

*University of Alberta Students' Union***STUDENTS' COUNCIL
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

NREF 1 003

ORDER PAPER (SC 2015-03)**2015-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2015-03/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 6.00pm in NREF 1-001.**

Speaker special orders *Late Additions* item 2015-03/7a onto this meeting's agenda.

2015-03/2 PRESENTATIONS**2015-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

CODY BONDARCHUK, Vice President Operations and Finance – Report.
NAVNEET KHINDA, Student's Union President – Report.

2015-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Council Administration Committee (CAC).
Report from the Board of Governors (BoG).

2015-03/5 QUESTION PERIOD**2015-03/5a COUNCILOR LEWIS TO VICE PRESIDENT HANWELL:**

“When might we soonest see a proposal for Council to consider the distinct differences between a tuition freeze and a tuition cap and possible first principles to/from Policy Committee?”

Thanks for the question Councillor Lewis, and it is an interesting one with the NDP promising to freeze tuition. Now originally I thought that we may need to change policy to deal with this as we had to advocate against tuition increases during the PC government. That said, I'm confident that our policies are still able to sustain our lobbying efforts as well as one of our previous goals (and my current goal) of renewing the tuition cap. The second last "Be It Resolved" clause instructs us that this is a policy that the SU would like to see:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union –shall advocate that the Government of Alberta legislate a policy on tuition fees that:
a. Provides strict guidance to an institution's ability to set tuition, including annual and ultimate limits on the maximum amount of tuition fees that can be levied on students.

In terms of the tuition freeze, CAUS will be calling on the government to deliver on this promise, including funding the freeze as well. This ask by LATE ADDITIONS 15-03 TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015 PAGE 2 CAUS also is in concord with the last clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will not support increasing tuition and will work towards a reduction of any tuition increase at the University of Alberta Board of Governors.

This is the benefit of creating policy through principles that will stand the change of government and the importance of really thinking through our political policies. I believe that our current policies are very well written and will do a great job outlining the SU's position on tuition regardless of the government of the day.

In short, we actually do make the distinction between the two clauses which puts us in a great place to both advocate for the regulation of tuition while still pushing for the freeze. Hopefully that clears it up, I know I had to make sure that we didn't have to change anything but our lobbying efforts are still clearly articulated and directed by Students' Council from my perspective.

Cheers, Dylan

2015-03/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-03/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2015-03/7a FLAMAN/BONDARCHUK MOVE TO amend Standing Orders of Students' Council Paragraph 33(1) to reflect the attached changes.

MOTION CARRIED.

Please see SC 15-03.01

2015-03/7b WANG.K/RAHMAN MOVE TO appoint Jeffry Kochikuzhyil to the Joint Committee - Nomination of the Chancellor.

- *Concerns were raised as to why this individual was best suited to*

the role of Chancellor, and the qualifications which resulted in his selection over the other candidate.

- *Jeffry Kochikuzhyil has served as a Student's Union Councillor and two terms on Student Senate.*

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21 PM.