# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

November 4, 2003  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-16)

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**Guests of Council:** Stephen Kirkham, Chelli Kelly, Adrienne D., Sara Katz, Tara Thompson.

**Minutes SC 2003-16**

2003-16/01 **CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker calls meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2003-16/02 **UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CHEER SONG “Ring Out a Cheer”**

TAYLOR leads council in the singing of the cheer song.

2003-16/03 **SPEAKER’S BUSINESS**
Speaker – There will not be a meeting next Tuesday – It is Remembrance Day. Any appointments to council tonight?

SCHENDEL/PANDYA MOVED TO nominate Justin Kehoe as a Science Councilor to Students’ Council for the remainder of the 2003-2004 term.

SCHENDEL – We have a number of resignations in September so we went through our entire election list and offered positions to the people who didn’t win at that time. Justin Kehoe didn’t run in that election, but I would like to nominate him.

KEHOE - I didn’t run in the elections during the Spring. I talked with several of you about being appointed to council and tried to think of as many democratic methods to be appointed to council. I am willing to take on the responsibility of council. I’ll be here either way, as a guest.

TAYLOR – If you become a councilor, who is going to be a proxy for me?

KEHOE- If possible, I will find a proxy for me and then proxy for you.

Carried with unanimous consent.

Speaker – There are some vacancies in the student ruling board. When Meeker resigned, one seat opened up for science. I need a motion to appoint someone in science to SCAB.

SCHENDEL – I am on SCAB.

Speaker – Never mind, then we do have a full SCAB. Under our existing legislation, when they interpret the DIE board bylaws, those interpretations must come to SU for ratification. In effect, DIE Board has said that the Claus in the bylaw which prohibits Students’ Council to take action to DIE board is in conflict with the existing bylaw. DIE Board is the court of first instance in the Students’ Union. Their decisions are appealable to Students’ Council. Anyways, the bylaw that creates this court - no action from Student Council can be taken to DIE Board for questioning. DIE Board has said that it is impossible to carry out its duties, upholding all SU bylaws says that it can’t bring student council hearings. There is no way that DIE Board can actually uphold the reasoning. We are not voting on a whole whether their ruling was correct, only voting on their interpretation of the die board by law. (Bylaw 1200).
WALLACE – What is the result of this vote?

Speaker – Henceforth, Students’ Council can be brought for DIE Board breaches of bylaw and constitution. Students’ Council can be named as a defendant.

SMITH – By endorsing this, we will also be endorsing that die board can overrule scab, and effectively overruling council?

Speaker – No, it is the first paragraph, under point 4.

SMITH – So DIE Board has ruled under bylaw 1200, they can overturn decisions made by Students’ Council.

Speaker – Yes, but that is not the portion of the ruling that we are voting on.

EATON/WELKE MOVED THAT Students’ Council endorse the Thursday, October 30th, 2003 ruling of Jones vs. Harlow, Reikie and Students’ Council in so far as their interpretation of bylaw 1200 regarding the jurisdiction of DIE Board in hearing complaints specifically regards to Students’ Council and that hence forth, DIE Board has such jurisdiction.

SMITH – Bylaw 1200 stipulates if is force council to consider a decision that is already made. But by overturning scab, the question never even got to council, they have effectively overturned council’s question by saying that it never happened. I am all about independent judiciary, therefore we need to strip down this interpretation.

DUBE – SCAB exists in order to make sure that DIE Board is accountable. SCAB was under the impression that DIE Board screwed up, but they didn’t. If SCAB is above DIE Board, how can die board overrule it?

Speaker – That is not what we are voting on today. We are not voting to uphold or return its decision, only voting on the portion that outlines their interpretation of bylaw 1200, which would give them the rights of judiciary action. In the future, if this is appealed, Students’ Council will have an opportunity to deal with the big picture whether this was made correctly or not.

HUTCHISON/WALLACE MOVED TO POSTPONE until next Students’ Council meeting.
Motion to postpone is carried.

Speaker – I would like to introduce Stephanie Van Orman. She is the Executive Assistant to the Executive Committee. She is here tonight to get an idea on how we operate in these chambers. Now, a quick comment from Director of the ECOS office:

RAE – A Post conference update - financially, we actually made money. It is a meager sum of $450. We are still waiting for some bills to come in, so we may break even. It was $28-25 dollars for tickets and we offered subsidies to 10 students. As well, SOC 260 used our conference as their class assignment and will be writing a report on what they learned for course credits. We had 32 volunteers and we were on CJSR radio show and received coverage on SEE and VIEW. We also had a window mural painting. Some of the outcomes - we were able to uphold our mandate by providing people with a venue to come to and meet different groups. It was a great network-building weekend. One of the sessions we had was on campus sustainability. What came out of that is we got 3 people on the task force to support this. They had 120 students involved, students received credits on everything. I want to thank Councilor Wallace and Janet Lo for coming. We appreciate strengthening the ties between SU and ECOS. I brought everyone on council a gift - vegetable seeds and some conference guides. This guide has everything from getting the media’s attention, how to plan a stunt. I will leave some here.

2003-16/3a

BAZIN/TAYLOR MOVED TO approve the minutes.

PANDYA – Page 7, under Question Period, the first number for Samuel’s answer should be, “621.58”. Page 12, the motion was seconded by “Smith”, not “Pandya”, and where it says “AEB” in the minutes, it should be “AAB”.

BRECHTEL – Page 7, first comment under Question Period should read, “Last year’s VP Student Life submitted his report”, instead of “Last year’s President submitted his report”. Page 16 should read, “We lost one of our individuals in our advocacy department, and hence also currently retooling.”

Motion is carried.

2003-16/3b

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students’ Council move in camera.

Carried.

HUTCHISON/WALLACE MOVED THAT the in camera minutes be approved.
Carried.

**HUTCHISON/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students’ Council move ex camera.

Carried.

**2003-16/04**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**BOTTEN/BAZIN MOVED THAT** the agenda be approved.

**ABBOUD MOVED TO** add item 10b to agenda.

**BRECHTEL** – 10d and 10e on the late additions they can coexist on the agenda.

**Speaker** – Before, as soon as 1 gets passed, the other gets void. The Speaker now looks to Students’ Council for guidance on the issue. If there is an item on the agenda that isn’t pressing and urgent, then it won’t be added to the agenda.

**WELKE** – Is there any way of getting council to follow the rules for late additions?

**Speaker** – For me to rule anything out of order - I have let so many things go by that I don’t see a distinction anymore.

**BOTTEN** – Given that you are talking about moving the bar back further, so the agenda items come in a chronological order?

**Speaker** – There are limited abilities for the speaker, these tend to come in between noon and 5 before the day of council. I could do it now, but I am not going to engage in that at this point. I will leave it to council to arrange the agenda as they feel.

**ABBOUD** – From the email I received from the Board of Governors, the tuition undertaking committee is taking our tuition campaign rolling, so it is important to know what our tuition policy is.

**Speaker** – So, given that the tuition policies that have come, is that the university needs to know what our decision is so they can make their own decisions.

**WELKE** – Rise on a point of order on 10d and 10e. We already have a good policy, we don’t need a new one.
Speaker – So 10e is not on the table, so limited on 10d only.

TAYLOR – Thinking about what Welke just said about our tuition policy that is in place that is already good, would Councilor Abboud’s motion still be in order since we don’t have a policy that is relevant to this year.

Speaker – So what you are asking is do we have a policy that is effective? The 2002-2003 heading is a typo, so we do have a policy that is in effect.

Speaker – Given the times given throughout and not just in the title, there is no current policy on tuition. Disregard my comments. I rule both ways. So the question, does this question meet the requirements of standing order 12, the Speaker has ruled that it meets the requirement.

Defeated.

BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVED TO add 10 d to the agenda

BRECHTEL – So it speaks to what was implemented last year for tuition for 02-03 year. That was the wording as applied last year. So we do not have something this year, TUPAC has debated and will be meeting, almost done the imaging, should be done by the Monday after that and sent to print so that as the bill 43 campaign wraps up, we will have a tuition campaign waiting to go.

Speaker – Given the precedence just set, it no longer meets the bar, under requirements under standing order 12.

WALLACE – Given the explanation from our President, this is urgent and needs to be dealt with and we need to have that debate tonight.

Speaker – This is distinguished from the previous motion because this is a committee that has been looking at this for a long time.

Defeated.

BOTTEN/BRECHTEL MOVED TO add the presentation, 11a, 11b and a pair of reports to the agenda.

BOTTEN – I would like to give a presentation before council loses interests. The items under “New Business” are here because of a twitch in the system, and the reports are fun to read.
Speaker – These are all out of order. The faculty forums are out of order; they can be handled at the end of the agenda. The dismissal has already occurred and she has already started working.

BOTTEN – Would it be possible for someone to bring this body to a disciplinary board given that we have hired or dismissed someone without approval of council?

Speaker – It is possible, but unlikely. DIE Board will find one of 2 things, either council is still not in violation, or council is in violation for not doing this earlier. So no, I don’t see that as being relevant.

BRECHTEL – So on 11a and 11b, I wish to challenge the chair. The reason it is pressing, is because it is important which of the individual in the office gets the pay cheque. We need the official endorsement from council so the person can get paid.

Speaker – I believe there is enough flexibility in the budget to make that happen, so we can put this to a later date.

Chair is defeated.

PANDYA – Does that mean item 5 under presentations on the late additions was ruled as being struck?

Speaker – Yes.

BOTTEN – Wondering if you can clarify, what is the deadline for late additions to you? Or is it mainly the pressing and urgent nature?

Speaker – Deadline is Thursday at noon. Anything after that is a late addition. So it should not be added to our agenda unless it is pressing and urgent such that it cannot be postponed to the next council meeting. I came to the meeting today that I had this bar too low. Acting on that bar, council preceded to lower that bar again. So, I’m left with where I was again. Until I see some backbone to reject somethings from council from time to time.

Agenda is carried.

BAZIN – Can I make the presentation from the Engineering Week Judge a special order? He’s been here and waiting.

Speaker – That is what is up next.
KELLER – I am the head judge for Engineering Week 2004. Engineering Week is a week of competitions between different engineering clubs. We’ve invited other faculties to come out and play but nobody has accepted yet. Bazin said that maybe council may be interested and would like to play. So, if you put in a team, you would be treated the same way a first year club is, so you would be exempted from planning events. It really is a blast. Just be warned that if council puts in a team and competes in the events, it would take about 20 people to get this done. There are 15 events, such as a scavenger hunt, battle of the bands, dance group performance, design competition, tug of war, toboggan races…etc. Also food drives - clubs get points on how many donations they can get. There are also blood drives - CBS comes in and does a drive. If council were to enter, you can participate in any or all of the events. If you decide to enter, appoint several coordinators so I can go over the rules.

SCHENDEL – Is there an entrance fee?

KELLER – No. It starts in the 2nd week of classes in the winter term.

Speaker – One final note on the agenda, I think my biggest concern is that I believe that lot of people voting on their motions to strike down the items they didn’t want to see tonight, it was based mainly on a convenience, strike them on the agenda, don’t use the late additions rule to take them off.

EATON – In the case of overturning a decision of the chair, can you have a vote to reconsider?

Speaker – No. It is final and finished. I try my best to be just and fair. If you vote against the chair, vote against the chair because you think it is fair, not because it is convenience.

WELKE – In regards of Councilor Eaton’s question, can we reconsider the approval of the agenda?

Speaker – At the end of the meeting, that would be acceptable, but not right now.
SMITH – When I created a provision for written questions, I submitted a written question 2 days ago, the VP OP/Fin has responded and has submitted his answer, but the other 3 members of the executive committee has yet to submit them to me.

BRECHTEL – Yes, this won’t happen again.

DUBE – I am wondering where the minutes for the TUPAC meeting are and when should we expect a report on that?

BRECHTEL – Council can have those at the next meeting, haven’t been approved by TUPAC. Report on TUPAC’s progress; things such as political policies, if TUPAC decides those minutes should come back, it is amendable as well.

PEWARCHUK – Question for the President - Is the Executive, or is it true that Past-President Hudema received money for his report even though he didn’t submit his report? Any disciplinary action against this?

BRECHTEL – At this point, there has been no intent to try to push corrective action. If council wishes to suggest that they would like to take that course of action, then we will take it.

KELLY – Question for the President – Has he talked to the staff about Parkland Institute and why has SU not followed up with promises? When Parkland decided to take SU as sponsors, staff at the Parkland has been trying to get hold of the President. A letter was addressed to the SU President. Why has SU neglected their end of the bargain and why has the President’s communication been lacking?

BRECHTEL – The Executive Assistant sent an email to Parkland. There are concerns which Students’ Council has to follow through on from previous agreements and request to sponsor the Parkland conference. The letter came to my office last week, as such I did the appropriate thing, which was to send it to staff members and asked why those things didn’t happen. They came to our meeting with a written response as to why those things weren’t done. For the concerns that were brought forward, those concerns reported to me, I am going to draft a letter and send it tomorrow responding to what those concerns are. The email I sent today on expanding sponsorship, the staff took a look on it, it didn’t include a budget or a statement as why it benefits students. As such, we wanted to talk about that tomorrow at our exec meeting. That will be what the institute has for that night. One, there are a list of concerns, for that concern, the staff member discussed, and those will be forthcoming in a letter, we would like to see our execs entertain the expanding sponsorship.
THOMAS – I received an email from the Assistant Dean with a notice that they will not approve any more BBQs. Is there anyway deal with L’express so we can still have BBQs on campus?

MAH – This is the first time I heard about this. I have not received any email, so didn’t know if this was occurring. I basically can’t answer your question, because I don’t know anything about it. I have a feeling that the VP of Op/Fin can help you.

WUDARCK – Question for the VP External. What is going on with the Bill 43 campaign and what is going on with trying to get volunteers for it?

SAMUEL – The status of the Bill 43 campaign is right in front of you. The report is included. One final event on November 19 is going to be promoting that event through our usual channels, emails, the usual ways we disburse information. In terms of volunteers, one of the first group we looked to are in this room so if anyone can volunteer time, please stop by my office. I think the answer to that question is to keep on going with what we have been doing.

COOK – Question for the VP External. I heard on CJSR yesterday, that there was a conference held. A representative from CAUS was there and why is there no representation from the Students’ Union?

SAMUEL – Again, turn to my report. In terms of what I have envisioned where to go from federal lobbying firms. I personally haven’t received an invitation to the event from CASA. I’m not sure if our organization received one.

KATZ – Question for the Board of Governors - he voted in favor for a rent increase. Please tell us why.

KOTOVYCH - In terms of rent increase itself, revenues need to be maintained, so this rent increase is still insufficient for the numbers they need to maintain. I voted in favor because the Residents’ Hall Association supports the increase in a sense that they are working with the residence people to see how that money will be dispersed. I guess in a sense, the residences see the need for this increase.

BRECHTEL – It is not an expeditious increase, it is up to 3%. The reason why they feel this is more desirable, there will be no utilities, no buildings. What will first get cut if the budget goes down is the programming - the quality of life of the residences. It is under what CIP was last year. I made sure to ask at the HRA on the decision on how that rent increase was broken down.

WELKE – About the missing report from last year’s President - why has the President decided to wait and asked for these rules to be enforced?
BRECHTEL – Simply that, it is a decision made, relative benefits to relative costs. I don’t believe we have the power to withhold things like graduation if there are outstanding debts to the Students’ Union. Also, because, it would seem merely vindictive for one executive to go after another executive.

EKDAHL – Question for the VP External. Considering you are in need for volunteers, why haven’t you put them on your contact list?

SAMUEL – I was under the impression that everyone that was on the list was already on the list. This subscribe command has been fairly straightforward. I guess this is something to look at and I will do that when I get back into the office.

WALLACE – I would like to know where the President’s council report is and what happened at the meeting when he went to Carl Arnheim and gave him the follow up with the multi-year tuition.

BRECHTEL – I’ll do the report tomorrow. The response from the Provost - I brought forth the concerns that certain things be up kept, such as, the tuition increase be separate from multi-year tuition. The Provost will go back and examine it. It will be what verifies or denies us. Since then, I’ve spoken with him and both have told me how they are unwilling to make it 50% to entertain the proposal. As TUPAC outlined, 50% was in our proposal. I have been in discussion with the Provost, the VP Finance and Operations and the VP External Relations on some possible alternatives on the tuition campaign. So that is where we stand and where we are meeting.

PANDYA – Question for the VP of Operations/Finance. For the faculty forums, what time do the volunteers show up?

BOTTEN – I would say that noon is a good time to be there. These rooms need to be cleared out between 11:50-noon. Allot the same time that university does to travel from one place to another.

DUBE – Question for the President. The day of action on Bill 43 was an important event, but why there were no executives at the AGM? I know that not all members of the executive were at the day of the action.

BRECHTEL – Our notification of the AGM was after the Day of Action. At the Day of Action, from noon to 3:30, I was there when I could be, but I had already committed to the day of action.

TAYLOR – With respect to the MP bus drive thing, how many members of the media were contacted?
SAMUEL – We sent out our press releases through group send, which means all the newspapers, what that means is that all the major outlets were notified of the event. We also ask our exec communications office to do a media call around and try to sell the story. As to why no media showed up, who knows what goes on around the media rooms, it could have been a failing of the press release, or a busy day at the press. It was also Halloween that day.

DUBE – Question for VP Student Life. Wondering why she wasn’t present at the Day of Action and could she have made the AGM?

MAH – I was off campus for another meeting and preparing for the food bank meeting and the chancellor search committee. I don’t really remember, just that I was really busy.

2003-16/9

LEGISLATION

2003-16/10a BOTTEN/BAZIN MOVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Internal Affairs Board, Students’ Council repeal Article X of the Students’ Union Constitution. (Third reading)

Carried with unanimous consent.

2003-16/10b BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Internal Review Board Students’ Council rescind bylaw 600 ad Bylaw 2100 be amended as tabled.

BRECHTEL – This is getting rid of those general meetings, which aren’t really general meetings, but candidate forums. The changes within 2100, just take out the actual definition and reference to it. So the meeting can be whatever we want it to be.

Motion is carried.

2003-16/10c BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students’ Council strike the words, “as per the Students’ Union Confidentiality Policy from Article XVIII section 4 of the Constitution (second reading).”

BRECHTEL – This is part of rectifying that situation. For this meeting and next meeting we will have a policy that exists.

Carried with unanimous consent.

2003-16-10e BRECHTEL/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Tuition Undertakings Planning and Action Committee, approve the proposed changes to the Political Policy regarding Tuition.
BRECHTEL - TUPAC has been going through a process about what our tuition should reflect, what we see the tuition system at the U of A should be. What you see in this policy is a reflection of all those steps. What we have done is try to put together, an argument that we believe in these principles. TUPAC has discussed this, and students have made a statement that they want to be in post secondary and are willing to pay with the costs. This is a step down from the ideal, what you pay up front is only a symbol of what you believe, however in the long term, the final number that students pay should be somewhat reflective of what the get. We also got into things such as the current environment, this takes the argument that the first line here, we are not meeting that. The next 4 clauses are support for the first 3 statements. Whereas accessibility has been threatened, that statement is meant to reflect that we need money to support the education at the University of Alberta. However, we need to put those 2 values against each other and judge which one is in a dire situation. So, it gives some reorganization that they are both valuable, between the 2, tuition is more pressing. Tuition freeze, may not be the final outcome, they will be trying to have a long-term goal. The SU worked with the funds needed from the provincial government, we developed a campaign, this is speaking not to the demand of a tuition freeze, we actually developed a campaign to do it. Also, the money that comes in should go towards tuition. As the students’ representative, we need to see some return for students.

WELKE /HUTCHSION MOVED TO adjourn. Motion to adjourn is defeated.

SMITH/WELKE MOVED TO strike, “WHEREAS tuition is meant as a symbol of a students’ commitment to their education rather than a source of revenue for a post-secondary institution”

DUBE - Basically we decided as a committee that it was important for students to have a contribution to their education. Thus, we tried to decide what would be an appropriate number for tuition. Students should commit themselves financially to their post-secondary education. We should not be seen as a source of revenue.

SAMUEL – I must vote against this amendment. I see the point, but I think a more productive way to make the amendment, replace with “should be”, instead of “whereas”.

WALLACE – I think tuition is a symbol committing to their education, instead of paying operating costs. Students came for their education, not to run buildings. That is the principle behind this. What this is supposed to do, education is not a commodity in itself and it speaks against it. Educated people are the commodity that the government should make an investment to.
WEPPLE – On the off hand, in case someone read our political policy, whereas, when they read for the 2nd thing, I am going to stop reading here. Tuition is a way that it funds all the benefits, what it actually costs, we are talking about photocopying some assignments to give out, tuition is not just saying that I really want this, it is putting up an institution where people can get their degrees from.

HUTCHISON – If you read this, it is meant as a symbol. I would hope that this symbol is obtaining a degree. There is no value in having this part of the political policy.

BOTTEN – I’m reading the 3rd whereas where it covers, the costs of delivering education. Tuition is only a symbol because of the annual tuition fight.

BRECHTEL – I think right now we are looking at striking an amendment. I would suggest that if it is poorly worded, we change the wording. But some people don’t believe in this as a principle. There are 2 different ways how tuition should be set. You should charge, instead of delivering the costs up front. It should be merely enough that people don’t hang around here for 20 years and then just bankrupt themselves. It prevents people from abusing them. So it is merely meant as that. If you believe that it should be enough that people don’t hang around and abuse the system. I am personally voting against the amendment.

SMITH – My interpretation is, if you believe that facts have a place on political policy, then you should vote in favor of this amendment. If we form a political policy on what tuition should be, that is a full policy that shouldn’t be happening.

DUBE – Is there any mechanism to extend debate?

Speaker – Yes, to move to informal consideration.

DUBE MOVED TO suspend the standing orders.

DUBE – I think that discussing this amendment, I would not feel comfortable voting on this under the current standards, we should be free to discuss this.

Motion to suspend standing order 28 is carried.

The amendment is carried.

WALLACE/DUBE MOVED TO amend the whereas to say, “WHEREAS tuition increase have posed a greater threat to accessibility than to the quality of education.”

Amendment is considered friendly.
COOK – 2 things, try to avoid the debacle where the political policy didn’t actually expire, but would like to amend the expiration date to say Sept 2004.

BRECHTEL – Maybe take out the first “be it resolve”.

COOK/PANDYA MOVED TO strike the words, “2003-04 school year” from the first “BE IT RESOLVED”

Main motion is carried.

2003-16/11

NEW BUSINESS

2003-16/11a

BRECHTEL/DUBE MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the dismissal of the current Safewalk Director for the period of November 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004.

Carried.

2003-16/11b

BRECHTEL/RICE MOVED THAT Students’ Council ratify the hiring of Samantha Maxson as the Safewalk Director for the period of November 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004.

BRECHTEL - The good news is, we hired an individual who is highly competent. She is a fantastic individual.

Motion is carried.

2003-16/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAYLOR – I would like to thank everyone who showed up to science banquet and people who showed up during other science events.

WEPPLER – I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who shaved my head. Kyle Kawanami did a fantastic job. In total, 36 people shaved their head and in general raised $12,000.

DUBE – The Faculte St. Jean will be having their legendary party at the Velvet Lounge on Nov 14.

SCHENDEL – Wanted council to know that UASUS and BSA is getting together for Engineering Week.

SAMUEL – I would like to highlight one thing in my report, in the bottom, that is a little vague, when we went to the MLA offices, Lord Blaken who also came out to the U of A Seniors day, she is having an event that is going to be a lot of fun this Friday. Bill 43 will be a topic and there will be live music and entertainment.
BRECHTEL – The 2nd week of January is also tuition week. As TUPAC, we hope to get involvement from all of council, student groups, everybody. I would love to have students involved in Engineering week.

2003-16/16

ADJOURNMENT

HUTCHISON/SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN at 8:50 pm
Carried.