

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**STUDENTS' COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

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Tuesday January 6, 2004 – 6:00 PM  
 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

**ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-19)**

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/ Absent @ 9pm</b>
President	Mat Brechtel	√
VP Academic	Janet Lo	√
VP External	Chris Samuel	√
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	√
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah	X
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	X
University of Alberta Athletics Board Exec Officer	Tawana Wardlaw	X
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
Arts	Alex Abboud	√
Arts	Chris Bolivar	√
Arts	Vivek Sharma	√
Arts	Erin Kelly	√
Arts	James Knull (Anand Sharma)	√

Arts	Chris Laver	X
Arts	Terra Melnyk	√
Arts	Vivek Sharma	√
Arts	Heather Wallace (Samantha Power)	√
Arts	Paul Welke	√
Business	Adam Cook	√
Business	Steve Smith	√
Education		
Education	Allison Ekdahl	√
Education		
Education	Christine Wudarck	√
Education		
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√
Engineering	Paige Smith (Cole Nychka)	√
Engineering	James Crossman	X
Engineering	David Wepler (Angela Thomas)	X
Law	Dean Hutchison	X
Residence Halls Association	Kyla Rice (Mike Colborne)	X
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk	X
Medicine/Dentistry	Tony Kwong	X
Native Studies (School of	Matthew Wildcat	√

Nursing	Jean Abbott	X
Nursing		
Open Studies		
Open Studies		
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	√
Physical Education	Holly Higgins	√
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth	√
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube	√
Science	Matthew Eaton	√
Science	Tereza Elyas	√
Science	Justin Kehoe	√
Science	Aisha Khatib	X
Science	LeeAnn Lim	X
Science	Shawna Pandya (Stephen Kirkham)	√
Science	Elaine Poon	√
Science	Steven Schendel	X
Science	Duncan Taylor	√
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	X
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Van Orman	√

**Guests of Students' Council** – Kim Flatt, Vanessa Thomas, Lisa McLaughlan, Stephen Kirkham, Jen Smith, Chris Jones, and Mike Reid.

**MINUTES (SC 2003-19)**

2003-19/1

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2003-19/2

**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

President leads Students' Council in singing the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2003-19/3

**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

**Speaker** – Over the Christmas holiday I had the opportunity to review Students' Council attendance. The following councilors have not met attendance requirements: Schendel, Pewarchuk, Khatib, and Lim. These councilors, with the exception of councilor Lim, who is not in attendance tonight, will have the opportunity to apply for reinstatement.

**SMITH/EATON MOVE TO** reinstate councilors Pewarchuk, Schendel, and Khatib to Students' Council.

**Speaker** – The councilors will now have the opportunity to make a statement regarding their absences.

**SCHENDEL** – I would like to apologize for my lack of attendance. This is my fourth year, and it has been really busy. I've learned the cheer song. Look at my hang-dog face.

**DUBE** - what are you going to do to change?

**SCHENDEL** – I intend to do better.

**PEWARCHUK** – Asks for reinstatement. Will try to do better. There were a few meetings in the summer in which I had arranged for a proxy to attend in my place, but I don't think they actually came to the meetings.

**DUBE** – Your Proxy wasn't didn't come to the meetings?

**PEWARCHUK** – Proxy wasn't there? No, I don't think so.

**KHATIB** – I do apologize for missing meetings. Last term was rough. Some of the impromptu meetings through me off. I still love the Students' Union. I promise to show up to meetings from now on.

**TAYLOR** – The impromptu meetings through you off?

**KHATIB** – I was working two jobs, and working on the tuition campaigns. Those meetings were called on short notice, and I wasn't able to arrange for a proxy. My work schedule is different this year, and I'm not doing any other volunteering.

**DUBE** – We are having a hard time making quorum. Attendance requirements are not the problem. They did not meet criteria, they breached the rules, and so lets stop making excuses.

**ABBOUD** – I remember Schendel and going home before the first meeting of this council began.

**TAYLOR** – I have a concern; as to what has happened in the Rekke case. Seats are vacant. Students are not being represented. Two of these councilors are from my faculty. I don't like people unrepresented. Schendel puts in a lot of work, and if he says he's eager to make things better, I believe he will follow through. I don't often agree with Pewarchuk, but I would hate to lose him as a councilor.

**SMITH** – In the future I want to eliminate attendance requirements.

**PANDYA** – People don't take the appeal very seriously. I respect these individuals, but I don't think saying I'm sorry will cut it. We've set precedence in the past – do we want to set another one tonight?

**EKDAHL** – If there is to be a punishment – vote them out.

**WALLACE** – If we vote them out we might not have quorum. I'm busy too and this is my priority and they don't make this their priority.

**BOTTEN** – We need attendance requirements.

**WALLACE** – We are up against a wall and I would rather see them in council. We are wasting time talking about attendance when we've already decided it is a priority. Maybe we need to show that this is a serious show.

**DUBE** – We need to show students that this is important.

**LO** – No one will know that we are making an example of anyone. We do not have a system accurate enough so that they will know they are not being represented in council.

**WALLACE** – There is no accountability to the students. We need to advertise and letting students know what's happening here. Getting something in the Gateway is a possibility.

**DUBE** – Students' have means of finding out, and that is a measure for accountability and student awareness.

**WALLACE** – That will filter down through the web board.

**DUBE MOVES TO** separate motion so that each councilor is voted on individually.

**DUBE** – these are different cases and need individual attention.

**SMITH** – Friendly.

VOTE ONE (Pewarchuk)

**DEFEATED**

VOTE TWO (Khatib)

**DEFEATED**

VOTE THREE (Schendel)

**DEFEATED**

**Speaker** – As usual, are there any appointments to Students' Council? Seeing none. Please come sign the guest of council sheet up at the front if you are a visitor.

2003-19/3a

**Approval of the November 18, 2003 Students' Council Minutes.**

**SMITH/EKDAHL MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the November 18, 2003 minutes.

**BRECHTEL** – On page 13, please change my comments on the bottom of the page that read, "If what he suggests that we hit the cap already and you are suggesting that we have maximum tuition, then those two statements in the agreement would be" to "If what he is suggesting is that we hit the cap already and you are suggesting that we have maximum tuition, then those two statements would be in agreement."

**HIGGENS** – I was present at the November 18, 2003 meeting.

**CARRIED**

2003-19/3c

**Approval of the November 25, 2003 Students' Council Minutes.**

**WUDARK/BAZIN MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the November 25, 2003 minutes.

**BRECHTEL** – On page 7, please delete the sentence, "Decorum issues may come up", and please change the next sentence to read, "There has been plenty of debate on this, but it's been productive and there is no comparison on other student issues that have been debated upon."

**CARRIED**

2003-19/3b

**Approval of the November 18, 2003 Students' Council In-Camera Minutes.**

**BAZIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT** Students' Council move In-Camera.

**CARRIED**

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE TO** adjourn.

**DEFEATED**

**BRECHTEL/PANDYA MOVE THAT** Students' Council move Ex-Camera.

**CARRIED**

2003-19/4

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the agenda.

**SHARMA/SMITH MOVE TO** amend item 10d of the agenda to read:  
**SHARMA MOVED THAT** Students' Council amend the bylaws to;  
 a) change the term of office for councilors from one year to two years;  
 b) holding elections for half of seats (rounding up) available per faculty each year;  
 c) Faculties with one seat would remain elected annually.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**BOTTON/SMITH MOVE TO** withdraw item 5a from the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**Speaker** – Item 10l marked as a Late Addition item was an administrative error and is part of the agenda package. In addition the order of the first three items under legislation will be changed to 10b, 10c, and then 10a, as that is the correct order of the items according to the Standing Orders.

2003-19/6

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**MELNYK** – This question is for the President. Where did we receive the stats for tuition campaign, and where were they compiled?

**BRECHTEL** – My information was forwarded to the Research Assistant. I will ask him to send you the information.

**EATON** – This question is for the Vice President Operations and Finance. How is an honorarium decided? I think there should be legislature in place.

**BOTTEN** – Are you referring to the Dinwoodie student group honorarium? Okay. I will have a policy in place by the end of the school year.

**DUBE** – This is a question for the President – In a TUPAC meeting in December, the President informed the committee they would be hiring a Tuition Volunteer coordinator. There has been no word on website. It was brought up in an Executive Committee meeting, but not approved. What is happening with this position?

**BRECHTEL** – It was brought to the Executive Committee mid December and the Executive Committee wanted more time to consider it. They wanted a solid job description. They wanted list of responsibilities, and a few changes from in the Vice President External who has been in Singapore competing in the World Debate Championships. The Executive Committee will talk about it in the meeting taking place this Monday.

**DUBE** – Who will coordinate volunteers during the tuition campaign?

**BRECHTEL** – No single person will coordinate the volunteers for the tuition campaign. The individual in charge of that event will coordinate each event's volunteers.

**TAYLOR** – Question for the President: What happened with the move to get tuition information on cups at Cram Dunk?

**BRECHTEL** – The cups came in, in December during exam week on a Wednesday. The cups went to Cram Dunk and have been available there. They will also be at tuition events and AntiFreeze.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the Vice President External. Two motions were sent to EAB. One was regarding Political Advocacy and the other was regarding the U-Pass. What has happened so far?

**SAMUEL** – OK, first with the Political Advocacy motion. We're currently restructuring, although nothing will be finalized until budget time. Upass motion – we'll be talking about it at EAB this Friday @ 4:00pm, in 2-911.

**SMITH** – I have a question for the President. Where are we currently with the Advocacy Director position?

**BRECHTEL** – We did interviews for the Advocacy Director position at the beginning of December. We have hired Erin Crus and she went to the University of Saskatchewan and was active in the Students' Union. She's very keen to be part of our team.

**DUBE** – I have another question for the President. Why are the publications related to the tuition campaign just coming out now?

**BRECHTEL** – Not all the venues for the events were confirmed. There were really two things: it works out better if we promote events that take place after Christmas after Christmas (people are less likely to remember that they are happening), and the Faculty Association coordinated at the same time. There is a value in putting it all together at once.

**WELKE** – I have a question for the President. Before the Tuition Campaign, the Lister Hall Association as well as the Greek community was given closed access to President with regards to the tuition. Why were these meetings closed?

**BRECHTEL** – I saw lots of other people besides the people from Lister. It was not a priority for many others. The Lister people run the events in their space. Lister hall is not a Students' Union venue. They have to decide to run an event so have to make many other decisions about the event.

**MELNYK** – I have a question for the Vice President External. I know you have been away, but would it be possible to give us an update with CAUS? Specifically regarding the Bylaws and tuition campaign participation.

**SAMUEL** – It is an organization now with a bank account. There are some outstanding issues with membership fees with the University of Lethbridge. We are working to resolve them. We know that when we do ask them for their involvement and support – there has not been opportunity – call will be put out there.

**DUBE** - I have a question for the President. What is being done to involve the Faculte Saint Jean in the tuition campaign? I realize that is the choice the of the faculty what the involvement would be and since we are out of the way it is difficult, but what is being done?



**BRECHTEL** – It is up to the discretion of the faculty. We will have some posters and some on campus pamphlets sent over. We should be going around campus and asking students, including your faculty, what they think about tuition.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the Presidents. Other than posters what else is being done to advertise the tuition campaign. Will there be classroom announcements. Specifically regarding the march, what is being done externally?

**BRECHTEL** – There will be press releases. The media should be out for the different events. I spoke to Journal so they might be out. We will be out talking to students and giving out handbills that are also invitations to events. I'll be doing classroom speaking next week.

**DUBE** – I have a question for the President regarding his comments in the Edmonton Journal yesterday in the article entitled "A Grey and Wrinkled City Council" on page 1.

**BRECHTEL** – I have sent out an email to the journal regarding the use of my remarks. A lot of the comments were taken out of context. The thrust of the article was that students don't vote and he was trying to get at why. I ended up talking about city council focusing on senior issues because seniors are the voters.

**KEHOE** – I have a question for the Vice President External regarding the tuition campaign. For the Bill 43 we did the march to the legislature. Are we really only doing a rally for the tuition campaign? And why is it taking place in the Art/Business Quad instead of out in the main Quad.

**SAMUEL** – Refer this question to the President.

**BRECHTEL** – During the march to the Legislature we lost a lot of people. We don't lose so many people if we keep them in one space. We will do a candle lit walk back to SUB, and it should be a good visual. The reason for the Arts/Business Quad, well, the attainable expectation 1000 people out needed a space. I think it will be a really good compromise purely on size and the number of people who will show up.

**WALLACE** – I have a question for the President. After the Board of Governors meetings, there is usually no way to find out what was discussed at the meeting.

**BRECHTEL** – Individuals involved accepted the idea of a joint press conference move in on the media. We talked about having a forum, but BAC rejected this idea as they are usually poorly attended. They wanted to wait a couple weeks before we focused on cooperating. We want to do a live feed in SUB. I will be getting a quote on that tomorrow. It will allow students to know that access.

2003-19/7

#### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)**

**TAYLOR** – I have a question for the Vice President External. Why did you vote against 1a of the Executive Committee Report?

**SAMUEL** – I think I voted against it because I wanted to give them more money. Simply looking at the vote is taking it out of context. We were discussing the level of sponsorship. If you're interested I could get you the minutes.

### APPROVED

2003-19/10

### LEGISLATION

2003-19/10b

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Articles I, II, III, IV, IX, and XI of the Students' Union Constitution (first reading).

**SMITH** – The rescinding of these articles is moving in the direction to eliminate constitution. IRB was asked to determine which ones are entirely useless. According to the Post Secondary learning act, every member of alumni could vote in elections. Article two is out of University Act, Bylaw 100, and Bylaw 200. Article four; powers are not ours. Bylaw 100 covers Article nine, and Article 11 is an old article from the days when student groups were accountable to Students' Council. Now the university is accountable for them. These can be eliminated now and the rest of the constitution can be eliminated later after the bylaws have been amended.

### CARRIED

2003-19/10c

**SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Article V of the Students' Union Constitution (first reading).

**SMITH** – This is another step toward removing the constitution.

**COOK** – Please clarify why we want to get rid of the constitution.

**BRECHTEL/DUBE MOVE TO** amend Article 5, section 1a. to read:  
An amendment to this constitution is valid only after being passed at two (2) meeting of the Students' Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present. Such meetings will be held at least on (1) week apart.

**SMITH** – Friendly.

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council direct IRB to draft Bylaw(s) to retain the referendum mechanism and restrictions.

**SMITH** – I'd rather see IRB bring a slightly different mechanism forward rather than binding it to bring forward an identical mechanism to what now exists. Retaining the exact same mechanism is unnecessary.

**Speaker** – give IRB Directions to draft something. Retains the status quo six years must pass before they can amend something to the referendum.

### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

**Cook** – We would be able to pass Articles of Constitution in two meetings instead of three?

**BRECHTEL** – What this will do is it will allow IRB to create bylaws to bring it to council before changeover to cover the points in the constitution that we want to retain. There may not be time if we continue with three readings. This allows time to change the bylaws.

**CARRIED**

**Speaker** – There will be a for 10 minute recess.

2003-19/10a

**BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the following principles (Second Reading):

1. That the Students' Union have one body responsible for the interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
2. That this body be called the Students' Union Tribunal, and that it be composed of between eight and eleven undergraduate students acting as tribunes.
3. That any undergraduate student excepting those serving as tribunes, any Students' Union constituted body excepting the Students' Union Tribunal, and Students' Council all have the authority to initiate a complaint about a contravention of Students' Union legislation and to request an interpretation of Students' Union legislation.
4. That tribunes be selected by a Tribune Selection Committee to be composed of two voting members of the Executive Committee, as selected by the Executive Committee, two voting members of Students' Council, as selected by Students' Council, and two tribunes, as selected by the Students' Union Tribunal.
5. That the Tribune Selection Committee have a quorum of five members, and that any candidate for tribune must be selected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee.
6. That the chair of the Tribune Selection Committee be elected by and from the Tribune Selection Committee.
7. That the election of the chair and the selection of tribunes be reported to Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Students' Union Tribunal.
8. That there be a Chief Tribune and an Associate Chief Tribune, and that these be selected by simple majority vote of the Students' Union Tribunal, and that the names of the individuals holding these offices be reported to Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and the Tribune Selection Committee.
9. That all undergraduates excepting those serving as employees of the Students' Union or voting members of Students' Council or its subcommittees be eligible to serve as tribunes.
10. That tribunes serve until such time as they cease to be eligible, they resign, or they are removed by two-thirds majority vote of the Tribune Selection Committee.
11. That complaints or requests for interpretation must be submitted in writing to either the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
12. That, complaints or requests for interpretation must be ruled upon by a panel of three tribunes within seven days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
13. That, in the case of complaints, the agreement of both the appellant(s) and respondent(s) be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).

14. That, in the case of requests for interpretation, the agreement of the individual or body requesting interpretation be sufficient to extend the seven day period provided for in (12).
15. That the panel of three set out in (12) include exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
16. That appeals must be submitted in writing to the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune within seven days of the ruling by the panel of three.
17. That appeals must be ruled upon by a panel of five tribunes not part of the panel of three, including exactly one of the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune, within fourteen days of their receipt by the Chief Tribune or the Associate Chief Tribune.
18. That any Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune who is not able to hear a complaint or request for interpretation due to conflict of interest be replaced on that complaint or request for interpretation by another tribune selected by the Students' Union Tribunal.
19. That the Chief Tribune or, in his/her absence, the Associate Chief Tribune be responsible for scheduling hearings and appointing tribunes to panels.
20. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to strike down or declare of no force or effect any piece of Students' Union legislation that contradicts any other piece of Students' Union legislation.
21. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to censure any member of the Students' Union.
22. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to fine any employee of the Students' Union who reports to Students' Council or to the undergraduate student body as a whole an amount not to exceed twenty dollars.
23. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to initiate a referendum on the vacation of any Students' Union elected office.
24. That the Students' Union Tribunal have the authority to initiate a referendum on the dissolution of Students' Council or of the Executive Committee.

**BRECHTEL** - What does it mean? Does anyone have any questions? This is the separation of judicial powers. There will be two levels of appeals. One goes to SCAAB and the other goes to DIE. If it goes to DIE, there is a pool of which you draw three people and if it goes to SCAAB, five people will be chosen out of the same pool. The members will have a selection committee like IRB's. People will be prevented from sitting on other committees. People will be on the committee until they choose they won't be on the committee. New power is given to them to strike down any piece of Students' Union legislation. They will have the power to censure employees such as the Executive Committee, the Chief Returning Officer, and the Speaker for council. They will be able to fine them. This power does not extend to staff members, just people who report directly to Students' Council. If you didn't follow the rules, the fine will be no heavier than 20 dollars, but they can't kick out an executive or councilors. They will also have the power to initiate referendum.

**BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVE TO** amend sections: 11, 12, 16, and 17 by changing the word "or" in 'Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune' to "and".

**BRECHTEL** – Friendly.

**ABBOUD/DUBE MOVE TO** amend the principle by changing the word 'selected' in section four to 'nominated', the words 'as selected by Students' Council' also in section four to 'subject to the ratification by Students' Council by a simple majority vote', the word 'simple' in section eight with the word 'two-thirds', the word 'reported' also in section eight with the words 'ratified with a simple majority vote of', and the words added onto the end of section 10', which must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote by Students' Council'.

**ABBOUD** – This would be taking separating one branch from the other parts. I believe that checks and balances should monitor branches of government. The other branch can vote on an issue or selection and this provides accountability. The system used in the United States is a good model – judges are nominated by a committee, and subject to ratification by the legislature – provides check on Students' Union and the Executive Committee. Provide similar accountability. Standard vote is two thirds in the United States and in the Students' Union to remove an executive officer. We need more checks and balances. The way it reads now provides this.

**SMITH** – I'm in opposition against this. It goes in the direction of subordinating them to Students' Council. When IRB was preparing their recommendation they thought this was the appropriate mechanism. The requirement for a super-majority ensures that no single branch of government can dismiss tribunes without the cooperation of another branch. Council could start that. Insulation of the judiciary from the legislature allows for greater independence.

**DUBE** – This provides a system of checks and balances. We are giving power to a small group and then bringing it back to a larger body. We are here for the students. In a judicial board, being able to release a judge with a motion that was passed in council with a two-thirds majority vote - did they act properly? Accountability is never a failing. I support the amendment.

**EATON** – I support a system of checks of balance. What about a situation where there were an equal number of councilors and tribunal officers and someone agreeing where there was a problem? This would make a balance in power between council and this new committee.

**DUBE** – the selection committee passed these choices. This would leave it up to council to remove tribunal officers. I would rather have equal officers working rather have them remove themselves than us removing them.

**ABBOUD** – The judges are accountable, because they have to report their appointments/dismissals to Students' Council, but their decisions and actions are not directly the responsible Students' Council or to anyone else. It is a better system with the amendment and does not touch the actions and touches the office only.

**WELKE** – This doesn't give Students' Council the power to make their decisions. It is a minor check, and council doesn't come up with whether someone is hired or fired, they only ratify the decision already made.

**DUBE** – This also provides the selection committee the opportunity to justify their actions. Some students want an explanation as to why someone is no longer employed in a position that they were affected by and they're happy when we can. This allows for communication and allows for decisions that are sounder.

**SMITH** – Section eight would ultimately be the selection the chair and the associate chair. I would continue to vote against this. Sections four and ten, but because of eight, I would recommend that you vote against it.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVE TO** amend the motion so that the 'Students' Union Tribunal' be called the 'Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement' Board (DIE Board), with the appropriate changes throughout.

**SAMUEL** – It's not a board of the Students' Union. Changing the name to DIE Board implies that no change has been made to the organization. Using the word 'Tribunal' is more accurate than 'Board'.

**NYCHKA** – The change is simple to explain. It wouldn't be hard to explain that the board has a new name and how it is different.

**DUBE** – We will have a really hard time explaining it to students. Students read DIE Board reports in the back of the Gateway. We are the only ones who are going to know about the change. Students are more interested in the outcome of the decisions. That's what people know. Let's not confuse them. Let's be consistent. Let's keep the name the same.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**WELKE** – Rising on a point of order. Wouldn't this principle be dissolving a student body? It's the motion out of order because dissolving student council would be illegal?

**Speaker** – The point of order is not well taken. That's not what it's saying. It's speaking more along the lines of reorganizing. When the principle goes to IRB for drafting, I believe it will reflect that idea rather than actually dissolving a student body. However, if that is not the case, it can be sent back to IRB to be redrafted.

#### **Will of the chair upheld.**

**SAMUEL** – A referendum initiated by DIE would be under the same restrictions; to be held at the same time as the general elections would be useless. What is the reporting mechanism? DIE board is required by publish in Gateway? What resources will this board have? Are we going to be paying the tribunal? Being paid is quite time incentive. Please address these.

**BRECHTEL** –Referendum will be immediate. There will be no need to wait until elections. These were considered in IRB. It was considered to be the reporting mechanism.

**COOK** – Will there be hearing marked in the same way as outlined in Bylaw 1200.

**BRECHTEL** – Is it true that some things are better left to regulation?

**COOK** – Sometimes. I was just wondering if it will that be back from Bylaw 1200.

**BOTTEN/DUBE MOVE TO** amend the principle by striking sections 23 and 24 and replacing them with new section 23, which reads: That DIE Board have appropriate means of ensuring its decisions are executed that do not involve referendum.

**BOTTEN** – I'm bothered by this. This will essentially place the tribunal above everything else that exists. We could have a situation where the Tribunal is directing the Chief Returning Officer to ask students if his/her bosses should retain their seats. A referendum is too expensive. Two elections could happen in the same year and there is no money for that sort of thing.

**SMITH** – I understand your point. However, IRB thought about this a lot and was unable to think of something between these two methods of censure. Are we going to allow them to dismiss their officers? IRB would not have any other route. I think it doesn't work. It put the hammer in the possession of the DIE Board. IRB needed to come up with something. Making DIE bigger than council is not a good idea. Calling a referendum would be used as a last resort. If we get rid of this I want to be aware that sections 20 to 22 would remain the only enforcement mechanisms. Valid concerns would come out on the web board.

**WELKE** – Is there something between a referendum and a fine? What about a suspension or maybe we could suspend voting privileges.

#### **AMENDMENT IS CARRIED**

**SAMUEL MOVES TO** amend section 21 through 23, to add "on the basis of violation SU legislation".

#### **AMENDMENT IS FRIENDLY**

**SAMUEL MOVES TO** add section 24, which reads "Members of DIE Board will be financially remunerated."

**SAMUEL** – My reason for this is that we're giving this board increased responsibilities, and a greater role in the organization. We're asking them to spend more time doing their jobs. That should be reflected in their pay.  
**DUBE** – Will they meet very often? This is a different issue. Can be amended?

**SAMUEL** – We can't afford to have weak DIE Board members. Students' Council can afford to have a few lame ducks. This is so small and powerful that we will need them to be really committed. We're raising the level of importance and giving them a greater burden. We need to be confident that the group is up for it. Year after year we will be getting a strong DIE Board.

**DUBE** – Are you saying that the current DIE board is weak

**SAMUEL** – I'm not saying that at all, but not all the ones we've had are strong. Paying them will provide a greater chance that we will get the best people for the board. I want to take that chance.

**SHARMA** – It is a board with six people. Are there any alternative non-monetary methods to motive people? Small perks that would be enough, but no money.

**SAMUEL** – I don't think so. In this instance we should look into wages.

#### **AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED**

#### **MAIN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SMITH/DUBE MOVES TO** that Students' Council give special orders to 10l, 11a and 11b

2003-19/10l

**SMITH/DUBÉ MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed political policy respecting Tuition Levels and Regulation, and THAT Students' Council rescind the existing political policies on Tuition, the Post-Secondary Learning Act, Alberta's Tuition Policy, Tuition Authority, Tuition Deregulation, and Post-Secondary Education Funding Cutbacks.

**SMITH** – There has been a major lack of consistency in our efforts regarding tuition. Why aren't we saying that things have gotten bad and do need to be changed? This is something that says we need a change in tuition rates. Students' want a change.

**SMITH** – Amendment Jan 20

**SAMUEL** - Why is it pressing?

**SMITH** – Waiting means that we will have no Political Policy properly representing ourselves for the tuition campaign. We wasted all that time exploring multi-year tuition. This has to be dealt with right away.

**DUBE** – I understand why we want to postpone it, but as we are right now we're flying blind. When students ask about it people don't know what to say. Students' are talking and it can be dealt with really quickly. I would meet as AAB meeting before January 20.

**LO**– I have eight members of AAB in the room we can have a meeting. If they can commit to meet before the 20<sup>th</sup>, then we can commit to having it ready right now.

**SAMUEL** – We have had emergency joint sessions with EAB and AAB and I believe we could get one together by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**



**The Recording Secretary does Roll Call at 9:00 pm.**

2003-19/11

**NEW BUSINESS**

2003-19/11a

**BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, Students' Council appoint Jon Hechter, Liang Shen, and Erin Hibbert to the three available positions of Deputy Returning Officer for the Winter term 2004.

**BRECHTEL** – These were the names chosen by the selection committee. These are the best. They have a wide variety of skills and experience.

**CARRIED**

**DUBE** – called quorum (23 members present).

2003-19/14

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EKDAHL** - Dean's challenge is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. The day after council if that helps you remember.

**EATON** – Democracy work group is going to be searching for funding from APIRG. They will be putting out a newsletter. If anyone is interested, please submit an article to me or to Sam Power.

**BRECHTEL** – Reminding Councilors about the tuition events taking place next week.

**Mr. Reid** – I have moved on from SU. I now work with the Edmonton River Buoy constituency. A central piece of it is the university of Alberta campus. Previously there has been very little involvement. They have had nothing to do with Post Secondary Education. I have been pushing it onto the agenda. However, now we are sponsoring a tuition week event on Monday. It is a non- partisan event in conjunction with the university. It is not a rally. It is a Post Secondary Education solutions buildings workshop. We want to get together with student leaders and find out what everyone going through and talk about it. We want to talk about figures about what funding pressures are and breakup into working groups and make everyone talk about it. What would you do if you could do anything? What do we need to do to get it there? How do we change? And make it constructive. Bring ideas to annual general meeting. Generate interest and push it onto government. There will be a presentation. By students and for students'. We want to hear from students. Monday, January 12 in Dinwoodie, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be coffee and food. Also there will probably will there be a workbook. If you are interested in more information please email me at [mike.reid@ulberta.net](mailto:mike.reid@ulberta.net).

**BOTTEN** – In the next two weeks if anyone needs to talk about financial statements please contact me. Please everyone remember to review the first readings that didn't pass tonight so we can have a collapse-a-thon next meeting. One last thing, please remember your councilor questionnaire. Fill that out & submit it as soon as you can.

**2003-19/16**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SMITH/WALLACE MOVE THAT** Students' Council adjourn.

**CARRIED**

Adjournment at 9:26 p.m.