

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday August 27th, 2013
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-09)

2013-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-09/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2013

2013-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

KUSMU/GRULKE MOVE TO Special Order item 2013-09/2c to be dealt with immediately

Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/2c SUB Renovation Update sponsored by Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance

General Manager Marc Dumouchel will provide an update about the SUB Renovation project highlighting major details since the last formal update in May with a roadmap entering the new school year.

2013-09/2a The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP)- Presented by Melanie Alexander. Sponsored by President Kusmu.

The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP) and other groups on campus (such as ISMSS and OUTreach) have been advocating for Gender-Inclusive Washrooms (GIW) for the past year. Recently, they have published an "all-gender washroom campus map" and they are interested in transforming one of the bathrooms in SUB to a GIW one. In doing so, they are interested in hearing from Students' Council on how they should consult with the campus community to create a political impetus for this proposal.

2013-09/2b Law Student Tuition, Presented by Scott Meyer, VP External, Law Students' Association. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen

The LSA is the Faculty Association for students in Law. As part of their advocacy efforts, they are interested in exploring whether or not higher tuition would be in the best interests of law students. This presentation will provide council with information on their perspective, and be an opportunity for discussion before the LSA seeks Council's approval to advocate in contradiction to SU political policy.

MOHAMED/BINCZYK MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to

increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

Motion: CARRIED

MOHAMED/SCHIAVONE MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

Motion: FAILED

2013-09/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2013-09/7a

HODGSON/ZENG MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to Bylaw Committee.

Nominations: Schiavone

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Schiavone

Automatic Recess at 8:05pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:20pm

2013-09/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

2013-09/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kareema Batal, Policy Committee Chair- Report

Josh Le, BFC Chair- Report

William Lau, CAC Proxy- Report

2013-09/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes.

2013-09/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-09/6a

HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #1 in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1. Conflict of interest includes any situation where an impartial observer*

may reasonably question whether the actions or decisions of a member of council were influenced by their personal or financial interests, given a divergence between those interests and their obligations to Students' Council.

2. Members of Council determined to be in a conflict of interest via the flowchart must refrain from voting. They must choose to recuse themselves from debate or declare any conflict of interest to Council prior to debate.

3. Members of Council appointed as a Students' Council representative to the board of a DFU represent the interests of the Students' Union, not that Dedicated Fee Unit. As such, they may freely vote on and discuss issues related to that DFU.

4. Students' Council recognizes that most inappropriate conduct related to conflict of interest issues is not malicious, and commits itself to resolving conflict of interest issues informally and at the earliest possible step. (See the attached flowchart for proposed procedures.)

Speaker list: Hodgson, Batal, Speakman, Woods

Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/6b

HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that, upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2 in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1. Students' Council will have a standing committee titled the "Nominating Committee"*
- 2. The Nominating Committee will be subject to the rules current Council standing committees are subject to.*
- 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the VPA, VPX, and 5 members of Council.*
- 4. The Nominating Committee shall have a quorum of 5 members.*
- 5. The Nominating Committee shall solicit and review applications and recommend the appointment of students-at-large on GFC, GFC subcommittees, University advisory committees, University executive hiring committees, and the Senate.*
- 6. The Nominating Committee shall only recommend the appointment of students to GFC when vacancies still exist after the election.*

7. The Nominating Committee has the authority to determine the application process and criteria.

8. The Council Administration Committee shall relinquish its role in Senate student appointments

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Speakman, Kusmu

Call to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2013-09/6c

CHELEN/WOODS MOVE THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Policy Committee approve the Students in Governance policy in second reading, based on the following principles:

- 1. Students are best represented by other students*
- 2. The University has a number of undergraduate student representatives as part of their governance structure*
- 3. Student representative activities add to the workload of the normal student.*
- 4. Students in governance should be treated fairly and equitably.*
- 5. Students in governance should have access to training, support, and academic accommodations when representative duties conflict with classes*
- 6. Student representative positions should not be eliminated*
- 7. The Students' Union should actively promote the necessity and value of including undergraduate student representatives in University decision-making.*
- 8. The Students' Union should endeavor to increase student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.*
- 9. Undergraduate student associations are autonomous organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent.*
- 10. Faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations.*

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Woods, Kusmu

KUSMU/SPEAKMAN MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE POLICY

WHEREAS undergraduate students know their needs best, and

WHEREAS some University and Faculty policies already give undergraduate students and student groups representative capacity on certain committees and boards, and

WHEREAS there are over 600 representative positions filled by undergraduates at the University of Alberta, and

WHEREAS undergraduate student associations are autonomus organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent, and

WHEREAS faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations, and

WHEREAS student representatives activities supplement the educational experiences of students, and

WHEREAS undergraduate students are required to balance their academic, personal, and professional lives with their representative activities, and

WHEREAS the undergraduate population at the University of Alberta is diverse in its makeup.

THEREFOR, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate that the University act fairly and equitably toward undergraduate student representatives and student group representatives, as they would any other faculty and administrator member of the University community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for increased training and support for undergraduate student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for appropriate and fair academic accommodations for student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate against the elimination of undergraduate student representative positions at any level from policy or practice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union inform the University about its obligation to consult student representatives on academic, administrative, and operational issues, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall advocate for these organizations to remain autonomus organizations, free to advocate for the students they represent without the influence from department or faculty, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union encourage faculties and departments to support their student organizations, but inform them that

student organizations need to be driven by the students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall actively communicate to the University the value of student representatives, and student representative groups, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall act to reduce barriers to student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

LE/NGUYEN MOVED TO Adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm