

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 Council Chambers

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (VP 2016-03)**

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM.

2016-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on

Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers.

2016-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

2016-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Administration Committee (CAC) - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.

Nominating Committee (NomCom) - Report.

Audit Committee - Report. Bylaw Committee - Report. Board of Governors - Report.

2016-03/5 **OPEN FORUM** 

2016-03/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-03/6a Councilor Nahid to Councilor Prochnau:

She asks about Geer Week.

Councilor Prochnau's Response to Councilor Nahid:

He is in charge of Geer Week and explains what is Geer Week. It is essentially the Engineering version of Anti-Freeze, which will be hold in January. He welcomes all the university students to attend this event.

#### 2016-03/6b Proxy Bondarchuk to Vice President Banister:

He asks about the measureable outcome of Gov Week and her expectation of the event.

#### **Vice President Banister's Response to Proxy Bondarchuk:**

She explains that it is easier the measure the success by evaluating each session of Gov Week individually based on the nature of how it is organized. On the whole, she thinks the most tangible outcome would be an increase of voter-turnout during by-elections. The event also has a website, so success can be measured through the number of access of the website.

#### **2016-03/6c** Councilor Larsen to Vice President Paches:

He asks Vice President Paches to explain the issue of MacHall and how it affects the Students' Union.

#### **Vice President Paches's Response to Councilor Larsen:**

He explains that it is a dispute between University of Calgary Students' Union and University of Calgary over the ownership of MacHall. The relationship between the two have became vague over the years. But the University of Alberta Students' Union clearly owns SUB and they do not have the ambiguity in contract. So the SU is more secure in building ownership.

#### 2016-03/6d Councilor De Jong to President Rahman:

She asks about his goal for his committee as he was appointed as the chair of CASA's chair of the Policy Committee.

#### President Rahman's Response to Councilor De Jong

He states that he does not have any particular goal for CASA's policy as he is content with it. His intention of running for chair is to filling any gaps in advocacy and review policies as needed.

#### 2016-03/6e Governor Champagne to Vice President Paches

He asks what the Students' Union of the University of Calgary plan to do over the issue of MacHall.

# **Vice President Paches's Response to Governor Champagne:**

He further explains the process of trial and possible results. He did not have a chance to talk with the University of Calgary Students' Union about their plan as the Executive's were busy while they were there, but he is sure they have contingency plan.

# 2016-03/6f Councilor Angus to Vice President Banister:

He asks how can the Council and other councillors be involved in Gov Week.

#### **President Banister's Response to Councilor Angus:**

She lists ways that the Council and councilors can involved in Gov Week. They can take part in the Advisory group, run sessions, hold mixers and other events. The registration of event will be open from July 1st till August 1st.

# **2016-03/6g** Councilor Farooq to Vice President Paches:

He asks about for updates of the renovation project of HUB.

# **President Rahman responds on behalf of Vice President Paches:**

He explains that the progress is stalled as the SU lacks the funds to do the renovations. The scale of the project depends on how much the SU can afford. The university is willing to pay half the cost, but the SU is not sure how much money they can raise for the project. So they are currently waiting on more information.

#### 2016-03/6h Governor Champagne to Vice President Ghossein

He asks about the difference between the reduced number of paid employees and the previous student volunteers.

# Vice President Ghossein and President Rahman's Response to Governor Champagne

They both justify the need of employing representatives as they work in a stressed and difficult situation.

#### 2016-03/6i Councilor Larsen to Vice President Banister:

He asks about the advisory group of Gov Week - whether it is an open or closed committee.

#### **Vice President Banisters Response to Councilor Larsen**

The advisory group is open, and she welcomes councilors to attend the meetings.

#### 2016-03/6j Speaker Sumar to Vice President Banister:

He ask for clarification on the difference between registering an event and facilitating a session during Gov Week.

#### **Vice President Banister's Response to Speaker Sumar**

She explains they are two different things. Facilitating a session means that SU will provide help to the facilitator. Registering an event means that the SU will not provide help in organizing the event but they will help advertising it on the Gov Week calendar.

# 2016-03/6k Councilor Monda to Governor Champagne

He asks about the Suicide Prevention Task Force. What are the recommendations? And what is the timeline?

#### Governor Champagne's Response to Councilor Monda

He answers that there is a timeline and there are 30 recommendations. They are written in a report and he can forward it anyone who wishes to read it.

#### 2016-03/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### **2016-03/7a Bill #1 - Vacancy Petition**

**CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE** to approve the first principles of Bill #1, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and implement Vacancy Petitions as mechanism to fill vacant Students' Council seats.

Councilor Christensen introduced the motion to the Council, and the Council debated. Several members of the Council spoke in favour of the principles, while some voiced their concerns on the first principles.

### **CHAMPAGNE/FAROOQ MOVE** call for question.

14/12/0 MOTION FAILS.

19/8/9 MOTION CARRIES. GHOSSEIN ABSTAINS.

2016-03/8	GENERAL ORDERS
2016-03/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2016-03/9a	Report from the Vice President Operations and Finance
	Please see SC 16-03.01
2016-03/9b	Report from the President.
	Please see SC 16-02.02
2016-03/9c	Report from the Vice President Academic.
	Please see SC 16-03.03
2016-03/9d	Report from the Vice President Student Life.
	Please see SC 16-03.04
2016-03/9e	Report from the Vice President External.
	Please see SC 16-03.05
2016-03/9f	Executive Committee Motion Tracking
	Please see SC 16-03.06
2016-03/9g	Students' Council Motion Tracking
	Please see SC 16-03.07
2016-03/9h	Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee
	Please see SC 16-03.08
2016-03/9i	Committee Motion Tracking - By Date
	Please see SC 16-03.09
2016-03/9j	Students' Council Attendance
	Please see SC 16-03.10
2016-03/9k	Update of Operating Policy in accordance to new CUPE agreement.

# Please see LA 2016-03.01

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17PM.