

Tuesday, August 27, 2019
6:00PM
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

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-08)

2019-08/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-08/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

SPEAKER: Noted that, after this meeting, Council attendance regulations will be enforced and councillors with insufficient attendance will be automatically removed. Noted that Council scholarships will remain until the end of the week. Determined to not special order the late additions on the agenda.

SUNDAY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to appeal the Speaker's decision to not special order the late additions on the agenda.

SPEAKER: Outlined that his decision conforms to the requirements of Standing Orders. Clarified that late additions are intended for items that cannot be postponed without risking detrimental consequences to or negative procedural difficulties.

SUNDAY: Outlined that his appeal rests on the basis that the item in question has been on the Council order paper twice already, that all of the political policies on the current order paper were added after the technical deadline, and that the delay in submitting the item to the order paper was caused by the Students' Union itself.

10/10/0 - FAILED

2019-08/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-08/2a **Title:** "Toastmasters International: Giving a Presentation"

Presenter(s):

- Christopher Yakiwchuk - President, University Toastmasters Club

Abstract: *“We aim to give advice in order to build self confidence in one’s presentation skills. This will be achieved by looking at what public speaking entails, how to prepare for it, how to deliver it, and how to learn from that experience in order to better the next one. We will have a Q&A at the end if anyone has any further questions for us.”*

BEASLEY/CHEN MOVED to allow the “Toastmasters International: Giving a Presentation” presentation.

See SC-2019-08.10.

BADESHA: Expressed concern that professional development opportunities, such as this presentation, should be optional and offered separately from Council assemblies as they do not directly bear on issues affecting students.

10/9/1- CARRIED

2019-08/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.
 Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
 Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
 Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
 Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

2019-08/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit Committee - Report.
 Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.
 Bylaw Committee - Report.
 Council Administration Committee - Report.
 Executive Committee - Report.
 Finance Committee - Report.
 Nominating Committee - Report.
 Policy Committee - Report.
 Student Group Committee - Report.
 Translation Committee - Report.
 Board of Governors - Report.

2019-08/5

OPEN FORUM

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Board of Governors Representative, as to whether the recent Government of Alberta’s recent changes in the composition of the Board will result in delays to how the Board serves students as new members learn their roles.

LEY: Responded that newly appointed members will not result in delay but will change the direction of the Board.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether the Council of Alberta University Students has reservations as to the Government of Alberta's changes to its post-secondary board representatives.

BROWN: Responded that the government is within its rights to change its board representation. Urged waiting to see the performance of new appointees before passing judgement on them.

BILAK: Inquired, to the chair of Policy Committee, as to the status of the Public Transit Policy.

BROWN: Responded that the Policy is proceeding with a slight delay and that it is currently in a consultative phase.

2019-08/6

QUESTION PERIOD

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the President, as to whether the Students' Union can support a student strike against climate change.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the SU will provide a student group with a space for protest. Urged students concerned about climate to engage in the upcoming federal election. Inquired, to Councillor Dixon, as to whether she can provide an update regarding creating a Sustainability Committee.

DIXON: Responded that the Committee is close to having complete Standing Orders and is awaiting feedback on them from Aboriginal Student Council.

DRAPER: Inquired, to Vice President Student Life, as to why certain faculty associations are permitted or prohibited to table at Clubs Fair.

LARSEN: Responded that the Clubs Fair has changed in size and nature. Noted that Draper should contact him to see if there is space for Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies to table.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to President Bhatnagar, whether the SU will endorse a September 27 class walkout protesting climate change.

BHATNAGAR: Clarified that Council has not directed the Executive to take action on this issue and no Executive was elected on a climate change mandate. Clarified that Council must direct the Executive to take action on an issue such as climate change.

DRAPER: Inquired into whether there has been thought to include other flags within the SUB Atrium.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that adding new flags was a topic considered last year and

that interested communities, such as Aboriginal Student Council, are leading the change.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the University was not interested in raising a Treaty 6 flag.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into what tools and resources the UASU can offer to student organizations to engage in advocacy.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the UASU advocates through the Council of Alberta University Students and Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and has a reserve fund of money to engage in advocacy at key points in time.

TSE: Inquired, to Councillor Draper, as to what criteria he would use to determine which flags to include in the SUB Atrium.

SUNDAY: Suggested that the Treaty 6 should be included in the Atrium as the University is located on Treaty 6 flag.

DIXON: Inquired, to the President, whether the SU will support the climate change walkout.

BHATNAGAR: Determined to follow-up on this issue on Friday at 1:00pm after meeting with the Executive.

2019-08/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-08/7a

LARSEN/STATT MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Landing Advisory Committee.

DIXON nominated VARGAS ALBA: declined.

DIXON nominated DRAPER: declined.

STATT nominated DIXON: declined.

HADDOUCHE nominated HADDOUCHE: accepted.

HADDOUCHE is appointed to the Landing Advisory Committee.

2019-08/7b

TSE/LEY MOVED to approve First Principles on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy.

See SC-2019-08.01.

TSE: Noted that the Policy was adjusted and created to address Bill 19: An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed that the Committee, for second principles, differentiate between University and Students' Union fee collection, make provisions related to

mandatory non-instructional fees, and use binding, hard-hitting language in the Fact section.

CARRIED

2019-08/7c **LARSEN/CHEN MOVED** to approve First Principles on Sexual Violence Policy.

See SC-2019-08.02.

SUNDAY: Proposed referring the Policy back to the Committee. Expressed concern that the Policy does not address the issues he raised as to the inclusion of content specific to Aboriginal women and girls.

LARSEN: Clarified that Fact 4 references Aboriginal peoples in the context of the Policy.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that addressing sexual violence as a one-size-fits-all approach, without mentioning women and girls, will not lead to meaningful change.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that Sunday move to add a new provision to the Policy.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that he should not provide a suggestion as he is not female and adding a new provision requires a policy perspective from the Committee.

BHATNAGAR/SUNDAY MOVED to commit the motion to Policy Committee.
CARRIED - 15/3/0

2019-08/7d **AGARWAL/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve First Principles on Scholarships and Tuition Policy.

See SC-2019-08.03.

CARRIED - 18/0/0

2019-08/7d **SAYED/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve First Principles on Student Spaces Policy.

See SC-2019-08.04.

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that the Committee rephrased and edited the Policy and incorporated the Principles of Universal Design in its recommendations.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed clarifying the Facts as to the importance of the Principles of Universal Design. Proposed referencing in the Facts the difficulty of improving non-accessible spaces that are exempt from deferred maintenance classification due to the date of their construction.

VARGAS ALBA MOVED to add “Several spaces at the University of Alberta were built before a change in building codes and thus currently remain physically accessible to many students” as a new Fact.

CARRIED

CARRIED - 18/0/0

- 2019-08/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2019-08/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-08/9a First Principles - Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees.

See SC-2019-08.01.
- 2019-08/9b First Principles - Sexual Violence Policy.

See SC-2019-08.02.
- 2019-08/9c First Principles - Scholarships and Tuition Policy.

See SC-2019-08.03.
- 2019-08/9d First Principles - Student Spaces Policy.

See SC-2019-08.04.
- 2019-08/9e President - Report.

See SC-2019-08.05.
- 2019-08/9f Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-08.06.
- 2019-08/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-08.07.
- 2019-08/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-08.08.
- 2019-08/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-07) - Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

See SC-2019-08.09.

2019-08/9j “Toastmasters International: Giving a Presentation” Presentation.

See SC-2019-08.10.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29PM