**University of Alberta Students’ Union**

**STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

**Tuesday October 29, 2002 – 6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**MINUTES** *(SC 2002-15)*

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Observers: Michelle Kelly

2002-15/1  CALL TO ORDER 6:10

2002-15/4  SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Valerie Knaga was appointed Councilor from the School of Native Studies

2002-15/6  APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SHARMA (COUNCILOR) MOVED TO make item 13b 13a and to make 14d 14a
Carried
JONES/BRECHTEL MOVED TO limit debate on 14d to 15min.
Carried
WELKE/PEPIN MOVED TO strike 14d
Defeated
SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO add Late Additions
Carried

2002-15/8  APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Oct. 22
p. 5: it would take 62 $100 budget reductions to make up the Eco Conference Losses, not 63
p. 8: Smith: “Since the U of A SU itself...”
Alampi and Reikie were not informed of the meeting

Oct. 15
p. 3: Zwack, Botten, and Zeibin were named Guests of Council
p. 6: Smith: “I will discuss the issue with the Senior Manager (Entertainment and Programming) and the Operations Manager (Venues.)”
p. 8: “Steve Smith will be meeting with the Registrar’s Office”
p. 8: “The intent is to change the scheme so U of A students would pay SU fees to RDC.”
p. 12: Smith’s comments on motion 12c should be preceded with “With this Executive,” as otherwise his brilliant joke about Mike being a maniac is of no effect.

2002-15/9
REPORTS

2002-15/9a Mike Hudema, President
Written report provided
Reverse Trick-or-Treating for the FTAA on Halloween and FTAA postcards at front.

2002-15/9b Mat Brechtel, Vice-President (Academic)
Written report provided (LA 02-15.01)

2002-15/9c Steve Smith, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)
Written report provided (LA 02-15.02)

2002-15/9d Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep
BoG meeting on Friday. Will discuss parking increase, which is a result of the university’s decision to have Parking Services be a net contributor to the university’s general budget. I will be voting against the increase as the SU has expressed their opposition to it.

2002-15/9e Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee Minutes
Please see document SC 02-15.01.

2002-15/9f  Dave Arsenault, Faculte St. Jean

Formal casino coming up

2002-15/9g  Kimberly Dary, Science

It’s science week! Free DDR in Tory Lecture tomorrow night! Chem magic show on Thursday. Come schmooze with us at our banquet! We also have cheaper tickets for the Saturday night show at the Power Plant.

2002-15/9h  Greg Harlow, Committee for Council Reform And Progress

A new legislative process was approved and will be submitted to council. Meeting after this council meeting adjourns to discuss ways to make meetings progress more effectively.

2002-15/10  QUESTION PERIOD

Kawanami: Will APIRG’s request to use Dinwoodie for free be granted?
Smith: They need to submit a more coherent budget before it can be considered.

Jones: Didn’t we approve a policy asking Parking Services to contribute to the general budget?
Reid: Council has all sorts of conflicting policies and it would be great if we could get an updated version of them.
Vigeant: How much will the parking increase be and when would it come into effect?
Reid: It varies between lots, from $5 to $20. There is also an increase in fines. The increases will be in effect for the next academic year.

Oberhoffner: Can we expect to see written reports from the exec in the regular agenda packages, rather than the Late Additions?
Brechtel: Reports would have to be submitted by Thursday
to be in the agenda, which might make them less relevant to
the current council meeting.

**Samuel:** Is UASUS subsidizing the tickets to the Halloween
party?
**Williams:** A tech company is sponsoring the event.

**Kawanami:** People have been getting invitations to faculties
to which they are not enrolled; how are faculties getting this
information and does it violate FOIPP?
**Brechtel:** It might violate FOIPP but it would depend on the
circumstances; I’ll look into it.

**Jones:** GFC councilors are permitted to ask wide-ranging
questions of University administrators but only few have
taken advantage of this; does the VPA intend to encourage his
minions to take advantage of their investigatory powers?
**Brechtel:** Step 1: get people to attend. 2: get people to ask
questions. 3: making motions. I am striving for this truly
lofty goal.

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**2002-15/12**

**LEGISLATION**

**2002-15/12a**

**POLITICAL POLICY**

**ACADEMIC MATERIALS**

**BRECHTEL/BEAMISH MOVED THAT** Students’ Council, upon
the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, adopt
the Proposed Political Policy **Academic Materials.**

*Please see document SC 02-15.03.*

**Brechtel:** This policy has been amended to address the
concerns raised earlier in council.

**Jones:** This policy is excessively broad.

**Varga:** This policy is excessively broad and restricts all
influence on curriculum, not just negative impacts.

**Weppler:** There are cases when contributions could be
beneficial to students; why should we restrict these?

**Brechtel:** The problem arises when curriculum changes are
mandated as a condition of the donation to the university.

**Carried (29/6/5)**

**2002-15/12b**

**POLITICAL POLICY**

**BURSARIES**

**HUDEMA/ROSS MOVED THAT** Students’ Council, upon the
recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the
proposed Political Policy relating to **Bursaries.**
Please see document SC 02-15.04.

**Hudema:** Alberta Learning is investigating the way in which bursaries are handed out at U of A. Our system places more emphasis on financial need than U of C’s, which emphasizes grades more. This policy asserts our right to decide which selection system we wish to use as well as maintaining the $1600 exemption, which may be revoked.

OBERHOFFNER/WELKE MOVED TO strike “demonstrating financial need and” from the first whereas

**Oberhoffner:** People shouldn’t be denied financial aid just because their parents make too much money

**Smith:** This amendment doesn’t address parental dependency and says that we’ll give money to everyone with good academic standing, regardless of whether they need it.

**Alampi:** This ignores the distinction between bursaries and scholarships.

**Welke:** The original motion doesn’t say to whom you must demonstrate financial need.

**Williams:** Committees that grant bursaries need the flexibility to address applications on a case-by-case basis.

**Weppler:** It is important to keep the financial need clause in there.

**Smith:** It makes sense that bursaries would only be available to students in financial need.

**Hudema:** I encourage council to vote against this amendment. The SFAIC director is all about this policy as written.

Defeated (5/33/3)

Carried (35/3/2)

2002-15/12c

**POLITICAL POLICY ACCESS FUND**

HUDEMA/SHARMA (COUNCILOR) MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to the **Access Fund**.

Please see document SC 02-15.05.

**Hudema:** Alberta Learning is considering excluding the Access Fund from the $16000 bursary exemption.

Carried (31/3/4)
OLD BUSINESS

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed letter of clarification from the Executive Committee to Orientation staff and volunteers, and direct the Executive Committee to send it to the Orientation staff and volunteers.

Please bring supporting documentation from the October 1, 2002 meeting.

Smith: The letter was drafted as per council’s request.
Sharma (Councilor): Council decided that the letter should be explanatory, rather than conciliatory, in nature; please keep this in mind as you read it.
Kawanami: One of the primary purposes for drafting this letter was so as to not alienate our volunteers

JOHNSON/KAWANAMI MOVED TO AMEND the motion to include the words “and publish the letter in an upcoming edition of the Gateway”
Ross: We already shot this down
Sharma (Councilor): Council already decided that publishing this letter in the Gateway was unnecessary as the letter is addressed specifically to orientation volunteers.
Kawanami: Categorizing this letter as a political flogging would be fallacious.
Smith (Councilor): No one else is still talking about this; why are we?

Defeated (10/28/2)

Carried (33/7/2)

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, direct the Internal Review Board to draft a referendum question to eliminate the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre dedicated fee and replace it with a corresponding increase in the base Students’ Union fee.

Smith: SFAIC more properly belongs in the general operating budget of the SU as it is now spending more than it takes in
through dedicated fees and its accumulated surplus won’t last forever.

Carried (31/1/5)

2002-15/13c SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students’ Council, select one voting member of Students’ Council to sit on the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee for the duration of the 2002-2003 year.

Congratulations to Slomp

2002-15/14 NEW BUSINESS

2002-14a SHARMA (Councilor)/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed $1320 to send Steve Smith, Vice President (Operations and Finance) to the Campus Advantage Mid Year Shareholders Meeting in Waterloo to take place November 28 through 30, 2002.

Please see document SC 02-15.07.

Kidston: What is the purpose of the meeting?
Samuel: Will Bill Smith be attending the meeting as well and could he do two Smiths’ jobs at once?
Smith: This is a shareholders meeting, not a board meeting.; I will be going in the capacity of shareholder, not board member we are the largest shareholders and this is one of two annual meetings. The GM will be attending but I believe that it is important for an elected representative to attend the meeting as well.

Carried (32/3/4) (Abstaining: Smith)

2002-15/14b SMITH/JONES MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee for the selection of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, appoint Christopher G. Samuel as Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, William McBeath as the Alternate Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, Jason Tobias, Vincent Tong, and Debora Philips as regular members of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, and Lucas Lau as an alternate member of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement
Smith: I don’t consider Christopher G. Samuel to be the ideal chair as this represents a conflict between the political and judicial sides of the SU. But he was the most knowledgeable and best qualified candidate for the position.

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED to go in camera

Carried  (Opposing: Jones)

In Camera Business

HUDMEA/WILLIAMS MOVED TO STRIKE “Christopher G. Samuel as Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board” and “upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee for the selection of the DIE Board”

In Camera Business

WEPPLER/SLOMP MOVED the previous question

Carried

Defeated  (11/27/4)

Carried  (28/2/1)

ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO go ex camera

Carried

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students’ Council appoint Dónal Finnegan as a Student at Large on the Financial Affairs Board for the remainder of the 2002-2003 year.

Carried  (34/0/4) Abstaining: Samuel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next installment of the Revolutionary speaker series will be tomorrow night. Tuition town hall tomorrow afternoon. Stick around for a CRAP meeting

Congratulations to Reid who won the 4th place Speaker and Top Novice Speaker awards at the Calgary Fall Open debate
tournament last weekend. The Recording Secretary was moved by the stirring rendition of Happy Birthday to which council treated her.

2002-15/17

ADJOURNMENT

OBERHOFFNER/SAMUEL (8:25)