

**Tuesday, September 24, 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 ADJOURNED AT 10:13PM

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-10)

2019-10/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-10/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

2019-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-10/2a **Title:** "Introduction to the Student Advisory Committee"

Abstract: The Landing Student Advisory Committee is an LGBTQ2SPIA+ advising body that has been created to operate within The Landing and the Students' Union frameworks to advocate and create safer spaces for students in this community. The committee was built on the concept of Intersectionality and holds the core values of responsibility, determination and respect to ensure that all members of the LGBTQ2SPIA+ community have the access and ability to be heard and listened to when decisions that affect them are being made.

Presenter(s): Ryan Au, Nadia Sadiq, Kat Clintberg, Parul Kanwar, Mitchell Pawluk and Tahra Haddouche.

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow a presentation from the UASU Landing Society.

CARRIED

See SC-2019-10.01.

2019-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report

Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

2019-10/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.

Audit 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.

2019-10/5

OPEN FORUM

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Student Life, as to how he is responding to the recent increase in bike theft and harassment as outlined in the University's Risk Management Services Health and Safety Indicator Report.

LARSEN: Responded that he is working with the Campus Safety and Security Committee to encourage students to be aware of how they can improve the safety of their property and body when on Campus.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to why he was not present at the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee Recommendation Launch event.

BROWN: Responded that he was unable to attend as the Launch occurred concurrently with a meeting between himself and the University administration.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he would comment on the recently released 2019 Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms's Campus Freedom Index which graded the Students' Union as having an F for its policies and a C for practices.

BROWN: Responded that the Executive was not aware of the 2019 Campus Freedom Index. Noted that the University free expression policy is in development.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to how he expects Aboriginal students to trust him as their representative if he is unable to attend events, such as the ARRC Recommendations Launch, recognizing them.

BROWN: Responded that he was unable to attend as the Launch occurred concurrently with a meeting between himself and the University administration. Noted that he regrets being unable to attend the event.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether he would clarify to what 'misinformation' he referred in his report.

AGARWAL: Responded that, contrary to what many students appear to believe, the decision to merge the East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies department has not been formally approved by General Faculties Council and that there remain to be consultations with students.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the chair of Council Administration Committee, as to why coffee was not served at today's Council meeting.

BEASLEY: Determined to investigate this issue.

COOK: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether the Executive has a position in relation to the East Asian Studies merger.

AGARWAL: Responded that the Executive wishes to see consultation with students prior to the University making a final decision on this merger.

COOK: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether the Students' Union's external affiliations impacted the Executive's decision not to participate in the Edmonton climate strike.

BROWN: Responded that the Student's Union has membership with the Council of Alberta University Students, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, and Edmonton Student Alliance. Clarified that these groups operate in reverse pyramids and cannot issue orders to their constituent members.

2019-10/6

QUESTION PERIOD

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Executive, as to whether they would support a motion wherein they recognize the urgency of taking concerted action on climate change and express their solidarity with Global Climate Strike 2019.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Executive, while it will neither oppose nor support the Strike officially, will take action on this issue.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to what results emerged from his meeting with a member of Parliament on combining international student's study and co-op work permits.

BROWN: Responded that, while the members of government to which he spoke support this proposal, the federal government has not yet taken action to implement it.

BEASLEY: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to how student representative associations and individuals can participate in consultations regarding the East Asian

Studies merger.

AGARWAL: Responded that there will be an opportunity for students to attend a town hall. Expressed concern that consultations completed do-date did not involve sufficient reflection on student's views from University administration.

KIDD: Inquired, to Vice President Bhatnagar, as to what the Executive is doing in relation to climate change.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Executive is investigating establishing a fund for sustainability and that there are some other projects which they will discuss in camera.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether there are contacts with whom he can connect her in order to help implement Science Internship Program at the Faculty of Saint Jean.

AGARWAL: Determined to follow up with Haddouche.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the chair of the Policy Committee, as to whether climate policy in development.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded in the negative.

BOSE: Inquired, to Councillor Vargas Alba, as to what actions he proposes the Students' Union take in relation to climate change.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that other post secondary institutions cancelled classes in order to allow students to attend the climate strike. Inquired, to President Bhatnagar, into when the STRIDE program members will meet.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the first meeting will be on October 5th. Noted that STRIDE is beginning to reach its maximum capacity.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to whether he can provide more information about the Dewey's re-launch event.

STATT: Responded that the event will showcase a new menu and space changes, include a happy hour, keg party, SUB stage performances, and free billiards games.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to Councillor Badesha, as to whether he is making progress on improving the availability to microwaves.

BADESHA: Responded that he is in talks with the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society.

BOSE: Inquired, to the chair of Council Administration Committee, as to whether he

will inform the caterers that Council's rice was not thoroughly cooked.

BEASLEY: Responded in the affirmative.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to whether student groups can use the Students' Union bars for their events.

STATT: Responded that interested students can contact David Draper who now coordinates these activities for the Students' Union.

2019-10/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-10/7a **DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVES** to approve the Second Principles of Bill 1, Updates to Bylaw 1500.
See SC-2019-10.02.

DRAPER: Identified that this Bylaw allows Council to ask reference questions to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

CARRIED
22/0/0

2019-10/7b **DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of Bill 2, Updates to Bylaw 2500.
See SC-2019-10.03.

DRAPER: Identified that this Bylaw update reflects the fact that Council now can veto mandatory non-instructional fee increases and creations of as per the Alberta Government's Bill 19: An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education.

BROWN: Clarified that the Council cannot change current mandatory non-instructional fees.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he could describe mandatory non-instructional fees.

BROWN: Responded that these extra fees, which are not charged to support courses, such as the fees for health and dental service.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether students can opt-out of the Academic Support fee.

BROWN: Responded in the negative. Noted that he is in the progress of advocating the University that it only charge fees at cost for the services they provide.

CARRIED
21/0/0

2019-10/7c **DIXON/DRAPER MOVED** to approve the Standing Orders for the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee.
See SC-2019-10.04.

CARRIED
22/0/0

2019-10/7d **DIXON/KIDD MOVED** to appoint 2 (two) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee.

VARGAS ALBA MOVED to amend the motion to read "appoint 2 (three) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee" instead of "to appoint 3 (three) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee."

BHATNAGAR nominated MCKENZIE: declined.
BEASLEY nominated DIXON: accepted.
MCKENZIE nominated Vargas Alba: declined.
AGARWAL nominated KIDD: accepted.
STATT nominated BEASLEY: declined.
KIDD nominated DHILLON: withdrawn.
BADESHA nominated JAMALEDDINE: accepted.
DRAPER nominated LEY: declined.
BOSE nominated SAYED: declined.
DIXON nominated DRAPER: declined.
BOSE nominated HADDOUCHE: declined.

DIXON, JAMALEDDINE are declared appointed to the Sustainability Committee.

2019-10/7e **TSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve Second Principles of the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy.
See SC-2019-10.05.

CARRIED
27/0/0

2019-10/7f **AGARWAL/BOSE MOVES** to approve Second Principles of the Scholarships and Bursaries Policy.
See SC-2019-10.06.

AGARWAL: Identified that this Policy changes awards to a needs based model and provides a mandate for advocating the University and government for increases awards funding.

MCKENZIE MOVED to amend Section 4 to read "the Students' Union shall pursue a single point of entry to the scholarships and bursaries application process."
Carried as friendly.

CARRIED
27/0/0

2019-10/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-10/8a **LARSEN/BOSE MOVED** to appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the PAW Strategic Operating Committee.

BHATNAGAR nominated GATERA: declined.
BHATNAGAR nominated MCKENZIE: accepted.
BHATNAGAR nominated BOSE: withdrawn.
BHATNAGAR nominated ESMAIL: withdrawn.
AGARWAL nominated DIXON: declined.
DHILLON nominated KIDD: accepted.
KIDD nominated DHILLON: accepted.

MCKENZIE, KIDD, and DHILLON are declared appointed.

2019-10/8b **BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to discuss climate change issues.
CARRIED

BHATNAGAR: Expressed concern that she feels upset and directly attacked by Council because of the Executive's decision not to attend or formally support the climate strike. Determined that the Executive will attend the Climate Strike as individuals and not in their capacity as representatives of the Students' Union.

MCKENZIE: Supported this decision.

VARGAS ALBA: Supported this decision.

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that Council has lost its sense of civility and that this has created fear and anxiety. Emphasized that Council must treat all persons as humans.

BROWN: Concurred with Agarwal. Noted that councillors should have reached out informally regarding this issue before airing their grievances with the Executive in public.

HADDOUCHE MOVED to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.

CARRIED

HADDOUCHE: Proposed that councillors wear their Council jackets to the climate change strike.

KIDD: Expressed concern that informally discussing issues such as whether or not to engage in a climate strike does not provide for proper accountability as students will be unaware of what their representatives discuss.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that good solutions to hard problems come through debate and conflict. Emphasised that councillors have power and should continue to debate what is important to students.

- 2019-10/8c **BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED** to go in camera
CARRIED
- 2019-10/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-10/9a “Introduction to the Student Advisory Committee” Presentation.

See SC-2019-09.01.
- 2019-10/9b Second Principles of Bill 1 - Updates to Bylaw 1500.

See SC-2019-09.02.
- 2019-10/9c Second Principles of Bill 2 - Updates to Bylaw 2500.

See SC-2019-09.03.
- 2019-10/9d Standing Orders for the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee.

See SC-2019-09.04.
- 2019-10/9e Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy - Second Principles.

See SC-2019-09.05.
- 2019-10/9f Scholarships and Bursaries Policy - Second Principles.

See SC-2019-09.06.
- 2019-10/9g Students’ Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-09.07.
- 2019-10/9h Students’ Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-09.08.
- 2019-10/9i Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-09.09.

2019-10/9j Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-09) - Tuesday September 10, 2019.

See SC-2019-09.10.

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