
Tuesday, June 28th, 2016
Council Chambers

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (VP 2016-04)

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM.

2016-04/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers.

2016-04/2 PRESENTATIONS

Myer Horowitz & SUB Event Centre Presentation, presented by General Manager of the Students' Union Marc Dumouchel, sponsored by Vice President Paches.

PACHES/FLAMAN MOVE to allow the presentation.

MOTION CARRIES.

FLAMAN/PACHES MOVE to extend the presentation period for 15 minutes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Councilors inquired about the renovation project and gave suggestions for the project.

FLAMAN/HAMMOND MOVE to extend the presentation period for another 15 minutes.

MOTION FAILS.

The presentation period closes.

2016-04/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.

2016-04/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Administration Committee (CAC) - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee (NomCom) - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Council of Faculty Associations - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2016-04/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-04/5a One Student at Large to Vice President Ghossein:

The student inquires the state of recruiting Lister representative.

Vice President Ghossein's Response:

She explains that the SU is currently in the middle of hiring process and is still accepting applications.

2016-04/5b Another Student at Large to Vice President Banister:

The student asks about SU's political policy and inquires whether SU is successful for defending its advocacy in face of Law Students' Association's request for increasing tuition previously.

Vice President Banister and President Rahman's Response:

She defers the question for President Rahman to answer. President Rahman explains the situation and he is willing to discuss the motion on table.

The Student at Large continues:

The student at large asks what other issues warrant FAs to go against the SU's political policy.

President Rahman's Response:

He answers that tuition is the most contentious one while he does not think the FAs have problem with the other issues.

The Student at Large to the Executives:

He asks about the SU's stance on the tuition policy of the provincial government.

Vice President Sandare's Response:

He explains that currently the SU is setting up their strategy and priorities. They are advocating for grants and financial aids. It does not lower tuitions but will help reducing the burden of tuitions. He is most interested in gaining funding and cheaper tuitions.

The Student at Large to Vice President Banister:

The students asks about whether the promise of Peter Lougheed Leadership College to reach out the larger student body had been met.

Vice President Banister's Response:

She explains that the original proposal was received by the Council several years ago and since then the format had been altered significantly. The Su continues to have conversation with the leadership college in hope to have representative in their advisory group. Currently the college does not reach to one-third of the student body but it reaches more than originally planned. She ensures that the SU will continue to work with the college to make sure it reaches as many students as possible.

The Student at Large to Vice President Ghossein:

He asks about Code of Students' Behaviour - whether they are reviewing it and changing it.

Vice President Ghossein's Response:

She answers that they have yet to have a meeting, but she will give an update after the meeting.

The Student at Large to Vice President Sandare:

He asks whether he foresees a slippery slope that a FA will go against the SU's advocacy and confuses stakeholders and whether there is a concern for advocacy.

Vice President Sandare's Response

He confirms that it is possible that there will be slippery slope but the principles require the consent of the Council and he would like to hear more about councilors' opinion.

2016-04/5c Another Student at Large to Vice President Paches:

The student inquires about the U-Pass negotiation - whether the cost will be lower or higher, and whether the new transit system, offering lower rate or no rate to low income individuals, will have an impact to U-Pass.

Vice President Paches and Vice President Banister's Response:

Vice President Paches explains no details is confirmed as the next meeting he has will only set out the timeline. The only information he has is that the city has increased the ETS budget by 3% and it is a starting point for negotiation. Vice President Banister has an impression that the new system will not make the U-Pass irrelevant to students as they might not be benefited in the new policy.

2016-04/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-04/6a Councilor Flaman to GM Dumouchel:

He asks if the SU will purchase second equipment to cut cost for the renovation.

GM Dumouchel's Response:

The renovation will purchase all new equipment but he ensures finding great deals to cut cost.

2016-04/6b Proxy Bondarchuk to Vice President Banister:

He wonders her opinion on why the university administration did not have the foresight to approve the Peter Lougheed Leadership College as a programme in 2015, effectively holding GFC hostage over after mentioned promise to students' certificate.

Vice President Banister's Response:

She agrees that the university procedure on the leadership college is not exemplary and it is not inlined with the way governance is mandated to function. But there were students in the college that had put in a lot of energy and efforts into the degree that they might not have a certification at the end. These students are SU's constituents. She has hope that the university will proceed with proper channel in the future and integrate as much student

consultation as possible to ensure the direction of the college goes to what students want.

2016-04/6c Councilor Flaman to GM Dumouchel:

He asks if the relocation of L'Express' catering operation to the lower level will have negative effect to both its retail and catering operations.

GM Dumouchel's Response:

He confirms that it will definitely affect the operation of L'Express and explains the relocation in detail.

Councilor Flaman to GM Dumouchel:

He asks about how will the SU secure funding and will the fundraising timeframe affect the construction process.

GM Dumouchel's Response:

He explains that the optimal timeline is to have the referendum done in March 2017 if the Council want accelerate the process. If not, it can be done in March 2018. The most important point is when does the Council want it to happen.

Councilor Flaman to GM Dumouchel:

He asks whether the change to LED lights will save cost for the SU as the utility bill is paid by the university.

GM Dumouchel's Response:

He explains that the plan is not finalized and the university does not cover all the utilities of the building. Also the university has a grant to promote sustainability initiative so he will look into that.

2016-04/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-04/7a Bill #2 – Faculty Association Political Policy Diversion - *First Principles*

CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE to amend Bylaw 8100, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to allow faculty associations additional autonomy as guided by these principles:

First Principles

1. Faculty associations are often the best representatives of undergraduate students within the individual faculties of the University of Alberta.
2. With proper consultation, faculty associations shall be allowed to advocate and represent the interests of their constituents as best as possible.
3. Barriers to the effective advocacy of faculty associations shall be removed from Bylaw 8100 to facilitate proper representation of students at a grassroots level.
4. Bylaw 8100 shall be amended to allow faculty associations to advocate for issues deemed important to their constituents, even if these issues contradict Students' Union political policies, so long as appropriate procedural steps are completed, including a plebiscite or referendum.
5. Upon completing the proper consultative and procedural steps, faculty associations shall provide Students' Council with a summary and presentation of these steps taken.
6. Students' Council shall be allowed to discuss, debate, question, and approve/reject the advocacy effort based on presentation provided, procedural steps taken and any other metrics so deemed appropriate.

Councilor Christensen introduces the bill. The Council debates the principles. Some councilors speak in favour of the bill while the other opposes. The Council is divided.

LARSEN/CHAMPAGNE MOVE to refer the amendment of Bylaw 8100 back to Bylaw Committee.

The Bylaw Committee will discuss the amendment in the next meeting and Councilors Christensen, Larsen and Prochnau welcome councilors to go to Bylaw Committee to express their opinions and concerns on the principles.

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-04/7b Bill #1 Vacancy Petitions - *Second Reading*

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

Please see SC 16-04.01

Councilor Christensen introduces the bill to the Council. Several councilors speak in favour of the principles.

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-04/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2016-04/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-04/9a Report from the President.
Please see SC 16-04.02

2016-04/9b Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance..
Please see SC 16-04.03

2016-04/9c Report from the Vice President Academic.
Please see SC 16-04.04

2016-04/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life.
Please see SC 16-04.05

2016-04/9e Report from the Vice President External.
Please see SC 16-04.06

2016-04/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracking
Please see SC 16-04.07

2016-04/9g Students' Council Motion Tracking
Please see SC 16-04.08

2016-04/9h Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee
Please see SC 16-04.09

2016-04/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Date
Please see SC 16-04.10

2016-04/9j Students' Council Attendance
Please see SC 16-04.11

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03PM.