

**Monday, January 8, 2018
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

ORDER PAPER (SC 2017-15)

2017-15/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Speaker noted President Banister will act as the Speaker for the next meeting (SC 2017-16).

Speaker Special Orders items 2017-14/7a and 2017-14/7b from the SC-2017-14-OP-20171205 Order Paper, as 2017-15/7a and 2017-15/7b, respectively.

2017-15/2 PRESENTATIONS

2017-15/2a *Presentation Title:* Student Events Initiative Referendum & Feedback

Abstract: Robyn Paches and Daria Nordell will present on the current status of the Student Events Initiative, including the prospective referendum. They will then take feedback from council.

Presenters:

- Daria Nordell, Students' Union Capital Campaign Coordinator
- Robyn Paches, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)

PACHES/FLAMAN SPONSORED the *Student Events Initiative Referendum & Feedback* presentation.

PACHES: Established that the presentation will build upon the remarks of General Manager Dumouchel made at the *SC 2017-16* meeting. Noted Students' Council will consider opening a referendum on the fee next meeting as item *2017-1/7a*. Noted consultations on the initiative identified accessibility, flexibility, and affordability as the key issues.

2017-15/2b **Presentation Title:** L'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean Proposed FAMF Referendum

Abstract: A presentation on the proposed AUFSJ Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF).

Presenter:

- Jessie Benoit

SCOTT SPONSORED a presentation from the L'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean (AUFSJ) at the January 8th meeting of Council.

BENOIT: Clarified that the FAM Fee will fund an international scholarship, conference subsidies, and club activities. Noted the consultations included a Town Hall and a short survey.

2017-15/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ilya USHAKOV, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Marina BANISTER, President - Report.

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

Shane SCOTT, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Reed LARSEN, Vice President (External) - Report.

USHAKOV: Added to his written report. Apprised members of the Antifreeze events (available on the SU website) and the BladeRunner screening. Indicated his recruitment for the Mental Health Advisory is ongoing.

BANISTER: Added to her written report. Noted she will be running five strategy sessions for running in SU elections, the dates of which will be released next week.

LARSEN: Added to his written report. Noted the Wednesday Antifreeze event may be attended by the the Minister of advanced Education.

2017-15/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Audit Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Nominating Committee - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.
One Card Student Advisory Committee - Report.
Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.

2017-15/5 OPEN FORUM

2017-15/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2017-15/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-15/7a *Bill #5 - Students' Council Legislative and Committee Structure Reform - First Reading*

HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the first reading of Bill #5, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the below, amended first principles, following the referral to Bylaw Committee on Nov. 21.

First Principles (*Amended Nov. 28, 2017*):

1. Bylaw 100 is the premiere piece of legislation of Students' Council, housing much of the administrative and operational regulations of the body.
2. Legislation within Bylaw 100 is loosely defined with little direction given surrounding the procedures and protocols of the various forms of legislation. There are currently legislative processes for the creation of bylaws, political policies, and the budget that are described in Students' Council's standing orders, but are not reflected in bylaw. As these processes do not change year to year and are binding, they should be reflected in bylaw.
3. The legislative process of approving bylaws shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate each piece of legislation go through first and second reading, with second reading being drafted by Bylaw Committee.
4. The legislative process of approving policies shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate each piece of legislation go through first and second reading, with second reading being drafted by Policy committee.
5. The legislative process of approving the budget shall be clarified in Bylaw 100 to mandate the first reading of budget principles and the itemized budget be drafted by Finance committee.

6. In light of DIE Board Ruling 2017-02, there is a lack of clarity surrounding the timing of the start up meeting and first meeting of Students' Council as defined in Bylaw 100.
7. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to allow the startup meeting to occur anytime within April.
8. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to relax the mandated timing of the first meeting of each Students' Council term from before May 7 to before May 15 of each year.
9. In light of recent discussions surrounding committee structure, four new categories of committees will be defined with definitions including, but not limited to:
 - a. "Legislative" committees
 - i. Committees whose mandate include a delegated, legislative function of Students' Council.
 1. Audit, Bylaw, Policy, Council Administration, Finance, and Nominating Committee shall be reclassified as "Legislative" committees.
 - ii. These committees shall have a closed membership of only elected members of Students' Council or Designates.
 - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
 - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall remain in Bylaw 100.
 - v. These committee shall only be created or eliminated through two readings of Students' Council amending Bylaw 100.
 - b. "Oversight" committees
 - i. Committees whose mandate include providing recommendations on internal and external Students' Union policies and providing guidance, advice, oversight, or other information to the organization on a general topic.
 - ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
 - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
 - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.

- v. These committees may be created, approved, or formalized by a simple majority vote of Students' Council.
 - vi. These committees shall only be eliminated by two majority votes of Students' Council amending the Bylaw 100 Schedule B at two separate meetings occurring not less than one week apart.
- c. "Ad hoc" committees:
- i. Committees whose mandate is narrow surrounding a particular topic, initiative, project, or investigation.
 - ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
 - iii. Expire at a designated time not to exceed 1 year.
 - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.
 - v. These committees may be created, approved, formalized, eliminated or renewed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive committee.
 - vi. Ad hoc committees may also be referred to as "task forces."
- d. "Operational" committees:
- i. Committees whose mandate is to serve a specific operational function of the Students' Union.
 - ii. These committees may have an open membership of elected members of Students' Council, unelected individuals, or both.
 - iii. These committees shall be recurring.
 - iv. The list and mandate of these committees shall be housed in the Bylaw 100 Schedule B.
 - v. These committees may be created, approved, or formalized by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive committee.
 - vi. These committees shall only be eliminated by a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Executive Committee.

10. The definition of "standing committee" shall be eliminated.

11. Under the new classification, all formalized committees shall be eligible for the administrative support of Discover Governance or the Students' Union, as needed.
12. The current "Bylaw 100 Schedule" shall be renamed "Bylaw 100 Schedule A".
13. A new "Bylaw 100 Schedule B" shall be created.

HOWIE: Characterised Bill #5 as a policy which ensures both legislative and oversight committees have equal powers and equal support from administration. Emphasised Bill #5 as designed for improving engagement with and representation of students while maintaining the accountability of Students' Council.

THIBAUDEAU: Announced the results of his survey indicate (1) a majority of students are satisfied that Bill #5 does not diminish the authority of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee (2) students are satisfied that the process for creating and dissolving oversight and legislative committee is equal. Supported Bill #5 as streamlining the process for creating a committee.

HASSAN: Contested the accuracy of the survey in that there are eighteen responses, three of which were from Aboriginal persons.

PACHES: Identified the central difference between legislative and oversight committees as the range of their mandate. Suggested particular issues, such as reconciliation, ought not to be constrained by mandated legislative functions. Maintained that oversight committees accommodate special-interest groups (ex. LGBT) in ensuring the accountability of Students' Union. Noted Bill #5 can be amended in future if deficiencies are

PACHES/SORENSEN MOVED to suspend Standing Orders and extend all speaking turns by two minutes.

14/0/9 - FAILED

USHAKOV: Advanced that the Bill #5 provides clarity to the Students' Union governance in that it formalises previously undefined boards such as the Health and Dental Advisory, Academic Relations Group, and the Myer Horowitz Advisory.

SUNDAY: Suggested the only difference between legislative and oversight committees is that they have closed and open memberships, respectively. Maintained that the question of membership has been previously discussed and that committees compose their own membership rules independently. Emphasised that Aboriginal students are dissatisfied with Bill #5.

BANISTER: Affirmed that there is a substantive difference in the roles of legislative and oversight committees, though their functions are equally valuable. Established that Bill #5 was accepted, after consultations, by Bylaw and Students' Union staff.

SCOTT: Opposed Bill #5 as legislative and oversight committees have equal powers, there is therefore no grounds to create separate classifications. Stated the differentiation between the committees is arbitrary. Supported the elements of Bill #5 which formalise previously unrecognised committees.

CHRISTENSEN: Clarified that both legislative and oversight committees may only be dissolved through two readings at two separate meetings of Students' Council. Noted the difference lies in the ease of creation. Identified that Bylaw 100 does not empower Students at Large with votes on committees and that, in changing this, Bill #5 is a compromise. Noted Bylaw had reviewed and consulted on Bill #5 after its referral.

USHAKOV/PACHES MOVED to call the motion to question.
16/0/10 - FAILED

SANDARE: Noted the Board of Governors generally returns divisive policy to committee for reconsideration as part of consensus-building policy development. Urged Students' Council to return Bill #5 to Bylaw Committee.

LARSEN: Emphasised that the classification scheme as proposed in Bill #5 is not time-sensitive. Asked that Students' Council engage in further consultations to ensure positive relations with student communities.

HOWIE: Responded noting Bylaw Committee has passed Bill #5 twice and previously engaged in consultations. Urged Students' Council to vote and either pass or fail Bill #5 as proposed.

SUNDAY/SCOTT MOVED: to refer Bill #5 to the Bylaw Committee for further consideration.

SUNDAY: Noted Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee aims to find compromise on Bill #5 through another round of consultations. Asked members to refer the Bill.

FLAMAN: Expressed that options for consultation at Bylaw Committee have been exhausted. Implored Students' Council to vote on the Bill as presented.

HASSAN: Likened the passage of Bill #5, without referral, to be a closing the door on interested parties.

SUNDAY: Advised the passage of Bill #5 will damage the relationship between Students' Council and Aboriginal students. Suggested the Bill, in its present form, is contrary to the spirit of reconciliation.

BANISTER: Suggested that, as a referral and consultation have already occurred, an additional referral to Bylaw Committee is not a measure of good governance.

Requested Students' Council vote on Bill #5 as proposed and give clear direction.
Urged members to analyse the Bill in good faith.

SCOTT/SUNDY MOVED to call the motion to question.
13/0/13 - FAILED

SCOTT: Emphasised the strain that Bill #5 is having on the relations between
Students' Council and Aboriginal students.

7/0/18 - FAILED

SUNDAY: Requested the division of the question.

17/0/9 - CARRIED

**2017-15/7b Bill #6 - The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee Restructuring -
Second Reading**

CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVED to approve the second reading of Bill #6, on the
recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) historically
was a committee of the Students' Union executive.
2. Formally, the committee no longer functions as part of the Students' Union
executive and continues to exist as a unregulated committee of the Students'
Union proper.
3. Bylaw 1100 shall be amended to remove The Social and Environmental
Responsibility Committee as a formal part of the Students' Union executive.

Please see SC-2017-15.05 for second reading wording changes.

CHRISTENSEN: Described Bill #6 as a measure to ensure Students' Union committees
exist within appropriate spaces.

PACHES: Noted the responsibilities of the SER Committee were adopted by Sustain SU
and therefore the Committee is no longer part of the Students' Union executive.

25/0/0 - CARRIED

2017-15/7c The University of Alberta First Aid Responders Petition Question

CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the University of Alberta First Aid Responders DFU Petition Question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

The University of Alberta First Aid Responders (UAFAR) is currently a student group on campus that is dedicated to increasing campus health and safety through a focus on first aid knowledge and training. First aid-trained UAFAR volunteers attend University of Alberta campus events as first aid responders completely free of charge, equipped with a full complement of first aid supplies. Certified standard first aid instructors provide several discounted standard first aid classes to students throughout the school year. First aid courses for student groups can also be arranged.

The conditions of the fee will include:

1. Students shall have the option to opt out;
2. The fee will be assessed only in the Fall and Winter Terms;
3. With the establishment of a Dedicated Fee Unit, UAFAR will: support their current services, transition to on-call service, purchase and maintain first aid materials, purchase all necessary insurance, and subsidize standard first aid training for University of Alberta students, staff, and alumni wanting to serve with the UAFAR event and on-call services;
4. The board overseeing the fee shall include a Chair, the President of UAFAR, VP Finance of UAFAR, VP Operations of UAFAR, VP Internal of UAFAR, and a Students' Councillor. The board will be elected by UAFAR members with the exception of the Students' Councillor, who will be appointed by Students' Council.
5. The fee will not be assessed to students at Augustana Campus;
6. Off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar, are excluded from the fee;

We the undersigned support a fee of \$0.49 per student per semester, in each the Fall and Winter semesters, for full-time and part-time students to fund UAFAR.

CHRISTENSEN: Announced the UofA First Aid Responders, a student group, have submitted a Dedicated Fee Unit proposal in accordance with the rules and regulations. Noted Bylaw Committee drafted a petition question with which UAFAR will collect

signatures. Identified that, in order for a referendum to be triggered, the club must receive ≈4,300 signatories on their petition.

22/0/2 - CARRIED

2017-15/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2017-15/8a Bill #7 - Students' Council Legislative Process Update - *First Reading*

CHRISTENSEN MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #7 based on the following first principles.

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Bill #7 (2017-15/8a) was withdrawn on account of the passage of Bill #5 (2017-15/7a).

2017-15/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-15/9a Executive Committee Motion Tracking

See SC 2017-15.01

2017-15/9b Student Council Motion Tracking Sheet

See SC 2017-15.02

2017-15/9c Students' Council Attendance

See SC 2017-15.03

2017-15/9d *Votes and Proceedings*, SC-2017-14-OP-20171205 - Tuesday, December 5, 2017 (Incomplete)

See SC 2017-15.04

2017-15/9e *Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (Bill #6) Second Reading*

See SC 2017-15.05

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR (:17