

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:00PM
Zoom**

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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2020-08)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

2020-08/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2020-08/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, August, 25 2020 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.

Registered Guests

Mitchell Pawluk - Opinion Editor, The Gateway
Andrea Schmitz - VP External ESS
Joey Mathieson, Engineering Students' Society, Presenting
Chanpreet Singh - ISA President
Gurbani Baweja - ISA VP External
Christian Zukowski - nominee for the role of DIE Board Chief Tribune.
Fernanda Talarico - Director of Sponsorship and Marketing (on behalf of the VP Finance)
Adrian Wattamaniuk - Engineering Students' Society, Vice President Academics & Services
Ricardo Rossi - ISA VP Academic
Penny Neoh - filling in for ISA VP Internal, Doga Canturk
Nemwi M'pfunya - ISA VP Communications
Rebeca Avila- visitor, Cllr. Villosos's Mentee.

2020-08/2 PRESENTATIONS

2020-08/2a **LEY/BOSE MOVED TO** allow the Alberta 2030 Post-Secondary Education (PSE) Review Presentation.

See SC-2020-07.15

LEY delivered the presentation.

DIXON/AGARWAL MOVED TO extend the presentation for ten minutes.

CARRIED

BOSE asked for clarification on the performance-based funding model and asked if there was a timeline on the processes that will be taking place.

LEY explained the differences between the current model and the performance-based funding model.

DIXON inquired about whether there was any plan in place to encourage participation with students in this process.

LEY clarified the current plan to engage with students around this process.

BOSE asked about voluntary students' unionism and whether there would be a chance that they would enact this through these changes.

LEY provided perspective on the chances of this change being implemented.

AGARWAL reiterated the magnitude of these decisions on post-secondary students across the province and the opportunity present to represent students in these discussions.

2020-08/2b

AGARWAL/KONRAD MOVED TO allow Chanpreet Singh to present on the International Students' Association.

See SC-2020-08.16

SINGH/BAWEJA delivered the presentation.

EINARSON/BID MOVED TO extend the presentation by ten minutes.

BID provided some suggestions on the ISA selection committee for candidates.

LEY inquired about how ISA plans to continue to operate with its full structure in years that may have varied levels of engagement.

SINGH shared reasoning on how the current structure could be used to ensure engagement in the future.

BADESHA inquired about whether there was a timeline present for the SRA elections process.

SINGH provided information on the timeline that is currently present.

OLIVEIRA provided a perspective on the fairness of the executive elections process.

SINGH provided clarification on the justification behind the existing structure.

LEY asked for information regarding a certain governance body known as the Canadian Federation of International Students (CFIS) outlined in the presentation.

SINGH/BAWEJA provided clarification on the board being referenced.

AGARWAL commended the work of the ISA and inquired about whether potential conflicts of interest amongst bodies of student representation have been considered.

SINGH explained the purpose of the student representation body for international students.

BADESHA echoed concerns mentioned by previous councillors regarding the complexity of the board structure and the ambitious timeline presented by ISA.

CARBAJAL asked about how the ISA will aim to include students that aren't international students but still face similar struggles, such as refugees.

SINGH provided an explanation on how engagement with ISA could be managed and also spoke to how ISA can work towards representing and advocating for students not defined within the conventional model of international students.

BOSE inquired about concerns of bias in selection processes and asked about whether there were functions in place to avoid bias.

SINGH explained how bias could be avoided in these elections processes.

BID emphasized concerns of bias in the elections process and provided a suggestion that could be implemented into bylaw.

SINGH replied with explaining how these suggestions could be implemented.

BUCHANAN provided some suggestions to ensure that processes are fair and unbiased.

SINGH shared that these concerns can be addressed at another meeting with greater opportunity for clarification.

CARBAJAL expressed concern with how refugee students might not fit into the scope of ISAs membership.

SINGH shared some options that could be approached to work around these concerns.

2020-08/2c **BOSE/DRAPER MOVES TO** allow Joey Mathieson (ESS President) to present on "2020/21 - ESS FAMF Re-allocation."

See SC-2020-08.17

MATHIESON delivered the presentation.

LEY/BID MOVED TO extend the presentation by ten minutes.

AKKERMAN commended the presentation and shared some views on how transparency between ESS and students regarding funding could be improved.

LEY shared some concerns of existing processes that could be reevaluated and inquired about occurrences regarding the budget.

MATHIESON responded with the changes that are being considered to address the concerns mentioned and stated the hopes going forward with processes that have occurred.

BID inquired about how funding allocation and funding rollover would exist in the next year.

MATHIESON explained the allowances of allocation given ESS bylaw and provided examples of how the funding could be used online.

BOSE inquired about the EDI Committee being considered by ESS.

MATHIESON provided some context about what is being considered regarding the EDI Committee.

AGARWAL commended the presentation and inquired about the extent to which the ESS budget is aided by sponsorships and how that has been impacted currently; also asking about what the hopes are for conferencing funding for students.

MATHIESON detailed the sponsorship situation and explained the conferencing situation for students and the funding for these conferences.

AGARWAL inquired about the impact of COVID-19 on Engineering students academically.

BOSE explained the programs being put in place for students to be supported during this time.

2020-08/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TABLED

2020-08/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

TABLED

2020-08/5 OPEN FORUM

PAWLUK to LEY: Inquired about how VP Ley plans to represent all students on the post-secondary education review team.

SCHMITZ: Provided some calculations regarding UPass costs.

MATHIESON: Provided a perspective on the UPass negotiations

PAWLUCK to KRAHN: Asked how the UASU plans to update students given the events that will take place at the next Edmonton City Council meeting.

2020-08/6 QUESTION PERIOD

DIXON to LEY: Inquired about how Students' Council will move forward by advocating for students with dependents.

DIXON to LEY: Inquired further that if there is no solution to the funding model, will the UASU take more direct action.

BID to AGARWAL: Inquired about why fees have increased or have remained high for international students at this time.

BUCHANAN to KRAHN: Asked for clarification on whether the UASU will be more directly involved in future negotiations with the UPass fee,

2020-08/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-08/7a **FOTANG/OLIVEIRA MOVED TO** approve the first reading of Bill #5, according to these first principles Bill 5 First Principles Amendments to Bylaw 100.

See SC-2020-08.06

OLIVEIRA introduced the motion.

DHILLON made a Point of Information on whether it would need to be voted on to extend the meeting.

BOSE made a Point of Information on whether attendance would need to be taken.

DRAPER inquired about whether the existing measure would be used to fill Member-At-Large seats or whether the Nominating Committee would be asked to take it on.

OLIVEIRA responded by stating that the interviews would be continued to be done by the Translation Committee but advice will be taken from the Nominating Committee on how to facilitate the process.

EINARSON shared points of support for the motion.

20/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/7b **FOTANG/EINARSON MOVED TO** approve the first reading of Bill #6, according to these first principles.

See SC-2020-08.07

EINARSON introduced the motion.

18/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/7c **LEY/BATYCKI MOVED TO** approve the First Principles of the Deferred Maintenance Policy.

See SC-2020-08.08

LEY introduced the motion.

19/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/7d **DRAPER/AGARWAL MOVED TO** appoint Christian Zukowski as Chief Tribune of the D.I.E Board and Kyle Ramsey as Associate Chief Tribune of the D.I.E Board.

See SC-2020-08.09

DRAPER introduced the motion.

19/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/7e **FOTANG/DE GRANO MOVED TO** approve the second reading of Bill #7, according to these second principles.

See SC-2020-08.10

FOTANG introduced the motion.

FOTANG made a friendly amendment to Bylaw 2300 Section 9.

BOSE inquired about the friendly amendment being made.

BUCHANAN provided further reasoning on the amendment.

19/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/7f **FOTANG/DIXON MOVED TO** approve the first reading of Bill #8 according to these first principles.

See SC-2020-08.11

DIXON introduced the motion.

DRAPER commended the motion and provided additional context on why the motion was brought forward. As well as inquired about the wording on a specific part of the Bill. Provided a friendly amendment for the Bill on the wording of “semesterly” to “trimesterly.”

18/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-08/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2020-08/8a (discussion took place before the Open Forum period at 8:05PM)

BOSE made a Point of Information to suspend standing orders for the discussion period.

BOSE/KRAHN MOVED TO suspend standing orders.

CARRIED

BOSE/LEY MOVED TO table Executive Committee Reports and Board and Committee Reports.

CARRIED

BOSE/SARETZKY MOVED TO discuss the UPass situation.

CARRIED

BOSE introduced the discussion.

KRAHN provided some context for the UPass situation as it currently stands.

EINARSON inquired about the ETS proposal and why it cannot be discussed.

KRAHN explained that a discussion of the proposal would not be effective and detailed the ETS proposal.

DIXON shared perspective on how students can be engaged with in this process.

DHILLON shared personal thoughts on the situation and spoke to what should be done for students to engage more greatly with this process.

AGARWAL provided some additional context on the situation.

BUCHANAN requested to move in-camera and provided an explanation.

KRAHN provided context on what can be discussed and what cannot be discussed.

BUCHANAN/AKKERMAN MOVED TO go into an in-camera session.

7/15/1 - FAILED

SARETSKY shared his personal perspective on the current situation.

BUCHANAN inquired about who made the decision from the University of Alberta for the UPass fee to not be included for this upcoming semester as well as the circumstances surrounding what is currently being decided.

DHILLON reiterated the need for communication around this issue and what should be discussed in regards to a focus on how this issue should be approached going forward.

BRANDWEIN shared a perspective on the need for more affordable transit access.

BOSE inquired about whether UASU has reached out to the City of Edmonton Mayor.

KRAHN provided additional clarification on the current situation and explained the current efforts occurring. Also responded to previous questions raised by councillors.

LEY provided additional information on the current UPass situation.

BUCHANAN inquired about whether a threshold model had been explored, whether models and negotiations have been explored outside of Edmonton, and what is the UASU's position with ETS and what it hopes to take to the Edmonton City Council.

KRAHN responded to the questions posed by Cllr. Buchanan.

BUCHANAN inquired about whether it would be the position of the UASU to attempt to obtain deals similar to the Edmonton negotiations, with other municipalities.

KRAHN explained that the feasibility of such proposed items.

2020-08/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-08/9a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2020-08.01-05

2020-08/9b Council Submissions.

See SC-2020-08.06-11

2020-08/9c Students' Council - Motion Tracking

See SC-2020-08.12

2020-08/9d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2020-08.13

2020-08/9e Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-07) - Tuesday, July 28, 2020

See SC-2020-08.14

2020-08/9f Presentations

See SC-2020-08.15-17

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:53PM