STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

M I N U T E S (SC 2000-03)

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2000-03/1 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

2000-03/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"
Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-03/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG
Rajani led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2000-03/4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Gall/Chaput moved that the agenda be approved.

Late Additions
2000-3/10g – Casino
2000-3/10h – Website Development Project
2000-3/10i – Lister Hall Student Association Handbook
2000-3/10j – MoneyCon
2000-3/10k – Campus Advantage (CCBC)

Consensus

2000-03/5 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
Naomi Agard, Vice-President External, gave a presentation on Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

CASA is a student lobbying organization at the federal level. Its member student unions represent students to administration, government, and the media. CASA was founded in 1995, and the University of Alberta was one of its founding members. Its mandate was and is to influence government policy in favor of post-secondary students nationwide.

An important distinction to make is with the word “lobbying”: CASA does not organize rallies or riots. CASA’s lobbying is done through meeting with officials, bringing to light issues and concerns affecting students, and presenting viable, realistic solutions. As such, CASA’s influence has become stronger as a result of gaining especial respect from the federal government.

CASA is effective because it can show real results: its initial Real Solutions document in 1997 had a major impact on how government at the federal level views post-secondary education. CASA is taking steps to give students more control over decisions related to their education, and especially to their financial situations. The government appreciates the lobbying tactics that CASA has adopted, because they are based on pragmatism: highlighting problems and suggesting solutions.

CASA’s head office is in Ottawa, which is a distinct advantage because it gives its member schools direct access to Canada’s highest level of government, as well as its most influential decision makers. Its current initiatives are putting together Real Solutions III (Real Solutions II was released in 1999), and planning for the upcoming federal elections.

CASA membership is not referendum-based, because the students themselves are not members, nor is the University: the Students’ Union as an entity is the member.

Zwack/Rogerson moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Consensus

a. Leslie Church, President
   - A written report was provided at the meeting.
   - The entire Executive has been on the road for the past month: Church and Agard in particular attended SuperCon with the rest of the Executive, and followed with a CASA conference in Fredericton right on its heels.
   - At SuperCon, the Executive met with 170 other Executives from across Canada, as well as 60 Managers from the nearby AMICUS-C conference.
   - Congratulations to Harlow on being elected to the Board of Directors for Campus Advantage.
   - At the CASA conference, various members plowed through every imaginable federal issue to discern what CASA will be working on this year.
   - Congratulations to Agard on being elected Regional Chair of CASA.
b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
   A written report was provided at the meeting.
   - Thanks to everyone who sat on the Casino granting committee.
   - A report on the Canadian Academic Round Table (CART) conference will be available at the next meeting.
   - Our Students’ Union successfully bid to host the next CART conference in mid-October. Anyone who wants to participate please contact Samuel.

c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
   A written report was provided at the meeting.
   - The Senate report on Accessibility has been released, with details on post-secondary education.
   - University Vice-President Finance Glenn Harris’ portfolio is currently under review, and the committee is looking for student input.

d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
   A written report was provided at the meeting.
   - Congratulations to Samuel for nabbing CART in October, to Agard for being elected Regional Chair of CASA, and to me for being elected to the Campus Advantage Board of Directors! We rule the universe!

e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
   - Wanke was absent because of the COCA conference.

f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
   - A written report was provided at the meeting.
   - There is a Board of Governors meeting coming up on Friday, June 23. There have been many preparations and meetings of various sub-committees. Discussion of strategic indicators will ensue.
   - Lots of time spent socializing with Board members to become more familiar with the Board and making the student voice more significant.

g. Education Faculty Report
   - The Faculty of Education had nothing to report.

h. Engineering Faculty Report
   - An oral report was provided by Harris.
   - Engineering representatives met with the Dean of Engineering.
   - The Engineering representatives provided a Slurpee for the councillor who could accurately point out the dates of Engineering Week.

2000-03/8 QUESTION PERIOD
The reason that there are always so many Late Additions to Council is that there are generally four (4) meetings of the Executive Committee between each Council meeting, and the last one, which usually takes place on the Monday before Council, almost always comes up with motions to present to Council. Unfortunately, these motions are articulated too late to be included in the Agenda. However, because of complaints from Council members, the Executive Committee will try to keep Late Additions to a minimum. (Harris)

The Students’ Union had a contract agreement with CJSR FM 88, stipulating that CJSR’s offices would be located in SUB, rent-free, in exchange for SU representation on the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA). This agreement has expired, but the situation has gone unchanged. The SU is currently reviewing how valuable renewing this agreement would be: the space currently allocated to CJSR might be more profitable if it were rented out to a paying tenant. There are many issues to explore before a decision is reached. (Chaput)

The 1999 referendum on Students’ Union Fees forced co-op students to pay more than $100 more in SU fees every year. The Executive Committee told last year’s Council that they would try to get tax exemptions for co-op students, as they are not currently recognized as full-time students by Revenue Canada, though they are by every other concerned party. The Executive Committee is continuing to work on this. (Smith)

At the first meeting after the Final Budget motion, a presentation and update on the TravelCUTS lawsuit will be given to Council. (Chaput)

**NEW BUSINESS**

2000-03/10a
HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council ratify Sumreen Ahmad – member of the University of Alberta SENATE, Carol Wilson – representative as designated by the Alumni Association, Penny Reeves – representative of community-at-large and John Mah – representative from the University of Alberta Board of Governors as the Access Fund Board members for the 2000/2001 school year.

27/0 Carried

2000-03/10b
HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council ratify Jonathan Sharun, Suresh Srikant and Gerald Lim as the students-at-large to sit on the Student Groups Committee for the 2000/2001 school year.

25/2 Carried

2000-03/10c
HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Student Legal Services Levy Subcommittee for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to Gall.

2000-04/10d
HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council ratify Charlotte Bourne as a student-at-large to sit on the Financial Affairs Board for the 2000/2001 school year.

26/2 Carried
HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund Committee for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to Rogerson.

AGARD / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene Brody Committee, grant the sum of One Thousand ($1000.00) Dollars to the Medical Students’ Association in support of their Shinerama fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis.

26/1 Carried

HARLOW/HARLOW MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, allocate the Casino revenues to the following groups at the stipulated percentages:

- 25% of the total Casino revenues to the Students’ Union and 75% to the student groups, and of that 75%, the student groups:
  - 30% to the University of Alberta Rugby Club;
  - 24% to the World University Services of Canada (WUSC);
  - 16% to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and
  - 30% to the Kappa Alpha Literary Society.

Harlow informed Council that the funds allocated to each student group will go to the following causes: a) the Rugby Club will fund team equipment, as well as an invitational tournament and clinic; b) WUSC will continue to develop an office at the campus International Centre in order to send students on exchange; c) the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will continue to sponsor their chartering; and d) the Kappa Alpha Literary Society will contribute their funds to the refurbishing of their house, which burned down earlier in the year.

The Students’ Union has no formal policy on the moral question of accepting revenues from an institution which furthers itself by promoting gambling. The SU is a not-for-profit organization which tries not to “toe the line” of corporatization; however, asking for a political policy on this issue would only be the beginning of a stream of ethical questions pertaining to the SU’s revenue. The SU has never had a policy concerning the revenues at the Power Plant, and the same question is raised.

Veale and Taher suggested that the Executive Committee draw up a political policy staking the Students’ Union one way or the other. The Executive Committee responded that they would take it under advisement.

24/2 Carried

HARLOW/AGARD MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, allocate the Students’ Union’s share of the Casino revenues to the Website Development Project.

25/3 Carried
HARLOW/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of One Thousand Three Hundred ($1,300.00) to buy advertising space in the LHSA Handbook.

20/7 Carried

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations and Finance, to attend MoneyCon in Calgary, Alberta from July 9-14, 2000.

There was an amendment (friendly) to change the amount of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars ($643.00).

24/1 Carried

HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the purchase of shares in Campus Advantage at a cost not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00).

23/4 Carried

Gall/Rogerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.