

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 C167, Augustana Campus

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Dene, 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 2016-19)

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM.

2016-19/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-19/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take

place on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Council Chambers,

University Hall.

2016-19/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-19/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.

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

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

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

2016-19/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

CAC Committee - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.

Audit Committee - Report.

BoG - Report.

2016-19/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

SPEAKER SUMAR reviewed submitted questions and asked if there were any follow-up questions.

COUNCILLOR MONDA:

Didn't have a lot of time for this Q because it was on LA. Doesn't have a complete response at this time but President Rahman & VP Sandare will work with Mr. Mohamed.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

He will work on submitting a written response to Mr. Mohamed's question..

COUNCILLOR DEJONG:

She would hope more execs will reach out to the Ministry of Education.

MR. BONDARCHUK TO VP BANISTER:

Q re The Voice of the Union

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

We launch the Voice of the Union bi-weekly so cannot give weekly est. The media communication staff says the listenership is 150 people/episode. We've only had 12 eps and not a full force of marketing but thinks it will continue to grow as we market it more. Recruiting more hosts will be a possibility in the future.

MR. MOHAMED TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

O re calculating international tuition, tuition freeze.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

In previous years, they've made multiplier more explicit but no commentary in the agenda this year that there was a differential. There was an increase in base tuition and differential by same amt. It will be the exact same multiplier this year as in the past. The tuition freeze was applied to all the segments' tuition.

VP PACHES TO VP BANISTER:

Q re attendance for InterD conference

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

Approx 70 ppl which is what we were hoping for.

MR. COOK TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

What drove the council to deny members of the student pop the questions they wanted to ask at the previous council meeting with 12/28 Councillors that voted against extending Open Forum.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

He voted in favor of that motion so redirected the question. He respects everyone's opinion.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN'S RESPONSE:

Re last CAC meeting and discussion of Extension of Open Forum: Open Forum will be extended once for fifteen (15) minutes each time upon the request of five voting members of Students' Council. Further extensions require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

SPEAKER:

It would be more appropriate for individual councillors to respond to why the voted against OF. They can provide their own motivation.

MR. MOHAMED TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

Q re asking administration for internal calculations of multiplier.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Will f/u with provost and VP Finance Administration if there is a multiplier. Divide IDF/base but that's a crude multiplier, will get more details.

JAMIE TO VP BANISTER:

How much did it cost to run the conference?

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

\$1700 including sponsors, which was \$1300 under-budget.

2016-19/5 QUESTION PERIOD

COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO VP SANDARE:

Written Q Re a motion that he was supposed to submit.

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

EMP fast has been very busy over the last few days. There has been some oversight but he will have this at the next meeting. He will add it to the agenda. The deadline is April 30 to pass policy. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Re Item 6b

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

There was a lot of last minute changes so that's why he came late and will make sure he's not late again.

COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO VP SANDARE:

He has been late for the last couple of meetings but can he commit more fully to the policy committee?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

Of course. EMP fest has taken a lot of his time.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

Q regarding presentation and funding for plans.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

The presentation was divided into 3 sections. The exec summary, budget/finance. We'll still be facing a small debt. The university is considering alternative sources of revenue. Will start generating revenue but once it's fully functional, it will just be revenue that will alleviate these deficits but just doesn't seem a way. Govt funds to help match and support the renovations at CSJ. It's not clear which plan will get funding first. He will keep you updated. The admin has delegated increases to faculty so they have more responsibility in managing their own budget, high level of scarcity, cuts, increases. The only way to get funds is to cut programming, classes, services.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP BANISTER:

Please expand on the Ad-Hoc Committee.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The committee is going well, GFC exec was updated. The sub-committee's are writing written proposals. The committee has an ambitious mandate so it will take a little longer to transition. We are still meeting frequently. She will be meeting with the other sub-groups, former Dean of Students to discuss what they'll be doing with the proposal.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

Q re timelines for approval of budget/implementation.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

Will get approved ASAP. We'll see better versions in March. Not sure of when. For budget, it will have to wait until we get an update on Campus of Alberta grant so they'll tell us how much we'll be receiving so the budget will be set in stone.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

We will get an update from prov govt in March then admin goes with the cuts and in mid-May the CIP will be approved so it will be submitted to govt before July 30.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VP SANDARE:

O re EMP Fest

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

For EMP Fest events, will be sending something to the organizers like a survey. He has been attending most of the events and following up with ppl hosting their own events.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP GHOSSEIN:

Please explain the new meal plan.

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

All she can say right now is that we're optimistic about the plan that takes into account student feedback but no proposal has been not submitted so cannot make info public. Will comment next meeting.

QP extended an additional 15 minutes. 5 placards.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VP SANDARE:

Every single person that was there was counted on paper during GovWeek. Is there a system to record attendance other than VP's memory?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

As with GovWeek, there was counting involved for attendance so there are exec/volunteer that attends the events. He will be contacting the organizer and getting attendance info/feedback from them.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP BANISTER:

Q re The Voice of the Union. Will you be handing over the oversight to CAC so Councillors can be more involved?

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

That hasn't been discussed be it's not initiative of council but of the exec. She can't comment on anything right now.

COUNCILLOR SCOTT TO VP SANDARE:

How was it working with CAC and EMP FEST

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

EMP Fest has an advisory committee and CAC has been involved in their oversight. This committee has consisted of CAC reps, UA international, Dept of environmental relations, 3 student reps, SU reps. CAC has 6 events for EMP fest. They've been involved with networking events, career centre inviting employers to networking events and other faculties. They've been a really big help and great member of the committee.

2016-19/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-19/7a PACHES/BANISTER moves to appoint one member of Students' Council to Finance Committee.

SUNDAY appointed to Finance Committee.

2016-19/7b Bill #10 - Standing Committee Attendance Regulations - Second Reading

CHRISTENSEN/LARSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #10, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, according to the following first principles:

First Principles

- 1. Councillors are expected to attend, or send a Councillor-Designate, to meetings of standing committees of which they are members.
- 2. Attendance shall be taken at the start and end of every standing committee meeting.
- 3. Councillor attendance shall be defined as attending for at least one (1) roll call of that committee.
- 4. Where a Councillor meets the following criteria for three (3) regularly scheduled meetings, they shall be automatically removed from that standing committee:
 - a. Fails to attend; and
 - b. Fails to provide a formal document to the committee's chair, prior to the start of the meeting, including their written thoughts on all agenda items listed.
- 5. Any councillor who has been removed from a committee shall be allowed to be re-nominated and re-appointed.
- 6. The Speaker shall inform all members of Students' Council of the standing committee attendance regulation at the start of each

Students' Council year and at the time of appointment of vacant seats.

- 7. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement these principles, including the automatic removal of councillors from committees.
- 8. This process shall not take effect until the 2017/2018 term of Students' Council.

Please see SC 16-19.01

Please send Q to Speaker Sumar / WhatsApp.

VOTE 23/3/0 CARRIED.

2016-19/7c Bill #11 - Standing Committee Reports to Students' Council Reform - Second Reading

CHRISTENSEN/ PACHES MOVES to approve the second reading for Bill #11, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:

First Principles:

- 1. Bylaw 100, Section 16 shall be abolished and replaced with a new framework for standing committee reports.
- 2. Standing committee chairs will complete a written report at the end of each trimester, with the final report forming a transition document for the subsequent term.
- 3. The report shall be tabled on the order paper for the final Students' Council meeting of each trimester.
- 4. Each report shall include, at a minimum:
 - a. Activities of that committee during the previous trimester; and
 - b. A general summary of decisions, recommendations, and motions; and
 - c. The presumptive schedule for the coming semester, if applicable.
- 5. The transition report shall include, at a minimum:
 - a. An outline of the committee structure and function; and

- b. The responsibilities of the Chair; and
- c. Future tasks or objectives that should be considered by the incoming committee; and
- d. Advice and recommended changes for the future committee.
- 6. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to reflect these principles.

Please see SC 16-19.02

VOTE 25/0/0 CARRIED.

2016-19/7d Bill #12 - D.I.E. Board Ruling Review Amendment

CHRISTENSEN/RAHMAN MOVES to approve Bill #12, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:

First Principles:

- The mandated responsibility of reviewing D.I.E. Board Rulings shall be moved from the Council Administration Committee to Bylaw Committee.
- 2. The timeline for reviewing D.I.E. Board rulings shall be changed from two (2) meetings following the release of ruling to the end of the first August following the ruling's release.
- 3. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement this change.

Please see SC 16-19.03

Debate about the rationale behind this and the shift of the responsibility from CAC and Bylaw, different responsibilities of both committees.

*VOTE*23/0/1
CARRIED.
COUNCILLOR FAROOO ABSTAINED.

2016-19/7e Nursing Undergraduate Association FAMF Referendum Question

CHRISTENSEN/CHAMPAGNE MOVES to NUA FAMF as listed.

The Nursing Undergraduate Association (NUA) is a faculty association working with the Canadian Nursing Student Association (CNSA). The NUA offers academic support, personal leadership development, and social engagement.

The NUA is seeking approval from the undergraduate nursing body for our proposal to increase our Faculty Association Membership Fee from \$8.50 for part time students to \$11.00, and from \$12.50 for full time students to \$15.00. These fees are annual and would stay the same for satellite campus students.

The conditions of the fee are:

- It shall be distributed according to the framework approved by the University of Alberta Students' Union, Students' Council and is subject to the oversight of the Audit Committee.
- 2. Part time students will assessed \$11.00 per semester and full time students will be assessed \$15.00 per semester in only the fall and winter semesters.
- 3. This fee will be charged to all students, including those off-campus.
- 4. Students may opt out of a certain portion of this fee by contacting the Nursing Undergraduate Association.

Do you support the Nursing Undergraduate Association membership fee of \$11.00 for part-time students and \$15.00 for full-time students to be applied in each of the fall and winter semesters?

VOTE 20/0/1 CARRIED.

2016-19/7f DEJONG/RAHMAN MOVES to renew the Political Policy on Student Space as-is.

Please see SC 16-19.04

SPEAKER SUMAR: When political policies are being reviewed as they currently are, only need to be passed through council via majority. Doesn't require first and second readings.

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VOTE 21/0/1

SUNDAY ABSTAINED.

2016-19/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2016-19/9 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2016-19/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-19.05

2016-19/9b Report from the Vice President Academic

Please see SC 16-19.06

2016-19/9c Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance

Please see SC 16-19.07

2016-19/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life

Please see SC 16-19.08

2016-19/9e Report from the Vice President External

Please see 16-19.09

2016-19/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-19.10

2016-19/9g Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-19.11

2016-19/9h Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-19.12

2016-19/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-19.13

2016-19/9j Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-19.14

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.