

Tuesday, November 19, 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.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-14)

2019-14/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

SPEAKER: Special ordered items 2019-14/7d and 2019-14/7c.

2019-14/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00PM** in the **Grand Salon** at **Campus Saint Jean**.

2019-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-14/2a **BROWN/BOSE MOVED** to allow a presentation on the Council of Alberta University Students.

Abstract:

The UASU is a member of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), which advocates to the provincial government on post-secondary student issues. CAUS leadership will present on what the organization's priorities are this year, as well as progress to date for this year, and other information.

Presenter(s):

- Sadiya Nazir, Chair
- Bailey Harray, Vice Chair
- Jon Mastel, Executive Director

2019-14/2b **BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED** to allow a presentation on the Students' Union Sustainability and Capital Plan Fund.

Abstract:

This presentation will provide an update on the plan and we will be looking for feedback.

Presenter(s):

- Akanksha Bhatnagar, President
- Marc Dumouchel, General Manager

2019-14/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

2019-14/4 **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.
Board of Governors - Report.

2019-14/5 **OPEN FORUM**

GATEWAY: Inquired as to how the meeting which occurred with the Alberta Government prior to protesting their 2019 budget fit into the Students' Union's advocacy strategy.

BROWN: Responded that the Students' Union met with the Alberta Government before protesting its budget to make clear students' concerns and asks. Emphasised that advocacy is multifaceted. Determined, moving forward, not to post post-meeting photos with members of the current Provincial administration.

GATEWAY: Inquired into what portion of the funds raised from the Sustainability and Capital Plan Fund will be used to renovate Students' Union space as opposed to University property.

STATT: Responded that the funds raised from the Sustainability and Capital Plan Fund will be used exclusively to renovate Students' Union spaces.

GATEWAY: Inquired into whether the Executive can provide an update on the proposed merger between the East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural

Studies departments.

AGARWAL: Responded that the decision to merge the East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies departments has not been formally approved by General Faculties Council and that there remain to be consultations with students.

2019-14/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2019-14/6a ***Councillor Vargas Alba to Vice-president Larsen:***

“Hello VP Larsen,

Last week, a Private Members’ Bill in the Alberta Legislature brought forward the possibility for Alberta to give conscience-rights to physicians. This means that if a physician is morally opposed to a treatment, they can refuse to offer that treatment, and they can refuse to offer a referral to their patients. This may mean that physicians may reject treatment or referral for a patient seeking abortion care, birth control, and gender-affirming care for trans students, such as referrals for hormone replacement therapy and gender-affirming surgery.

Regardless of whether or not this bill passes, how can the University of Alberta and the Students’ Union ensure that students are receiving the proper care they need when seeking help from physicians at the University of Alberta Health Center?

*Thank you,
Juan”*

LARSEN: Responded that the Bill, whether it passes or fails, will not negatively impact the completeness of the service students receive at the University of Alberta Health Center.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Student Life, as to whether he can update Council as to why HUB Mall was evacuated on November 19.

LARSEN: Responded that a lot of steam escaped from the building’s boiler room. Noted that this issue has since been resolved.

TSE: Inquired, to the President, as to the uses of the current \$9.50 fee students pay for the SUB Renovation Fund.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the whole of this fee is used to pay the mortgage for the construction of the SUB Atrium.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to how much the Students’ Union pays for membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and Council of Alberta University Students and, moreover, whether he believes the Students’ Union gets good value for this money.

BROWN: Responded that the Students' Union pays approximately \$55,000 for membership in each organization. Suggested that the membership fees are worthwhile as these organizations allow the Students' Union to have a strong and effective student voice when advocating government.

DIXON: Inquired, to the chair of the Nominating Committee, as to what measures she is taking to solicit greater student submissions to join Sustainability Committee.

CHEN: Responded that the Committee is considering simplifying the application requirements by removing the need to submit cover letters or resumes.

ESMAIL: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether he can provide an update on the Alberta School of Business' move to allow direct entry admissions.

AGARWAL: Responded that a new direct entry direct entry admissions scheme received approval at the faculty-level and will soon be considered by General Faculties Council.

KONRAD: Inquired, to the Board of Governors Representative, as to whether he believes that it is tokenistic to set aside a dedicated seat on the Board Learning, Research, & Student Experience Committee for an Indigenous student representative.

LEY: Responded in the negative. Considered that, for tokenism to exist, there must be an imbalance in power between the Indigenous student and other members of the Board Committee. Emphasised that the student representative will be a full and equal member of the Board Committee.

BOSE: Responded that the General Manager has been concerned with the maintenance of the Students' Union Building since 1980 but that he has focused on following the direction of the elected decisionmakers. Inquired, to the Board of Governors Representative, as to whether the will sign a letter requesting that the Alberta Government fill the new vacant seat on the Board with an Indigenous member.

LEY: Responded in the affirmative. Considered that Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee may delay adding a new seat on the Board Learning, Research, & Student Experience Committee until the Alberta Government fills the new Board vacancy.

BEASLEY: Inquired, to the Vice President, as to whether he believes that the Faculty of Arts will suffer from the School of Business introducing of direct-entry admission.

AGARWAL: Noted that the Dean of the Faculty of Arts supports the School of Business introduction of direct-entry admission. Determined to keep Beasley's question in mind.

DIXON: Inquired, to the chair of Nominating Committee, as to how the Committee, without meeting, rejected an applicant to Sustainability Committee on the basis that they were unqualified.

CHEN: Responded that the applicant was a graduate student and therefore automatically ineligible.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the chair of Nominating Committee, as to whether committee chairs can be involved in selecting applicants for their committees.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that Nominating Committee can invite chairs to be part of the nominating process but that the Committee is under no obligation to do so in bylaw. Inquired, to the chairs of Nominating Committee and Council Administration Committee, as to why passion projects initiated by councillors are not progressing forward.

CHEN: Noted that Nominating Committee has difficulty in reaching quorum.

BEASLEY: Expressed concern that there was no job posting on JobKin to solicit submissions to join the Task Force on Representation.

BHATNAGAR: Inquired, to the chair of Nominating Committee, as to whether she will either reach out to get additional support in running her Committee or, alternatively, if she will resign as chair.

CHEN: Responded that she will not resign as chair. Suggested that the Committee is ineffective due to its members rather than her leadership. Suggested that the Committee mandate is unclear.

DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend Question Period until all questions are exhausted.

CARRIED

DRAPER: Inquired, to the chair of NomCom, into whether she will come to the next Bylaw Committee to discuss how she wants to address the mandate of NomCom.

BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED to commit that Nominating Committee meet with Bylaw Committee to discuss its mandate and that a report based on this meeting be issued to Council at its next meeting.

WITHDRAWN.

LEY: Inquired into whether other councillors believe that Nominating Committee has an unclear mandate.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative. Suggested that the Committee has a clear mandate and it is the chair's interpretations of it that are problematic. Suggested that Bylaw Committee could reform Nominating Committee's mandate to make it more

prescriptive.

BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED to direct Nominating Committee to meet and provide Council with a plan of action for improving its operations by SC-2019-15.

CARRIED

BEASLEY: Inquired into whether the Nominating Committee has filled its current vacancy.

CHEN: Responded in the negative.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the chair of Sustainability Committee, as to whether she can provide an update on the status of the Committee.

DIXON: Responded that the Committee has not met as Nominating Committee has not supplied it with a sufficient number of members to achieve quorum. Determined that the Committee members will begin informal talks in preparation for a meeting.

2019-14/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-14/7c **DRAPER/AGARWAL MOVED**, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the Landing Plebiscite, as seen below.

“The Landing is a student space for gender and sexual diversity located in the lower level of the Students' Union Building, open to all undergraduate students. The Landing provides programming such as drop-in hours, peer mentorship groups, resources and referrals, events, education sessions, and volunteer opportunities.

A \$1.61 fee is collected from full-time and part-time undergraduate students in the Fall and Winter semester; Augustana and Off-Campus students are exempt.

Students have the option to opt out online from the fee.

The fee pays for:

- *Operating costs (staff wages and supplies)*
- *Programming, events, outreach and awareness*
- *Grants for projects supporting gender and sexual diversity*
- *Volunteer program*

Administration of the fee is overseen by the Students' Union in conjunction with the LGBTQ2SPIA+ Student Advisory Committee. At least one member of Students' Council shall also sit on this board.

Do you support the continuation of the Landing's fee?”

CARRIED

BROWN/STATT MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.

CARRIED

2019-14/7d **DRAPER/STATT MOVED**, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the Golden Bears Legacy Fund Plebiscite, as seen below.

“The Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund was created by the students of the University of Alberta in 1991.

Funds from the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund Dedicated Fee Unit shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams and for promotion of varsity athletics.

Approximately 50% of the fund shall be used as a sponsorship of the Department of Athletics; Approximately 30% of the fund shall be allocated to projects and special events; and approximately 20% of the fund shall be kept in a reserve fund, not to exceed \$200,000 at any time.

The Golden Bear & Panda Legacy Fund Committee consists of seven undergraduate students, which recommends funding allocations to the Students' Union Finance Committee for final decision by March 31 of each year. The criteria for the evaluation of funding applications shall include:

- *A requirement for applicants to match the amount of a grant for any given project:*
- *Disclosure of all other sources of revenue for any given project, including funding from the University of Alberta, the Green & Gold Athletics Society, support groups, and funds raised by teams or student groups applying for funding:*
- *Serious consideration with regards to the degree in which a project benefits the student population, which may be in the form of an opportunity to participate as a spectator, volunteer, official, or participant;*
- *Priority given to applications relating to the hosting of varsity athletic events;*
- *Priority given to applications with a long-range plan or vision for the development of a project;*

Examples of Projects Previously Funded:

- *Purchase of GUBA and Patches costumes to promote campus life*
- *Hosting costs for events for students to attend*
- *Purchasing audio and video equipment to improve event experiences*
- *Purchasing webcast equipment to broadcast events*
- *Promotional campaigns to encourage student participation (such as free*

food)

- Honoraria for part-time assistant coaches
- Pre-season travel for varsity teams

Proposed Fee Conditions:

- The fee will be four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$4.37) per semester per student, to be assessed to students enrolled in classes that term
- The fee will not be assessed to students enrolled in the spring/summer semester.
- The fee of four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$4.37) will be applied to both part-time and full-time students
- Students may not opt-out of paying the fee,
- The fee will not apply to Augustana students.

Do you continue to support a four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$4.37) per semester fee to be used for the operation of a Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund to be administered by a board consisting of representatives from the Students' Union, the University Athletic Board, and the Student Population at large?"

CARRIED

2019-14/7a **LARSEN/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve First Reading of Residence Policy. See SC-2019-14.01.

LARSEN: Noted that Policy Committee intends to expand the Residence Policy on the basis of new evidence and consultation.

CARRIED

2019-14/7b **LARSEN/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve First Reading of Students with Dependents Policy. See SC-2019-14.02.

LARSEN: Noted that Policy is new and has undergone thorough consultation with students, university administration, and student representative associations.

CARRIED

2019-14/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-14/8a **STATT/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Student Refugee Program Board.

STATT: Outlined that the World University Service of Canada settles and funds refugee students coming to the University of Alberta. Noted that he needs a councillor to assist him in rehabilitating this organization's Campus committees by

reforming their standing orders.

LARSEN nominated DRAPER: declined.

TSE nominated TSE: accepted.

CHEN nominated DIXON: accepted.

DIXON is appointed to the Student Refugee Program Board.

2019-14/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-14/9a Residence Policy - First Reading.

See SC-2019-14.01.

2019-14/9b Students with Dependents Policy - First Reading.

See SC-2019-14.02.

2019-14/9c Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-14.03.

2019-14/9d Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-14.04.

2019-14/9e Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-14.05.

2019-14/9f Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-12) - Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

See SC-2019-14.06.

ADJOURNED AT 9:15PM.