

**Tuesday, September 22, 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-2020-11)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02PM

2020-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2020-11/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, October, 6 2020 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83357188150>

Meeting ID: 833 5718 8150

**Registered Guests**

Mitchell Pawluk - Opinion Editor, The Gateway  
Chanpreet Singh - President, University of Alberta International Students Association  
Gurbani Baweja - Vice President External, UAISA  
Vanessa Elongo - Vice President Graduate Affairs, UAISA  
Yintong Liu - Councillor and Senator, UAISA  
William Bbossa - Vice President Finance, UAISA  
Ana Arvizu - Communications Outreach Coordinator, UAISA  
Nargiza Chorjeva - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Mahek Seth - Vice President Communications, UAISA  
Doga Canturk - Vice President Internal, UAISA  
Nayiar Shahid - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Shaista Meghani - Councillor, UAISA  
Qianxi Li - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Laura Munevar - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Dagem Haddis - Council Member, UAISA  
Mmesoma Okafor - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Oscar Baron-Ruiz - International Student SRA Support, UAISA

Khush Bakht Memon - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Jennifer Peterson - Domestic Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Safwan - Vice President Student Life, UAISA  
Casandra Corbit - Director of Student Affairs, UAISA  
Shareen Alam Meem - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Taranjot Singh - Editor and International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Raiya Hassan - Vice President Communications, UAISA  
Ejofon - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Davesh Sharma - Outreach Coordinator (Department of External Relations), UAISA  
Anshita Patel - Director of Bookkeeping, UAISA  
Tamari Shalamberidze - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Fernanda Talerico - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Juan Guevara - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Maria Fernanda Mosquera - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Kelvis - Councillor and International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Satyaswarupa Kuchimanchi - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Moyosola - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Rebeca Avila - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Moyosola Oguntimehin - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Namrata Sarkhot - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Nayiar Shahid - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Victor Gonzalez - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Braulio A. Marfil-Garza - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Hamman Samuel - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Arzu Acikelli - Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator, UAISA  
Oluchi Madueke - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Ameley Quaye - Graduate Students Governing Officer, UAISA  
Amina Eltahir - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Daniel Herrera - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Ricardo Andrade Rossi - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Mariam Abdullahi - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Raiya Hassan - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Vishal Vekaria - International Student SRA Support, UAISA  
Renato Maureira - (no University affiliation stated)

2020-11/2

### PRESENTATIONS

AGARWAL made a Point of Information to make an amendment to the presentation order to first present the Academic Restructuring Presentation while removing the request for an in-camera order upon it and then presenting the Governance Restructuring Task Force presentation afterwards.

2020-11/2a

**AGARWAL/DRAPER MOVED TO** give a presentation on Academic Restructuring at the University of Alberta.

See SC-2020-11.12

## **CARRIED**

AGARWAL delivered the presentation.

**KRAHN/SARETZKY MOVED TO** extend the time for the presentation by fifteen minutes.

## **CARRIED**

BATYCKI inquired about what the impact of retaining faculty status would be on individual faculties.

AGARWAL responded by using the given scenarios to explain the impact of changing structure upon faculties specifically.

EINARSON inquired about how the restructuring group will prioritize the experience of students when considering the impact of these changes.

AGARWAL provided additional context on the experience of various universities that have gone through restructuring changes and the need to consider a multiplicity of perspectives in this process while being cognizant of pros and cons.

OLIVEIRA asked for elaboration on the process of combining departments in the proposed models.

AGARWAL responded by stating that there have not been thorough discussions at this time that have considered what would occur with departments in this restructuring process. Provided examples of what could be expected for departments with the different models.

HARIHARAN inquired about the tri-agency scenario and asked about the efficiency and logistics of what would occur through a merging of Science and Engineering faculties. Also asked for an explanation of “shared leadership” as mentioned in scenario three.

AGARWAL explained the cost-saving that would occur through administrative changes and the focus on retaining faculty autonomy with a merged approach between faculties. Stated that “shared leadership” between different units was based upon which faculty structures have been identified to correspond well together.

**BOSE/KONRAD MOVED TO** extend the time for the presentation by fifteen minutes.

## **CARRIED**

CARBAJAL inquired about what would occur with services access for Augustana and spoke to correspondences that have been concerned with program cancellation at

Augustana.

AGARWAL stated that the maintenance of services for Augustana would be upheld in this process and that he will look further into concerns of program cancellation at Augustana.

BUCHANAN inquired about the preservation of faculty statuses and whether faculties will be internally shifted to a great degree and how will these divisions impact faculty governance structure as well as academic integrity maintenance at the faculty level.

AGARWAL recognized the need to maintain faculty autonomy and also a high quality of education, while exploring the potential of interdisciplinary connections between faculties. Stated that the ARWG is not looking at shifting governance positions from faculty representation. He is looking forward to continuing this conversation and stated that he is looking forward to receiving feedback from everyone.

2020-11/2b

**AGARWAL/KRAHN MOVED TO** present on the proposed Governance Restructuring Task Force (GRTF).

See SC-2020-11.11

AGARWAL delivered the presentation.

BUCHANAN asked for further clarification on the timeline for this task force.

AGARWAL responded by stating that the task force will decide on what its timeline would look like once it is set up.

DIXON asked for clarification on whether there are two different versions of the task force and whether the second group had representation from the Aboriginal Students' Council (ASC).

AGARWAL stated that the two different working groups will be dealing with specific concerns individually but they will also be interacting amongst themselves so that there will be communication and connection so that representation is present throughout discussions.

KONRAD inquired about whether it could be confirmed that Aboriginal representation will be present in topics relating to Aboriginal students and the thought processes behind consultation.

AGARWAL stated that a comprehensive review of all elements of the Students' Council will occur with the task force and that Indigenous stakeholder representation is a priority and that front-end consultation as an ongoing iterative process is vital.

DIXON inquired about whether different groups dealing with specific fields of

interest could be involved in this process, such as decolonization-focused stakeholders.

AGARWAL responded with the ideas that are being explored as potential opportunities to connect with various external stakeholders in this process.

2020-11/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

David DRAPER, Vice President (Academic) - Report.  
Rowan LEY, Vice President (External) - Report.  
Alana KRAHN, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.  
Katie KIDD, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.  
Joel AGARWAL, President - Report.

2020-11/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON, ARRC - Report  
BADESHA, Audit Committee - Report  
FOTANG, Bylaw Committee - Report  
BID, CAC - Report  
AGARWAL, Executive Committee - Report  
KRAHN, Finance Committee - Report  
DRAPER, Nominating Committee - Report  
MONTEIRO, Policy Committee Report  
DIXON, Sustainability Committee Report  
KRAHN, Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee  
KIDD, Student Group Committee  
EINARSON, Translation Committee - Report  
KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

2020-11/5 OPEN FORUM

PAWLUK to AGARWAL: Asked what steps the UASU will take to ensure that the restructuring process at the University of Alberta will not meet the same results faced by universities that have faced challenges.

PAWLUK to AGARWAL: Asked if the plan was to directly consult with the student body at large and, if so, what methods will be used to make that happen.

2020-11/6 QUESTION PERIOD

AGARWAL to BID: Inquired about when the video being produced in collaboration with the UASU Elections Office will be available publicly?

BUCHANAN to AGARWAL and KRAHN: Asked for clarification on the position of the Executive Committee on whether there is a mandate to proceed with action on the Myer Horowitz or whether it will be brought back to Council for approval.

BOSE to Executive Committee: Commended the Executive for their excellent work throughout their time with the UASU so far.

BATYCKI to AGARWAL: Inquired about whether there were any ideas as to the decision that the University of Alberta will be making for the state instruction for the Winter 2021 semester.

HARIHARAN to AGARWAL: Inquired about how the financial budget and financial aid for students will be handled in the different situations of academic and administrative restructuring.

BUCHANAN to KRAHN: Inquired about when they estimate that the proposal will come forward to Council to approve the Myer Horowitz project.

2020-11/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-11/7a

**BID/DRAPER MOVED TO** call for nominations and appoint a councillor to become a permanent member of the Council Administration Committee (CAC).

See SC-2020-11.13

BID introduced the motion.

BADESHA nominated DHILLON - declined  
KONRAD nominated YABUT - declined  
OLIVEIRA nominated HARIHARAN - declined  
DHILLON nominated BADESHA - declined  
BADESHA nominated FILIPOVIC - declined  
AGARWAL nominated DE GRANO - declined  
OLIVEIRA nominated CARBAJAL - accepted  
BATYCKI nominated SARETZKY - declined  
DE GRANO nominated VILLOSO - accepted  
DHILLON nominated BRANDWEIN - declined  
BID nominated BOSE - declined  
BID nominated MONTEIRO - declined  
KONRAD nominated KORDE - accepted  
BID nominated BURHANI - declined

CARBAJAL gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

VILLOSO gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

KORDE gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

CARBAJAL is declared appointed to the Council Administration Committee (CAC) via secret ballot.

2020-11/7b **AGARWAL/BOSE MOVED TO** appoint two (2) representatives to sit on the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Strategic Operating Committee.

See SC-2020-11.14

AGARWAL introduced the motion.

DRAPER nominated MONTEIRO - accepted  
DHILLON nominated BADESHA - accepted  
BOSE nominated DHILLON - accepted  
DRAPER nominated DE GRANO - declined

MONTEIRO gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

BADESHA gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

DHILLON gave a 1-minute speech as to why they would like to be appointed.

MONTEIRO and BADESHA are declared appointed to the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Strategic Operating Committee via secret ballot.

2020-11/7c **AGARWAL/EINARSON MOVED TO** recognize the Undergraduate Council of the University of Alberta International Students' Association (UAISA) as a Student Representative Association (SRA) under Bylaw 8100.

See SC-2020-11.06

AGARWAL made a Point of Information to change the language of the motion from "the International Students' Association" to read instead as "the Undergraduate Council of the International Students' Association" while keeping the rest of the motion the same.

AGARWAL introduced the motion.

BADESHA cited three reasons for not supporting the UAISA getting SRA status: the first being their convoluted governance structure, secondly, the historical issue of the inconsistent history of the UAISA in its operations which he worries may be a potential issue for the organization down the road, and thirdly, he stated that he is not able to ethically vote for the UAISA due to the fees that international students will bear in the long term. Does not believe that the authority and advocacy impact of the UAISA in its current form does not deserve SRA status. Stressed the point that the UAISA has not illustrated a proven timeline of being able to sustain its presence on campus and that this is an issue.

EINARSON provided personal experience with working within large groups and shared that larger groups might have a better chance of sustaining membership from year-to-year, which he sees is the possibility for UAISA. Stated that there is an

opportunity to continuously consult beyond this motion and make sure that the best suited people are doing the work that matters for international students, which he stated is the UAISA. Stated that lending this power to the UAISA is lending power to international students.

OLIVERIA shared that the UAISA becoming an SRA is important for the advocacy of international students but also stated that she has reservations with the convoluted and non-elected executive components of the UAISA governance structure.

DIXON echoed concerns with the governance structure and the longevity of the UAISA. Also stated concerns that the delegation of power from the international students to the UAISA governing structure faces extremely valid concerns such as that of funding and the previously discussed representation issues for refugee students. Stated a need to hear from more international students.

**LEY/BUCHANAN MOVED TO** extend the discussion by fifteen minutes.

### **CARRIED**

DE GRANO explained that she truly believes that international students deserve an SRA and a model of governance that advocates for their needs but cited concerns that there are issues with the accountability structure with the executive body of the UAISA.

VILLOSO stated that the work of the UAISA is important but shared that in its current form, there are multiple issues that need to be addressed before the UAISA can gain SRA status.

FOTANG echoed concerns that have been shared by other councillors. Shared examples of the issues that the un-elected executive committee poses for accountability. Also shared examples of how the current model of the UAISA does not meet certain standards set by gaining SRA status.

BID shared sentiments on how the UAISA works hard to represent international students and gave examples of the UAISA's work. He made an argument for the simplicity behind the apparent complexity of the UAISA. He clarified the election process and provided a detailed timeline of the work that has gone into the UAISA and in connection with international students. He also explained the impact that this motion would have upon international students depending on what happens with this motion.

CARBAJAL shared the personal experience of working with the UAISA on their structural concerns and spoke to the need for more consultation with international students rather than simply seeing this motion as an approving or disapproval of UAISA as a whole and its work. Recognized that international students' needs do deserve representation and the UAISA has been doing this work, which should be accounted for when voting for this motion and the work that the UAISA should be



doing continuously.

BOSE stated that the UAISA has worked tremendously on advocating for international students and that it would be great to see the same sort of sentiment shared by UASU on a stronger level by its representatives, not only during election periods but year-round. Shared sentiments on the necessity to recognize the work and need for the UAISA to exist as an SRA and provide necessary services for students. Recognized that while this proposal may not be perfect, it is the best medium for international students that currently exists.

DIXON shared that UAISA does incredible work but there is a need for constructive criticism. Stated that no matter what happens with the vote today, UAISA will be able to continue to do its incredible work and that any concerns held by councillors should be considered when they vote towards this motion.

**KRAHN/EINARSON MOVED TO** suspend standing orders.

**CARRIED**

LEY shared recognition for the immense work of the UAISA and that any criticism of the work of the UASIA is made with recognition of the great deal of work that has been done by the organization in a short period of time while recognizing that the short time that the UAISA has been active has not allowed for a proven example of the UAISA to be sustained in the form that is being proposed. Echoed the concerns that more time is needed for the UAISA to review its structure and that whatever is decided tonight will not change the level of support that international students deserve and will not change the ability of the UAISA to advocate for international students.

AGARWAL shared sentiments regarding the need for more time to discuss this matter

**AGARWAL/BUCHANAN MOVED TO** table this motion to another Students' Council meeting.

**17/7/0 - CARRIED**

- 2020-11/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2020-11/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2020-11/9a Executive Committee Reports
- See SC-2020-11.01-05
- 2020-11/9b Board of Governors Report

- See SC-2020-11.15
- 2020-11/9c Council Submissions.  
See SC-2020-11.06.13-14
- 2020-11/9d Interim Report of the Academic Restructuring Working Group (ARWG)  
See SC-2020-11.17
- 2020-11/9e Executive Goals Document  
See SC-2020-11.07
- 2020-11/9f Students' Council - Motion Tracking  
See SC-2020-11.08
- 2020-11/9g Students' Council - Attendance  
See SC-2020-11.09
- 2020-11/9h Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-10) - Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
See SC-2020-11.10
- 2020-11/9i Presentations - Governance Restructuring Task Force & Academic Restructuring Presentation  
See SC-2020-11.11-12.16

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16PM