**University of Alberta Students’ Union**

**STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

**Tuesday April 9, 2002 - 6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**MINUTES (SC 2001-24)**

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**Observers**
- George Slomp
- Catherine van de Braak
- Paige Smith
- Chris Bolivar
- Dawn Buehan
- Louis Bezuidhout
- Adam Cook
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

Kotovych led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Coles/Baxter moved that the agenda of the SC2001-24 meeting be approved.

Item 11g was struck from the agenda.
Item 12m became item 10j.

Loewen/Harriman moved to suspend Standing Order #1.
21/10/2

Reports were struck from the agenda.
Presentations were limited to ten minutes each.
Item 10f became item 10d, and other items were renumbered accordingly.
Items 10k through 10o were struck from the agenda.
Item 12n will be deliberated immediately following the presentation regarding Athletics.
Item 11c was struck from the agenda.
All ratifications were omnibused with the exception of that of the Speaker.

Consensus

2001-24/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-24/6a

The Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation will present on an increase to the Athletic Fee.

This fee would help Athletics to fulfill its mandate and create opportunities for students. The previous change in 1993 did not account for benefits and increments increases, nor did it account for the replacement of equipment.

The current Athletics debt is approximately $2 million, with an average annual deficit of $500,000. The University has provided a one-time fund of $250,000, and the fee increase would be isolated rather than annual.

Athletics has been audited by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and has hired a director of Finance and Planning in order to ensure transparency. The University of Alberta Athletics fee is comparatively low in Canada.

The floor was opened to questions from Council.
Coles: Will there be increased user fees within the department as well, such as lockers and intramurals?

Athletics: There are no plans for such increases.

Renzi: Will new staff be hired with this increase?

Athletics: Hopefully. It would be an administrative help.

Jones: Why is Athletics seeking Council’s approval?

Athletics: The earlier recommendation stipulated that “extraordinary” fee increases should be presented to and approved by the SU and the GSA. Transparency is important.

Salyzyn: This is concerning because other departments are currently being cut. This is a direct tax outside tuition, and a direct result of University cuts.

Athletics: The University is providing funds to Athletics for the first time since 1993. There have been many requests this year, and the fee increase would benefit students.

2001-24/12n

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve an increase in the Athletic and Recreation Fee of $5.11.

Sharma: Another fee increase is unjustifiable.

Tobias, Sharun, Renzi and Schula spoke in favor.

Wanke and Salyzyn spoke against.

14/27/1 Failed

2001-24/6b

The Sexual Assault Centre will present on an increase to their fee.

Representatives of the Sexual Assault Centre opted not to present.

2001-24/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Loewen/Knull moved that Question Period be suspended to the end of the agenda.

Carried
2001-24/10a 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 (THIRD Reading).

30/2/2 Carried

2001-24/10b KOTOVYCH/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed changes Bylaw 100 Respecting Students’ Council, to take effect April 30, 2002 (SECOND Reading).

34/2/1 Carried

2001-24/10c GORTON/HARRIMAN MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6550 Respecting the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (SECOND Reading).

The proposed bylaw was circulated and Gorton outlined it.

Sharma/Gorton moved that Mike Reid, Rebecca Lake and Steve Smith be designated Guests of Council.

Consensus

Samuel/Welke moved that the words “non-voting member” in Section 8b be struck.

 Debate ensued on the amendment.

27/3/2 Carried

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 8c be created to read “One member of the Executive Committee.”

Wanke: This amendment would ensure representation and power of taxation.

Baxter: Typically, there is only one vote to represent the governing body.

Salyzyn: Councilors and Executive members have unique offerings for a board such as this.
Burrows: An Executive member would provide consistency and expertise, but could do so equally well as a non-voting member.

Lake spoke against.
Loewen spoke against.

Reid: Executive members are on every other dedicated fee board. This one should not be different.

Gorton spoke against.

19/18/1 Carried

Samuel/Zwack moved that parentheses be struck, in favor of commas, and that the words “of this bylaw” be included (friendly).

Samuel/Zwack moved that the word “policy” and the words “the criteria of the” be included in Section 13.

25/3/2 Carried

Samuel/Jones moved that the words “For each of the Fall & Winter Terms” be struck from Section 12, and be included individually in Sections 12a and 12b (friendly).

Samuel/Speer moved to add Sections 12e (perform accounting) and 12f (ensure that an annual audit is performed).

Lake spoke against.

21/14/1 Carried
Samuel/Speer moved specified amendments to Section 18 regarding APIRG as an apolitical body and treating applicants equally.

Lake spoke against.

Reid: The SU is the umbrella organization, and it has the right to impose this criteria. APIRG is not an autonomous body.

McGraw: “Apolitical” is a subjective, and therefore dangerous, term to include in a bylaw.

10/22/5 Failed

McGraw/Jess moved to suspend Standing Order #30. 19/16/0 Carried

Samuel/Speer moved that the current Section 15 be struck and replaced with Section 21 of the amendment document. 17/14/4 Carried

Sharma, Jess, Harriman, Clyburn and Gorton requested a roll-call vote. 18/12/0 Carried

Brechtel opposed the reckless and frequent use of the roll-call vote mechanism.

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 16d be added: “Any other items specified by the Financial Affairs Board.” 26/4/2 Carried

Samuel/Speer moved that Section 19 of the amendment document regarding Values be added.

Lake spoke against.

Wanke: This mandate is part of every such bylaw.

Loewen: Such values should go without saying. To articulate them calls into question everything that may have been omitted.

20/12/1 Carried
Salyzyn/Welke moved to call the question on the amendment.
28/5/1 Carried
28/4/2 Carried

Brechtel/Taylor moved that Section 14d be struck from the main motion.
The motion was withdrawn.
28/5/0 Carried

Zwack/Speer moved to proceed to items 11c and 11d immediately.

2001-24/11c ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the CASA Constitution and Bylaws as amended.

Zwack outlined the bylaws and Constitution.

Debate ensued on the motion.

Baxter/Welke moved to call the question.
30/1/0 Carried
32/1/1 Carried

2001-24/11d ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of Liam Arbuckle as CASA National Director.

25/4/2 Carried

2001-24/10d WEPPLER/JONES MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed Bylaw 8451 Respecting the Students’ Union Engineering Membership Fees (FIRST Reading).

Weppler introduced and outlined the bylaw, and cautioned Council against being too susceptible to details and horror stories regarding what could go wrong.
Weppler/Loewen moved that Section 11b, “The funds will be administered in accordance with generally accepted and relevant accounting principles,” and Section 11c, “The Faculty Association must demonstrate sound and acceptable accounting principles” be added to the bylaw (friendly).

Baxter spoke in favor.

Brechtel/Taylor moved that all references to “Engineering Students’ Membership Fee” be replaced with “Faculty Association Membership Fee”, and all other similar references be likewise replaced.

Wanke: This amendment takes the motion too far beyond its original scope.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

Samuel/Loewen moved that the word “proposal” in Section 7c be replaced with “bylaw.”
9/19/1 Failed

Discussion resumed on the amendment.

McGraw/Harriman moved that a Section 6b be added to provide for departmental associations where there are no faculty associations to be had (friendly).

Discussion resumed on the amendment.
20/9/4 Carried

Discussion resumed on the main motion.

Samuel reiterated his opposition from the previous meeting.

Coles/Jess moved to add Section 11d: “The SU will provide full access to accounting services to department and faculty associations/schools at no cost, so that financial accountability can be ensured.”

Samuel/McGraw moved that the Section be amended to read “on a cost-recovery basis” (friendly).

On the amendment: 24/8/0 Carried
Tackaberry/Welke moved to call the question on the main motion.
25/8/3 Carried
24/8/0 Carried

Kotovych/Knull moved to adjourn the meeting.
14/17/1 Failed

2001-24/10e

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 3000 Respecting the Strategic Planning and the Business Planning of the Students’ Union (FIRST Reading).

Samuel introduced and outlined the bylaw.

Debate ensued on the motion.

18/2/2 Carried

2001-24/10e

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6000 Respecting the Establishment, Governance and Use of Dedicated Fees Mandated by Student Referenda (FIRST Reading).

Samuel introduced and outlined the bylaw.

Debate ensued on the motion.

Smith: This is not the appropriate time to be discussing such a controversial issue. The debate should take place with a full Council, and not in the middle of the night.

Speer: Approving the motion at first reading allows room for amendments later. If the motion is defeated, it cannot come back.

Sharun/Harriman moved to table the motion.
Harlow deemed the motion out of order.
Sharun challenged the Chair.
20/6/1
The Chair’s ruling was upheld.
Welke/Nychka moved to call the question.
10/15/2 Failed

Samuel (councilor)/Welke moved to postpone indefinitely.

Jess/Knull moved to limit debate to twenty minutes.
19/5/1 Carried

Sharun: It would be impossible to consult all concerned dedicated fees during final exams. This should be taken up by next year’s Council.

Wanke spoke against.
Brechtel spoke against.
Zwack spoke against.

Weppler/Zwack moved to call the question.
19/6/1 Carried
9/17/1 Failed

Jess/Sharun moved to call the question on the main motion.
18/5/0 Carried
16/10/0 Failed

A roll-call vote was requested.
16/6/3 Carried

Knull/Sharun moved to adjourn the meeting.
Failed

Clyburn/Jess moved to proceed to item 11e immediately.
Carried

2001-24/11e

SHARMA/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students’ Council appoint one councilor to sit on the Board of Directors for the Gateway Journalism Society until the end of this council term.

Congratulations to Jess.
SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the Political Policy “Alberta’s and the University of Alberta’s Tuition Policy”.

McGraw moved to change the word “learnercentric” to “studentcentric” (friendly).

Jones moved to postpone the motion to April 30 (friendly).

Samuel/Brechtel moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 a.m.

Consensus