
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-16)

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

2016-16/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-16/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

2016-16/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-16/2a Campus Food Bank - Becoming a Dedicated Fee Unit - Presented by Caitlin Phare, Executive Director of Campus Food Bank Society - Sponsored by VP Paches.

The Campus Food Bank will update Student's Council on the current status of their operations, their initiatives, and what they believe is the most sustainable strategy to continue to serve students in need.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

Re slide with bar graphs, 31% increase since?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

Since September 1st, it almost doubled. Oct/Nov had increases but not as dramatic. This also includes December.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

Would you be able to speak to students being more aware of your services?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

Our volunteers are ambassadors of our services, social media, people coming in saying they were recommended by another friend when they sign up. They also offer companionship.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

How do you see an increase in budget helping your services? And how will that money be used?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

The money will be used to re-staff the office due to cuts we had to make this year, SU funds 25% of the CFB's annual budget so this will increase to 35%. New equipment to handle more food on a regular basis which improves quality of food, R&D to identify programs people really want, and expanding to long term campuses that UA hosts.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

Will there be changes at the grad student level?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

Currently in discussion about that. They don't have a DFU in place but there will be structural changes. It's an individual partnership we're looking at with the SU and we have lots of options around negotiating those contracts.

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

Please elaborate on why CFB would benefit from being exempt from conducting the petition to move forward with referendum re DFU.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

Limited volunteer base, we want to create ad hoc volunteers but now it's limited to in-office. We also have limited pool of resources. The increase of capacity going through our office is huge. It means our volunteers are reaching their burn-out points. It would be beneficial to have that waived because we know we're a necessary service and we need every volunteer in our office everyday.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

Please tell us more about your non-SU funding.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

25% of our budget comes from SU grant, 10-15% from GSA, 15% from corporations or individual sponsorships for events. Majority of budget through individual donations, sponsorships, and event fundraising eg

fasting events. It's a volatile source of revenue so the DFU will solidify the revenue stream then we can develop more solid sources of revenue.

COUNCILLOR HAMMOND TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE:

How much are you planning to charge/student?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHARE'S RESPONSE:

\$1 / semester / FT student with an opt-out option.

2016-16/2b

Council of Alberta University Students Overview. Presented by the Chair CAUS and VP External of Students' Association of Mount Royal University, Dexter Bruneau. Sponsored by President Rahman.

The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) represents the interests of over 100,000 Alberta university students across Alberta. CAUS represents undergraduate students from the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge, Mount Royal University, and MacEwan University to the public, government and other post-secondary education stakeholders. Based in Edmonton, CAUS is a non-partisan and active advocacy group looking to ensure a fully accessible and high quality system of education in Alberta. They have demonstrated success for in the past, and will give an overview of CAUS' past as well as what we are advocating for now.

Please see SC 16-16.01

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO CAUS:

Re tuition review process, what is the strategy to better convey the messages to the other members and have a greater impact on the community?

CAUS' Response:

Membership of that working group is 17 people, 6 student spots so CAUS will get 2 spots. There will be 6 for institutions themselves. Not sure how that will work quite yet with how many institutions in the province. 5 remaining for govt officials, co-chaired by 1 govt person and 1 admin person. Our strategy is trying to find some consensus.

RAHMAN/CHAMPAGNE moves to extend presentation by 15 mins.

CAUS' RESPONSE:

In ToR, they're not looking at putting more money into the system but will be working with stakeholders to deal with money already in the system.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO CAUS:

Are you guys looking at the government for funding support?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

We try to stay non-partisan and not discuss various ways of getting funding, we say we need this funding and let the govt figure out how to get it.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO CAUS:

How much would the institution make up the difference if tuition is rolled back to the 91, 92 levels?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

We're asking for the funding and letting the govt figure it out. In the 90s, there were govt cuts so we would argue that. We think that education is an investment into all of society's future so it will be beneficial.

COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO CAUS:

Does the tuition policy include the 91, 92 levels?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

He will be updating everything on there so he can send you the more updated policy. The tuition policy is a very general policy and does not specifically talk about the 1992 levels which is also on the website. It's also discussed in the document review submission that they can give access to.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO CAUS:

Let's say we accomplish 1992 levels, what's the ultimate goal for CAUS?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

Free tuition debates, who should be contributing/investing in post-secondary, students should be contributing to their own education because some people don't need extra help. He doesn't know if there's a plan for what will happen after. It probably won't happen in the current economy. The foundations include affordability, accessibility, and quality education. CAUS membership changes every year so we can speak to those.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO CAUS:

Do you have a timeline on when the policies on the website will be updated?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

At the end of January.

COUNCILLOR ANGUS TO CAUS:

Re minimum wage policy and how we should present our stance on it.
What kind of discussions have you had?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

We did not take a stance upon it. It is not only a student issue and does not affect all students so it was too broad for us to really discuss it. The tradeoff between discussing it with the govt would compromise our non-partisan principles because it's largely a partisan issue.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO CAUS:

In the most recent tuition numbers, it places UA and UC 700\$ below national average. QC has highest participation, \$2000 above what we are, and double MN. Is there anything else beyond tuition that might be affecting post-secondary participation?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

AB's industry and major economy affects its participation rate as well.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO CAUS:

Was international student fees mentioned?

CAUS' RESPONSE:

They're not directly mentioned but will be discussed in budget submission. They're not in our priorities but will be making an advocacy document. We just updated the policy but we want international tuition to be reduced to where it is at a stable, reasonable, predictable rate. We're discussing ideas but don't know if we will advocate that they will be the same as domestic students. We think international students are owed the predictability of how much they're going to be paying for tuition.

2016-16/2c

Renewal of the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society Faculty Association Membership Fee

The Faculty Association Membership Fee that the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society has collected is up for renewal this spring. This fee will be a renewal of the same terms as the previous fee, being \$5 per semester collected from all students enrolled in the Faculty of Science for a period of four years. This fee will enable us to continue to offer several services relevant to our students that include, but are not limited to, scholarships, funding for science student groups, support for our departmental associations, tutoring via mini study groups, as well as our community building activities.

Please see SC 16-16.02

VP BANISTER TO ISSS:

Could you justify why you give clubs the same amount of money as departmental associations even though they have different levels responsibility?

ISSS' RESPONSE:

Those 2 levels are the same because it's the same departmental associations. The money is split evenly whereas we have 20-30 smaller student groups that split that money evenly so \$1000 for dept associations and \$800 for student groups.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ:

Q re financial reporting

ISSS' RESPONSE:

We do internal auditing and will ask to make sure the orgs are financially stable if they do apply for grants. Re operations for funding, all different dept associations will ask for grants / year. We don't do specific checks but they all end up being checked. When a club applies for funding, they have to submit a budget, we review that to make sure they're operating sustainably, and we check over how they spend their funding for an event.

VP BANISTER TO ISSS:

For the newly formed biological students associations, please expand on the flux you explained. Do you have flexibility in current funding proposal to make changes?

ISSS' RESPONSE:

With academic side of bio sci dept, they're collapsing the 7 degree programs to 3. The dean of science wants us to try and veer the academic structure as closely as possible. The bio sci dept association is larger than other associations, we have to alter formulas to account for the population. A few ideas include making the bio sci dept association responsible for funding smaller bio related science student groups but because biological sciences dept associations don't have faculty approval from ISSS and not registered with SGS, fair degree of uncertainty.

We don't necessarily advocate increasing the fee, doesn't foresee changes to increasing fees for students.

COUNCILLOR KIANI TO ISSS:

What does student involvement look like? Some services you provide, how many students are a part of that?

ISSS' RESPONSE:

It varies depending on the event eg. Science week have various student engagement. For example, free pancakes has more involvement than an ISSS movie night. There's a large variation between how successful each event is, there may not be an overall concrete number. The study groups are the most successful service we provide, the signups (tutors and tutees) increase every year due to it being a free tutoring service provided by students who received a high mark in a specific course.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO ISSS:

Was the topic of charging PT students brought up during consultations?

ISSS' RESPONSE:

We don't discriminate against students who have or have not paid for the fee. They can apply for a refund and get the full range of ISSS services.

VP PACHES TO ISSS:

Just to clarify, if those pieces of pie were to change, it has to come back to council for approval.

ISSS' RESPONSE:

We're hoping that it doesn't have to happen because the membership fee counts for % of our total income. We use other sources of income to increase relative sizes of the pieces of pie but if it does become a problem then the VP Finance will indicate that. We will come back and report to SU.

VP BANISTER TO ISSS:

What's your plan to inform students about the implications of Y/N. What's the campaign plan?

ISSS' RESPONSE:

It will rely on the student groups we support through our funding because they have a significant amount of self-interest. We want to emphasize our events to general students EG Science Week in December. Many students use the mini groups for example, we would like to try and improve the

number of tutors due to the waiting list. The overall strategy is to emphasize what ISSS does for science students and what it will look if it doesn't pass. We will likely have to increase the fees because around 1000 students take advantage of the locker fees.

2016-16/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.

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

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

2016-16/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

CAC - Report.

Audit Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Board of Governors - Report.

2016-16/5

OPEN FORUM

SPEAKER SUMAR ON BEHALF OF STUDENT (submitted question) TO VP EXTERNAL:

What has been done to increase grants for low income students?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

It's on the budget proposal, priorities document we're sending to the government. It will be on our next lobby document as well. When we have a meeting with the MLAs and ministers, this is one of the points we also push forward. He is passionate about seeking grants, move for tax credits and grants.

FOLLOW UP QUESTION TO VP SANDARE:

What actions will be done at the end of your term?

VP SANDARE:

Making sure that the grant is every single document sent to the govt including budget proposals, reviews, meetings. He will make sure there's a consistent push to make that happen ASAP.

2016-16/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2016-16/6a

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

The 2017-2018 proposed base residence rent increase of 2.7% is significantly higher than last year's base increase of 1.7%. How has Ancillary Services justified the higher increase? Will students see any direct benefits?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Thanks for the question Councilor Monda. Facilities and Operations has justified the higher increase by saying that the 2.7% comes from CPI, the minimum wage increases and the carbon tax. With the minimum wage, the U of A's contractor's salaries will rise, and with the carbon tax residences will have higher expenses than last year. I do not expect students to see direct benefits from paying these additional fees beyond seeing the University be complacent with legislation.

2016-16/6b

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

At the upcoming Board of Governors meeting, how will you be voting on the proposed 2017-2018 residence rent increases, and why?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Thanks for the additional question Councilor Monda. I have not decided how to vote on the motion yet, as I still have some questions for Facilities and Operations who is proposing this increase. In particular, I would like reassurance that these fee increases are solely for adjusting to the minimum wage increases and carbon tax strictly within residences; in other words, that the entire carbon tax impact on the other university units are not being off-loaded to residents solely. If the costs are always passed on to students there is minimal motivation to make energy here sustainable. If I were to vote in favor, I will also need assurances that we have plans to reduce our carbon footprint rather than rather than throwing a bunch of costs onto students.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

How will you vote on these proposed increases?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Have not made up mind, still needs a response from the VP Facilities and Operations.

2016-16/6c

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

Can the President comment on the current functions of the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee [SERC]; including the last time the committee met and mandated feedback provided to the Executive Committee?

Answer in Late Additions.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

The committee is also made up of multiple student members, are they part of that process or just internal?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Consultations done with 2 SAL members, VP Banister and will be talking to more external members of the committee.

2016-16/6d

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VP SANDARE:

Curious about calls to action you're looking at putting into a blog or any comments?

VP SANDARE TO COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

There has been a lot of rhetoric focusing on social injustices so there were certain things said about misogynist things in AB. This could affect everyday student life, fellow Canadians. We want to push more toward having a blog post and encouraging other groups that have something to do with stopping this and holding programs focused on this. He wants to make sure that students make safe regarding inappropriate rhetoric.

2016-16/6e

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP BANISTER:

What are some things that occurred during ad-hoc committee meetings?

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The meeting was yesterday so not much detail. It's too big of a task to identify as one collective groups so there are sub-thinking groups. It also includes COSA, academic approvals, delegated authority, research committees. Will be presenting thoughts in late Dec/Jan to provide a more robust report.

COUNCILLOR ANGUS TO VP BANISTER:

Re meeting with the Provost. Please expand.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The leadership college went through an external reviewer process. We made it clear that we hope the report results will be made public but not sure if that's the case. She sits on the oversight committee so will be privy to those details once available. We've been led to believe that there have been some consistent findings on that report eg. most students are enjoying their experience.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

We think it's important that the public is privy to that report.

COUNCILLOR PERSAD TO VP BANISTER:

Re engaging high school students in student governance? What kind of strategies do you have because it's hard to get involvement in certain faculties who are at the university.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

Not that much thought to that strategy yet, just emailed HS teachers to see if they have students interested in continuing their governance skills in university so they're free to email her if they want to get involved.

VP GHOSSEIN TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

Please share thoughts on the tuition policy survey.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

It doesn't open the door for discussion on alternative sources of revenue or decreases/freezes on tuition. The deadline is December 7th so please complete the survey and write in those comment boxes to have the most impact.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP GHOSSEIN:

Re return of Lister Association. Please expand.

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

We're reviewing the old bylaws of the old association, outdated items. The students worked hard to create ideal association so we're going through what kind of things we can include in policy, consult lister population on. If you have any feedback, she can provide lister reps contact information.

SPEAKER SUMAR TO VP GHOSSEIN:

Resident life task force. Is the deadline after the break or December 21?

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

The deadline is on December 21.

2016-16/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-16/7a

UPASS Referendum Question

CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the finalized UPASS Referendum question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

Edmonton Transit Services (ETS) provides a U-Pass to all students at a lower price than a monthly pass, in order to encourage the use

of city transportation among undergraduate students. All undergraduate students pay this U-Pass, and as a result the cost of the U-Pass is lowered for University of Alberta undergraduates.

The current U-Pass deal expires in August 2017, and a referendum is being held to renew the U-Pass. The deal proposed by ETS will see the cost of the U-Pass rise by no more than \$5 per year until 2020 - 2021.

The University of Alberta provides a subsidy to further reduce costs to students and has committed to continuing this subsidy. The current cost of the U-Pass to other institutions is \$170 while University of Alberta undergraduates pay \$141.67.

The U-Pass will cost University of Alberta undergraduates, after subsidy, \$145.00 in 2017-18, \$148.00 in 2018-19, \$153.00 in 2019-20 and \$158.00 in 2020-21.

The conditions of this fee shall include:

1. Students can not opt-out of this fee.
2. This fee will not be assessed to Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.

Do you support a fee of \$145.00 in 2017 - 2018, \$148.00 in 2018 - 2019, and \$153.00 in 2019 - 2020 and \$158.00 in 2020-2021 per term for full time and part time undergraduates to continue the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) at the University of Alberta?

VOTE for item 7a:

26/1/1

CARRIED

2016-16/7b HAMMOND / PACHES moves to appoint a member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.

COUNCILLOR DEJONG appointed to the Audit Committee.

2016-16/7c Council Scholarship go to **COUNCILLOR LARSEN / HOWIE**.

2016-16/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2016-16/8a LARSEN / FLAMAN moves to ratify Luke Jansen as a Deputy Returning Officer for the 2016-17 school year.

AMENDED to LARSEN / FLAMAN moves to ratify Luke Jansen and Glenda Garrido as a Deputy Returning Officer for the 2016-17 school year.

Councillors discussed how many applicants there were.

Vote for item 8a:
28/0/0
CARRIED

2016-16/8b LARSEN moves to ratify Glenda Garrido as a Deputy Returning Officer for the 2016-17 school year.

WITHDRAWN

2016-16/8c RAHMAN/SUNDAY move to appoint one member of Students' Council onto the Council of Aboriginal Initiatives.

COUNCILLOR SUNDAY appointed.

2016-16/8d PACHES/CHRISTENSEN/SPEAKER SUMAR move to allow the Campus Food Bank to conduct a referendum on their proposed Dedicated Fee Unit without conducting a petition as per bylaw 6100 3.10.

Vote for item 8d:
24/4/0
CARRIED

2016-16/8e VP BANISTER/ PRESIDENT RAHMAN MOVE to suspend the rules and allow motion for Augustana Students' Association FAMF to be put on the main agenda.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN:
2 weeks would not make that much of a difference.

VP BANISTER:
This will have a significant impact on ASA's ability to plan their campaign as the next meeting is in January.

Vote to suspend the rules:
22/6/0
CARRIED

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:
It's a good thing to vote in favor of this.

**Vote for item 8e (Augustana Students' Association FAMF):
26/1/1
VOTE CARRIED
Abstention by COUNCILLOR YIM**

2016-16/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-16/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-16.03

2016-16/9b Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance.

Please see SC 16-16.04

2016-16/9c Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-16.05

2016-16/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 16-16.06

2016-16/9e Report from the Policy Committee.

Please see SC 16-16.07

2016-16/9f Report from the Bylaw Committee.

Please see SC 16-16.08

2016-16/9g Report from the Council Administration Committee.

Please see SC 16-16.09

2016-16/9h COUNCILLOR N. DEJONG has appointed Maha Adnan as his delegate for the Winter 2017 student council term.

2016-16/9i Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-16.10

2016-16/9j Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-16.11

2016-16/9k Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-16.12

2016-16/9l Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-16.13

2016-16/9m Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-16.14

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.