people have held that this was meant only to “clean up” the form of our bylaws without altering the structure, but why would Council have bothered to move such a motion if the intent was only to re-arrange some paragraphs and examine our sentence structure? I very much resent the President’s suggestion that IRB will be constrained only by what it considers appropriate; in fact, IRB will be constrained by what Council considers appropriate. If Council does not want IRB to expend an more effort on discussing separation powers, it should simply defeat this motion on September 9th. The next meeting of IRB is 4:30 p.m. on Monday August 25th; I hope to see councilors there.

SMITH – I notice that the disbursements of the GSJS and FACRA funds are coming to Council tonight. What is the progress on the disbursement of the APIRG Fund?

BOTTEN – FAB elected to table the recommendation to disburse the APIRG fund. It would be nice to discuss the fees and the funds not disbursed yet from two years ago. Also felt amongst board members that it would be nice to discuss it in council with a full membership here, rather than discuss it now. There will be a better chance to discuss it in September.

2003-10/12

OLD BUSINESS

2003-10/12a

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress adopt the changes to Standing Order 18 (Progress for Legislation Requiring Multiple Readings) (FIRST Reading).

SMITH – I won't go over this in too much detail now, since Council has already seen the intent of this motion twice before. We are trying to restructure the way we amend legislation, as well as clarify and entrench the role of IRB as the drafting body.

WELKE – Regarding section f in 4. I would like to amend “by student council”

**Motion to make amendment is carried unanimously.
Motion is carried.**

2003-10/13

LEGISLATION

2003-10/13a

JONES/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress adopt the changes to Article VI – Powers Regarding Bylaws and rescind Article XVII (Master Copy of Constitution and bylaws) (Third Reading).

JONES – It's good, allows us to make all the changes for standing orders. Vote yes.

Motion is carried.

2003-10/13b

BRECHTEL/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2200 (SECOND Reading).

SMITH MOVED THAT section 4a be changed to section 5, "Notwithstanding Section 4, the C.R.O. may establish one (1) alternative date for the Election to occur in one (1) or more faculties where the date set out in Section 4 would be unsuitable for students in those faculties with the rest of the bylaw to be renumbered appropriately.

JONES MOVED TO amend section 127, where it says "...by this bylaw except as set out in Sections 123 through 126". Change the number 123 to 125.

Motion is carried (17/0/3).

2003-10/14

NEW BUSINESS

2003-10/14a

BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA) Board of Directors, appoint one (1) Councilor to replace Chris Laver as a member of the FACRA Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2003/2004-year.

BOTTEN – Councilor Laver is busy on Wednesdays and the FACRA meetings are also on Wednesdays. FACRA wants someone that will be able to lend a hand and work with the board.

WELKE Nominates **SMITH**, **SMITH** accepts **CONGRATULATIONS to SMITH.**

Motion is carried with unanimous consent.

2003-10/14b

BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council grant the Executive Committee the authority to spend money received from the University of Alberta to relocate and make the necessary purchases and renovations to host Bear Scat.

BRECHTEL – We have a proactive first year comp-sci student, Stephen Kirkham write a program called Bear Scat, which became a part of CNS. Now the university is trying to spit him back out because they are worried about liability issues. In response to this, Stephen Kirkham came to us. So the VP Academic came up with a proposal to put it on our servers. However, the room is too small, so we need to buy servers, make renovations to the room and put security in. The university gave us \$17,500 to do this. The cost to do this will be enough money. Large expenditures above X dollars have to come to Student Council. This really isn't part of our budget to begin with. It was given to us to run Bear Scat. We would like it up and running by September.

Speaker: Mr. Kirkham will be an honored guest of council.

DUBE – We do not have a breakdown on where this money is going. We haven't talked about providing a salary for Mr. Kirkham.

MELNYK – Wondering what would happen to left over money if it wasn't spent on this entire project?

CONGLEY – Question, will the SU be at risk of the liability. What is the liability risk to the SU for running Bear Scat?

KOTOVYCH – We are putting it on our own server, will it be featured on su.ualberta.ca? Will it be on our web domain, will it pose any problems?

BOTTEN – Breakdown of money, I don't have it with me. There are 2 functions of the money. One is to provide some money to Mr. Kirkham for helping us out. The majority of the money is going to capital improvements. There will be no left over money. In the proposal that was sent to the University, Council already approved the amount to be spent. The liability issue – the biggest issue I heard was that students are confusing this Bear Scat program with what is already offered by the University. They are getting worried they will get sued if students think they are registered by Bear Scat. (Under ualberta.ca domain name, they may get sued). So running under the SU domain name, to my knowledge, nobody is going to care about it. Outside of that, it will be hosted at bearscat.ca

ABBOUD – Question for the VP Operations/Finance. Does the exec know how the tech staff feels about this? Are there problems with paying Mr. Kirkham?

BRECHTEL – Yes, our tech group has been excited about this project. We have talked to Stephen about working with the group. I would like to speak about the liability, we have given Bill Shores a call, and there will be no liability issues.

WELKE –If the University is worried about students that think that they are registered but they aren't, how are we going to deal with that?

KIRKHAM– Initially, the security of the actual server was to be housed at the safe room. It was proposed to use a steel cabinet. I have a more detailed breakdown of the funds. \$2000 for the cabinets, \$5000 for servers and the remaining money will be for getting ventilation for the room.

CONGLEY – Question is, in the figures that were just quoted. Nothing was mentioned about providing money to Mr. Kirkham.

KIRKHAM - It was initially put in the proposal. I insisted to have it put at the very bottom of the priority list. I have been doing this on a volunteer basis and I have no problem continuing this for the rest of the year. It is not an issue for me at all.

BOTTEN – Mr. Kirkham will continue on a volunteer basis. Regarding the liability issue - that would have been great to bring up when the initial proposal was brought before council. The issue before you is that the University has given us a cheque for this purpose and we would like to have the agreement from Council to make the necessary purchases, for which the money was expressly provided to us.

Motion is carried. (23/1/1).

2003-10/14c

BRECHTEL/COOK MOVED THAT Students' Council strike an ad-hoc working group/task force/committee/collective [yet to be named] to examine and provide recommendations on tuition based issues, to be composed of seven councilors, to be chaired by the president, and to be open to all councilors interested.

BRECHTEL – Thank the councilors who showed up last Saturday. I appreciate everyone coming. A lot of beneficial recommendations came out of it. One of the things brought out is that it would be nice to have another sub-group to give all these suggestions a form before it comes back to council. The details of this committee aren't well defined. I would like to leave it somewhat undefined so the committee can come up with its own terms. Anyone who wants to get involved, please do.

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO amend 14c. 14c should read “THAT Students' Council strike an ad-hoc working group/taskforce/committee/collective [yet to be named] to examine and provide recommendations on tuition based issues, to be composed of seven voting members of council as permanent members, to be chaired by the President, to have a quorum of four (4) permanent members, and with all voting members of Students' Council as voting members.”

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT “the President” be struck in favor of “an individual elected by and from the committee’s permanent membership.”

SMITH – It is important in my view that the committee has an elected chair. The chair is a servant of the committee, it is important that the committee chooses its chair.

DUBE – I am going to disagree with the motion. However, given the nature of this particular committee, yes we can go through the process, but why we are wasting the time. It is common sense to me. Why don't we skip the 2nd step and keep it the way it is.

ABBOUD – Would the President concede, why is this not a legislative committee as it is composed solely of legislators?

BRECHTEL – I believe you guys are good at this too. In this case, it is part of my position to work on tuition. It is part of my job description to do this.

ABBOUD – Can the President justify why the president be chair of this committee and not another member?

BRECHTEL – Probably because I intend to do the majority of the work, like writing up the reports and proposals.

CONGLEY/DUBE MOVED the previous question.
Motion is defeated.

MAH – The President would like to see 7 dedicated councilors to be in this. Given that we haven't really defined this.

SAMUEL- Why is the President the Chair? The primary purpose of the body is to serve as an advisory committee to the President.

ABBOUD – What body are you speaking of?

SAMUEL – The proposed body. It makes sense to have the people who the board is advising to be the chair. So defeat the amendment and keep it the way it is.

DUBE – I would like to address the student at large. Looking at the question of time here, do we have the time to go through all the procedures? If there is a board, let's comprise tonight.

SMITH – If, as the President says, the intent of the board is solely to act as advisory board to the Executive, it is sensible that the President should chair. I would like to withdraw my amendment in favour of another one.

SMITH MOVED THAT the motion be amended by striking “ to examine and provide recommendations on tuition based issues” and replacing with “to monitor, participate in, and report to Students’ Council on the Executive Committees planning and execution of the tuition campaign”. Also, to add “THAT Students’ Council direct the External Affairs Board to draft policy on tuition levels and models over the long-term, to be submitted to Students’ Council not later than October 31, 2003, and THAT Students’ Council direct the Academic Affairs Board to draft policy on the action sought from the University of Alberta administration and Board of Governors on tuition over the next year, to be submitted to Students’ Council not later than October 31, 2003.

SMITH – The President has asserted that this committee is meant only to be an advisory committee. I am simply moving an amendment to establish that in the motion, and remove its existing ambiguity. It would also direct Council's existing committees to do their jobs on this issue and draft appropriate political policies to advise Council.

BRECHTEL – About Oct 31, the policy needs to be developed before action is taken. October 31 is far too late in my mind. As we have seen with the ad hoc committee that had been proposed, it's good to give it some run time to see how it goes. If council feels the necessity to legislate it, they can do that later.

SMITH – If the President would prefer a date other than October 31st, I am open to that. However, on the actual content of the motion, he is attempting to have it both ways. He claims that he should chair the committee because it will be nothing but an advisory body, but he refuses to entrench its status as such in the motion.

BRECHTEL – Would it be better if the detail of how this committee will work be decided during the committee meeting?

SMITH – This would not make sense, because we appear to be asking this committee to do something very important on behalf of Council, but the President also appears unwilling to state, in the motion, exactly what that something is. If we are striking a committee, we need to at least clarify its mandate and to whom it reports. That is the intent of my amendment.

JONES – It is unclear in the motion what this is supposed to do.

BRECHTEL – May I withdraw the motion this motion in its entirety.
Motion to withdraw is defeated.

JONES – We do need to deal with what this committee does.

CONGLEY/WELKE MOVED the previous questions on the amendment.
Motion is defeated.

Motion is defeated (11/14/2).

ABBOUD/BAZIN/DUBE/MEEKER request roll call.

Motion is still defeated (11/16/1).

BOTTEN MOVED TO amend 14c by striking “working group/task force/committee/ collective” to be replaced with “tuition undertakings planning action committee”.

Main motion is carried (22/4/1). **WELKE** – Since the President is already on this, do we elect 6 more?

Speaker – Yes, we’ll just elect 6.

BAZIN nominates **SMITH**, **SMITH** declines as he does not wish to be associated with a committee with a secret mandate.

DUBE nominates **KOTOVYCH**, **KOTOVYCH** accepts

ABBOUD nominates **BAZIN**, **BAZIN** declines

WALLACE nominates **WUDARCK**, **WUDARCK** accepts

WUDARCK nominates **WALLACE**, **WALLACE** accepts

WILDCAT nominates **MELNYK**, **MELNYK** declines

ABBOUD nominates **COOK**, **COOK** accepts

SMITH nominates **SAMUEL**, **SAMUEL** declines

JONES nominates **LO**, **LO** is absent

SMITH nominates **PETTERSON**, **PETTERSON** accepts.

BAZIN nominates **ABBOUD**, **ABBOUD** declines

JONES nominates **MAH**, **MAH** declines

MELNYK nominates **EKDAHL**, **EKDAHL** accepts

Congratulations to KOTOVYCH, WUDARCK, WALLACE, COOK, PETTERSON and EKDAHL.

2003-10/14d

BOTTEN/COOK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, release the CJSR-FM88 Fund to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association for the 2003/2004 year.

BOTTEN – FAB had an opportunity to hear a presentation from FACRA anywhere. If anyone has a problem with this being approved here, they can move to strike it. It is not customary for the budget to come to Council, from what I can see, but having it approved in this fashion is my interpretation of the relevant bylaw. We are providing the budget for the upcoming year. We released funds for the upcoming year.

ABBOUD – Is it customary for its budget be presented to council?

BOTTEN – I looked at last year's notes and I couldn't find a strict motion in it. Hopefully, if someone who has a problem with it can strike it. I don't think it is customary in any form for the budget to come to council. Outside of that, I haven't seen one.

SMITH – The Vice President (Operations and Finance) is correct. Last year, FAB considered that it was acting on delegated authority from Council only in the form of an item in the Financial Affairs Board report. I believe that this is authority that is best delegated to FAB, and that we should have faith in it. That said, I will abstain on this motion due to conflict-of-interest.

Motion is carried (24/0/2).

SMITH Abstained.

2003/10-14e

BOTTEN/COOK MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, release the GSJS Fund to the Gateway Student Journalism Society for the 2003/2004 year.

Motion is carried (25/0/1).

2003/10-15

REPORTS

BRECHTEL – Mine is not in the package, it is on a separate page of paper. Please figure out what the IRB means to you. It is a big change. I would like to thank everyone coming on Saturday, will make it a yearly process. One more thing, I got the opportunity to look at some art around campus and we picked some of the art to be hung in SUB.

SAMUEL – My written report is there. If you go through it, the most upcoming event that I will be taking part in is the Bill 43 campaign. With that, we are in need of volunteers, so if you want to be involved in a more political aspect, please let me know. Visit my website, I recently updated it. We are looking for students who have time in the afternoons during the school year who can go around MLA offices. We will also be putting together a writing ladder. Sign up and write a letter in your own words and send it off. In Bill 43, the Statcan report showed that tuition increase is higher in Alberta than other provinces.

BOTTEN – 2 points. Item 1 of the future would be website review, need some people to help me with that. Contact me if you are interested. Would like to congratulate SMITH to be the first official victor to see who is actually reading my report.

MAH – The WOW posters arrived in my poster this afternoon. Come get one to put in your faculty association. As well, we have our passports, so you can get your picture taken with the Donkey in quad. My councilor report is in the late additions. Councilor Dube asked if we have enough volunteers for WOW, we don't have volunteers for in the athletics area. We are looking for people in info booths too.

KOTOVYCH – No report.

Speaker – There are a lot of coordinator reports in your late additions. Please go through it.

2003-10/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker – If you have changes to the minutes, put it in writing and hand it to the Rec Sec to type up.

BOTTEN – CCRAP meeting in room 4-20 of SUB after this meeting. Will be looking at proposed changes

EKDAHL – Do you guys have 1-2 hrs to volunteer for the booths at WOW. Please come talk to me

CONGLEY – This is my last day as proxy. Interesting time, you will be seeing me next meeting. Thanks council.

SAMUEL – Putting the Question Period online, it is right on the main page of the SU web page. Tell your constituents. It helps democracy.

DUBE – Heads up, no exact date yet, but the Fac Party, it is a great time. The ratio of women is 3 to 1. Keep posted on the web board.

HENDERSON – Online registration, final constitutions, so fill out the form. It was due 110 days ago. I'm not kidding, please fill it out.

CRO – Officially announced the referendum question be held on March 3/4th. Election packages will be available tomorrow. It will be in 2-900.

PETTERSON – This will be my last meeting. Basketball starts soon. I will have a proxy. I will try to have something worked out. It's been fun, thanks.

Speaker – Good luck to all of the teams.

ROLL CALL conducted by Recording Secretary.

2003-10/18

ADJOURNMENT

**WALLACE/SAMUEL MOVED TO adjourn at 8:57pm.
Motion is carried.**

