**STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

**Tuesday April 2, 2002 - 6:00 PM**  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

**MINUTES (SC 2001-23)**

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### Observers
- George Slomp
- Rebecca Lake
- Adam Cook
- Greg Kitt
- Bobby Samuel

#### 2001-23/1 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2001-23/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"
Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.
2001-23/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"
Beamish led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2001-23/4 ROLL CALL
Council welcomed Welke as an Arts representative.

Mike Hudema, Kail Ross and Steve Smith were designated Guests of Council.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-23/5 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Wanke/Sharun moved that the agenda of the SC2001-23 meeting be approved.

Baxter/Kawanami moved that items 10d, 10e, 11d and 12d be debated no longer than thirty minutes each.
Loewen spoke against the motion.
Carried

Speer/Welke moved that item 11a be struck.
Carried

Loewen/Jess moved that items 10e, 10f, 10g and 10h be struck.
Carried

Consensus

2001-23/6 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-23/6a Engineering Referendum Results (5 Minutes) - Chris Jones

Weppler presented the results of the recent Engineering Faculty referendum. There were 595 ballots cast (19% of the electorate), and of these, 57% approved the referendum. Both the turnout and the result are comparable to Students’ Union elections.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.
Samuel: How could the referendum be valid if there was no bylaw in place to govern it?
Weppler: The bylaw was going to be written if students approved the referendum question. There is a precedent for this sort of procedure.

Weppler was thanked for his presentation.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Wanke/Kawanami moved that the minutes of the SC2001-22 meeting be approved.

Webb was present.

Speer: The Access Fund is maintaining equal interest rates, not lower ones.

Consensus

2001-23/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The province is continuing its review of tuition legislation. The Tuition Task Force will have a document for the April 9 Council meeting.
- The organizational review is approximately 80% finished. It is unlikely that it will be complete before the end of the term, but hopefully the task will be taken up next term.
- The Board of Governors approved a deficit in the University’s budget for the first time in 28 years. There is a four-year plan to remove said deficit.
- The Long Range Development Plan will be on the Board agenda in May.
- The provincial budget was recently released, and post-secondary education funding will be maintained at its current level.
- The CASA lobby conference resulted in several new initiatives.
- The SU survey has been released and is available on the SU website.
b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Extension Bookstore has been closed. This was a cost-saving measure that resulted in no real reduction of service to students.
- Awards Night was a tremendous success, owing to the work of Thea Varvis, Steve Derpack and various volunteers.
- Transition with Brechtel is going well.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Congratulations to the new Executive.
- Meetings with Ian McLelland and others were undertaken to explore measures to eliminate deregulation in tuition.
- The CASA lobby conference was excellent.
- A recent ACAT meeting was very productive.
- Nominating committees are ongoing; the incoming Community Relations Coordinator will be selected this coming Friday.
- Awards Night was very successful.
- SUB expansion groundbreaking is upcoming.
- Transition with Sharma is ongoing.

d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The preliminary budget was approved by the Financial Affairs Board.
- A new Senior Manager of Finance and Administration was selected after the initial incumbent pursued another employment opportunity. Her name is Beata Fatemi, and she will be an excellent addition to the SU.
- Congratulations to award winners and Gold Key recipients. Congratulations also to Salyzyn, Steve Derpack, Wanke and Thea Varvis for an excellent Awards Night.
e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
   - Thanks to Salyzyn and Thea Varvis for allowing artistic license on Awards Night.
   - Transition with Kail Ross has begun.
   - There will be a Battle of the Bands at the Power Plant, from which the winners will attend the next COCA conference.
   - Nominating committees are ongoing.
   - The Student Development Centre office will be located where the current Print Centre is.
   - There will be a Volunteer Party April 6. Council members get free tickets. There will be prizes and free drinks.

f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
   - Burrows was not available to provide a report.

g. Engineering Report.
   - A written report was provided with the agenda package.

h. Law Report
   - An oral report was provided by Loewen.
   - The Faculty of Law bid Deans Percy and Klar a fond farewell. New ones are being selected.
   - Congratulations to Mike Reid for being an outstandingly cunning linguist.
   - A new Law Students’ Association executive has been elected.
   - Law-specific tuition issues are being explored.
   - Joe Clark spoke at the Law graduation this year.
   - The Law Show was a great success.

i. Executive Committee, Minutes.

   There were no Executive Committee Minutes at this time.

2001-23/9 QUESTION PERIOD
Hudema: What lobbying efforts have been made to the Law Students’ Association regarding differential tuition?

Samuel: There has been no formal meeting as of yet. But there is a document regarding differential tuition that will be circulated.

Lake (sponsored): Has the opt-out for APIRG been dealt with?

Samuel: Concerned students who wish to opt out should go to 2-900 SUB to requisition their refunds.

Sharma: Does the recent decision to bind the SU to another year associated with CASA apply to the 2002-03 term?

Zwack: Yes. A two-thirds majority of Council can terminate the association, but the fees will have been paid.

Samuel: What is the LSA’s stance on differential tuition?

Loewen: The LSA is attempting to create awareness among Law students. They hold no official position at the moment.

Jones: Where is authority designated to bind the SU to CASA for a term beyond this one?

Samuel: Membership in CASA is a perpetual agreement, and there has been no impetus by this Council to extricate the SU from that agreement.

Hudema: Are efforts ongoing to make SUB expansion “greener”?

Speer: The construction design process is already complete. There are no areas of change to be substantially affected at this point.

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LEGISLATION

2001-23/10a

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Article VIII of the Constitution, Power Regarding Finance (SECOND Reading).

Wanke: The amendment from the first reading regarding rounding will shortly be entered on the Constitution.

35/2/2 Carried
SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3100 (SECOND Reading).

33/1/3 Carried

KOTOVYCH/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 100 Respecting Students’ Council (FIRST Reading).

Kotovych: This is being brought forward in order to remove the Gateway Editor-in-Chief’s seat from Council, now that the autonomy question has been approved.

Wanke/Jess moved that this motion be effective for Changeover 2002 (friendly).

Alexander spoke in favor.

37/3/0 Carried

JONES/WEPPLE MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed Bylaw 8450 Respecting the Students’ Union Faculty Association Membership Fees (FIRST Reading).

Weppler introduced the bylaw.

Weppler moved that the stipulated date April 30, 2002 be included in the bylaw (friendly).

Sharma: Is there a minimum turnout level for this to be approved?
Jones: No. Turnout is low throughout campus. If Council is uncomfortable, it can refuse to ratify it.

Wanke: Although this is the culmination of excellent work by the Engineering Students’ Society, faculty associations are changeable, and this is taxation for non-academic purposes. Such a fee should be left to students who decide to participate in individual events and activities.

Williams: Was a No side ventured?
Jones: Yes. Both sides were equally funded and advertised.
Samuel: There are three objectionable components to this bylaw. The first is that it uses students as a cash source. This is an added financial burden that will not be tax-exempt. The second is that it creates a faculty differential due to population disparity, setting a precedent for varying fees to collect the same amount of money. The third is that the ESS does not have the proper accounting bureaucracy to manage this fee. This bylaw must be defeated, but there are alternatives to it.

Loewen: This is a simple way of collecting money that would reduce the existing workload and enhance services. It makes the faculty association more accountable.

Weppler: The impetus for the fee is that it will allow the ESS to perform in the capacity that it should. It cuts down on the need for fundraising, and it provides safeguards and checks and balances through its organization. Besides which the debate should center on the viability of the bylaw, because students have already decided to approve the fee itself.

Tobias: This fee collects from students what should be provided by corporate sponsorship.

Nychka: Corporate sponsorship is very difficult to acquire, and it is already provided for a variety of other projects.

Harriman: The fee should have an opt-out clause, and be sensitive to students who do not wish to be involved.

Speer: Faculty associations have been accused in the past of misappropriating funds, and such a concern could affect the SU’s taxing ability.

Coles: The SU enforces student fees of its own, and shouldn’t be critical of faculty associations that wish to do the same. This creates a resource to enable faculty associations to do what they are supposed to do.
Jones: Students are not being exploited, because they approved this fee via election. There are many non-academic fees, such as CJSR, SLS, APIRG and The Gateway. This does not set any dangerous precedents.

19/17/4 Failed

A roll call was requested by Weppler, Jones, Tobias, Jess and Laffin.

19/16/5 Failed

Gorton/Harriman moved that Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6550 Respecting the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (FIRST Reading).

Gorton introduced and outlined the bylaw.

Loewen: The bylaw is good, but it should provide an outline of transition procedures.

Speer moved the first amendment and circulated it to Council.

Harlow considered the amendment out of order.

Speer challenged the Chair on the grounds of legislative convention.

26/9/3

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

Speer/Williams moved Section 3 of the amendment.

Jess/Jones moved that the motion be referred to the Internal Review Board, to report back to Council at the next meeting.

Wanke spoke in favor of referring.

19/17/10 Failed

Gorton, Samuel, Smith, Kawanami and Loewen requested a roll-call vote.

16/20/0 Failed

On the amendment: 17/16/2 Carried

On the main motion: 28/5/1 Carried
Knull/Baxter moved to suspend Standing Orders regarding Adjournment.
10/17/3 Failed

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 9:00 p.m.