

# University of Alberta Students' Union

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday, February 2, 2016 Council Chambers, University Hall

## **ORDER PAPER (SC 2015-18)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15PM.** 

2015-18/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

**2015-18/1a Announcements -** The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place

on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers.

Speaker special orders *Late Additions* item 2015-18/8h on the main agenda.

2015-18/2 PRESENTATIONS

**2015-18/2a BONDARCHUK/RAHMAN MOVE** to allow the presentation "The Gateway DFU

Mandate Amendment Presentation".

■ In accordance with Bylaw 6100, section 4.4, any amendments to the mandate of a Dedicated Fee Unit must have the consent of both Students' Council and another body outlined in the Bylaw 6000 Schedule. For the Gateway Student Journalism Fund, the Gateway Student Journalism Society's Board of Directors has proposed and passed an amendment to their mandate. This presentation will cover their amendment and proposed changes, and ask Students' Council to pass the same amendment in the February 9th meeting of Council. This is unrelated to their plebiscite in the election, as students will vote on whichever mandate is in effect on March 2 and 3, 2016.

#### 2015-18/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

NAVNEET KHINDA, Student's Union President - Report.

DYLAN HANWELL, Vice President (External) - Report.

VIVIAN KWAN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

CODY BONDARCHUK, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

FAHIM RAHMAN, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

# 2015-18/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Administration Committee (CAC) - Report. Policy Committee - Report. Nominating Committee (NomCom) - Report. Audit Committee - Report. Bylaw Committee. First Alberta Campus Radio Association - Report.

## **2015-18/5 OPEN FORUM**

#### **2015-18/6 QUESTION PERIOD**

# 2015-18/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Councillor Christensen to Vice President Bondarchuk:

Could the Vice President please provide students' council with a written update on the purpose and need for the increase to the student membership fee? In addition, what, if any, consultation has been completed with the student body regarding this increase in students' fees and the benefits the students will receive?

*Vice President Bondarchuk's Response to Councillor Christensen's question:* 

Please see LA 15-18.01

#### **2015-18/8 GENERAL ORDERS**

**2015-18/8a ALLARD/PACHES MOVE** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee of Students' Council.

- RAHMAN nominates RAHMAN.
- KHAN nominates KHAN.

COUNCILLOR RAHMAN appointed.

**2015-18/8b WANG K./PACHES MOVE** to nominate Abby Rentz to the General Faculties Council on the recommendation of Nominating Committee.

Please see SC 15-18.01

#### MOTION CARRIES.

# **2015-18/8c** PATRICK/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to, upon recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill 16: Dual Student Candidates for SU Council in first reading based on the following first principles:

- 1. Some programs have requirements that take students off campus for entire semesters at a time, and this can prove to be a substantial barrier to participation in student governance
- 2. When students are overly impeded from participating in governance because of their program, a lack of representation from that program is created
- 3. In order to best represent students, opportunities on Students Council

must be available to as many students as possible

- 4. Elections could be structured to allow two individuals to run for a single position where they would hold the official title of the position one at a time, and switch the holder on a date defined before the election
- 5. Two individuals running or holding a position in such a manner will be referred to as a slate for the purpose of these principles, though a different term will be the official term used in bylaw
- 6. Slates will be tested in the coming year for students' council elections (not including executive elections), and may be subject to particular additional rules around elections and campaigning
- 7. The programs that allow their students to run in slates will be chosen based on how accessible being part of students council currently is for the students, and how effective slates would be in making it more accessible

## **ALLARD/MR. FAROOQ MOVE** to amend principle 7, to the following point:

• Students will be allowed to apply to run as a slate for academic reasons at the CRO's.

#### AMENDMENT FAILS.

#### **OVERALL MOTION CARRIES.**

**2015-18/8d BONDARCHUK/PACHES MOVE** to postpone *General Orders* item 2015-18/8d to the Student's Council meeting on February 9, 2016.

#### MOTION CARRIES.

**2015-18/8e BONDARCHUK/RAHMAN MOVE** to add a preamble to the Students' Union Election ballot for all future DFU plebiscites as follows:

In accordance with Bylaw 6100, all established Dedicated Fee Units are required to go to plebiscite every five years. The following plebiscite question is for the continuation of an existing fee, with the assessed fee not increasing or decreasing from the previous year.

#### MOTION CARRIES.

**2015-18/8f ALLARD/RAHMAN MOVE** to approve The Gateway's DFU plebiscite question for the March 2016 Students' Union General Election ballot, as follows:

Do you support the continuation of a Dedicated Fee for the Gateway Student Journalism Fund, on the conditions that:

- 1. each full-time and part-time student will continue to be assessed \$3.39 in each of the Fall and Winter terms and \$0.43 in each of the Spring and Summer terms in which they are enrolled;
- 2. the fee will continue to be disbursed to the Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors for operating The Gateway, a not-for-profit organization;
- 3. it will continue to be a student-run and student-directed media organization with a campus focus in accordance with its mandate as per Schedule 6000 of the Students' Union Bylaws;
- 4. it will exercise independence in its editorial and business decision-making; and
- 5. Augustana students will continue to be exempt from the fee.

#### MOTION CARRIES.

#### 2015-18/8g

**BONDARCHUK/KHINDA MOVE** to, upon recommendation of Finance Committee, approve the following increases to the Students' Union Membership Fee above the mandated CPI adjustment to partially offset the cost of increases to Alberta's minimum wage:

- On May 1, 2016, increase full-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$3.00 per term, part-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$1.50 per term, and Spring and Summer term fees by \$1.50.
- On May 1, 2017, increase full-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$3.25 per term, part-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$1.63 per term, and Spring and Summer term fees by \$1.63.
- On May 1, 2018, increase full-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$3.50 per term, part-time Fall/Winter Term fees by \$1.75 per term, and Spring and Summer term fees by \$1.75.
- Some Councillors were concerned that the motion's changes were coming about too early and without a guarantee that the NDP government would increase the minimum wage to \$15.00; however, other Councillors noted that the government has made good on other platform commitments, has not indicated that they will halt the increase in wages, and that like the Proposal, will be done incrementally.
- Some Councillors believed that a Referendum would be best, as this directly impacts students financially; however, others noted that to make such decisions, is what their constituents elected them for.

#### CHRISTENSEN CALL TO DIVISION.

#### WANG K. CALLS FOR VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT.

**PATRICK/CHRISTENSEN MOVE** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Call for Division to take precedence over a Vote by Secret Ballot, for this particular motion.

#### MOTION FAILS.

**HANWELL/CHRISTENSEN MOVE** to Suspend Standing Orders to allow for a debate on the motion to allow for a discussion on the precedence that Vote by Secret Ballot took over the Call for Division.

#### MOTION CARRIES.

- In order to protect the privacy and prevent coercion, some Councillors support the idea of a Vote by Secret Ballot.
- Some individuals expressed that Councillors, like all other elected officials should be held accountable to what they vote.

#### CALL TO DIVISION.

#### MOTION CARRIES.

- President Khinda Y
- Vice President Rahman Y
- Vice President Hanwell Y
- Vice President Bondarchuk Y
- Vice President Kwan Y
- Governor Khan Y
- Councillor Allard Y
- Councillor Throndson Y
- Councillor Burton N
- Councillor Dejong Y
- Councillor Schlamp Y
- Councillor Angus Y
- Councillor Paches Y
- Councillor Chandan Abstain
- Councillor Cheng N
- Councillor Stephen N
- Councillor Kai Xia Wang Abstain
- Councillor Patrick Y
- Councillor Wang Y
- Councillor Yu Abstain
- Councillor Singh Y
- Councillor Koornhof Abstain
- Councillor Christensen N
- Councillor Doan N

- Councillor Flaman -N
- Councillor Hodgson Abstain
- Councillor Roussel Abstain
- Councillor Mackinnon Y
- Councillor Kwan- Y
- Councillor Duan Y
- Councillor Ademaj Y
- Councillor Wang Y
- Councillor Xu N
- Councillor Mostafiz Y
- Councillor Lewis Abstain

# OVERALL MOTION CARRIES. 20 IN FAVOUR, 7 OPPOSED, 7 ABSTAIN.

**2015-18/8h** PACHES/WANG K. MOVE to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.

ADEMAJ nominates KHAN

GOVERNOR KHAN appointed.

#### 2015-18/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

**2015-18/9a** First principles for the creation of a new French Language Accessibility Bylaw in the 100s series: (Discussed at SC-2015-17-20150119).

Please see SC 15-18.03

**2015-18/9b** BoG REPRESENTATIVE Report.

Please see SC 15-18.04

**2015-18/9c** VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC Report.

Please see SC 15-18.05

**2015-18/9d** VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS & FINANCE Report.

Please see SC 15-18.06

**2015-18/9e** Executive Committee Motion Tracking.

Please see SC 15-17.07

**2015-18/9f** Students' Council Motion Tracking.

Please see SC 15-17.08

**2015-18/9g** Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee.

Please see SC 15-17.09

**2015-18/9h** Committee Motion Tracking - By Date.

Please see SC 15-17.10

**2015-18/9i** Students' Council Attendance.

Please see SC 15-17.11

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:18 PM.