

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday March 27, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-22)

### 2011-22/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-22/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2012

### 2011-22/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-22/2a Replenishment Bylaw and Petition for Impeachment- Presented by Adam Woods, Bylaw Committee Chair. Sponsored by Adam woods, Bylaw Committee Chair.

Abstract:

This presentation outlines two separately proposed Bylaw motions, which are newly created legislation attempting to fix areas of concern created by the recent passing of the Impeachment Bylaw. The two proposed Bylaws are Replenishment of an Executive or Board of Governor's representative in case of vacancy, as well as the petition which would need to be filled out by members of Council if they wished to impeach one of the aforementioned positions. These both required a lot of work from the committee, as well as thorough thought to think of every possible situation in the case of Replenishment. Feel free to ask lots of questions, we are very happy to finally have these items come before Council.

Please see document SC 11-22.01

2011-22/2b Fall Reading Week- presented by Rory Tighe, President. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

Abstract

This presentation will highlight the logistical constraints that exist in the creation of a Fall Reading Week

### 2011-22/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-22/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 11-22.02

**2011-22/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS****2011-22/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD****2011-22/5a**      To the Vice-President External from Councillor Ferguson

Though the provincial election has yet to be called (barring an announcement from the provincial government on Friday), how is the Get Out The Vote campaign going in terms of direction and tangible goals such as visibility? What, if anything, will have to go forward in the coming year in order to have the campaign be a success?

**2011-22/6**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS****2011-22/6a**      **KHINDA/CRONE MOVES THAT**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Smoke Free Environment Policy in second reading based on the following principles:

- That the Students' Union advocate that the University of Alberta restrict smoking on all of its campuses to appropriate and health promoting designated smoking areas;
- That the policy expires on April 30, 2015.

Please see document SC 11-22.03

**2011-22/6b**      **CSORBA/POWER MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:

- That the Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food and beverage options;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;
- That the Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic<sup>1</sup>, local, or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;
- That The Students' Union advocates that the University reduces the ONEcard vendor levy to promote the expansion of its ONEcard service to vendors providing more choice for students who wish to eat on campus;

- That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food and beverage products;
- That this policy expire on April 30, 2015.

Please see document SC 11-22. 04

2011-22/6c

**KHINDA/POWER MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Health and Wellness Policy in second reading based on the following principles:

### Health and Wellness Policy

- ~~That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide an increase in mental health resources, with an emphasis on counseling services;~~
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University increase psychological and psychiatric services;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University explore new ways in which to enhance students' mental health;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance ~~provide an increase in~~ physical wellness space;
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide an increase in~~ enhance sexual health awareness for students ~~and education;~~
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide an increase to~~ increase interfaith ~~prayer, meditation, and/or~~ spiritual space on campus; and
- That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide resources that foster a culture of moderation in regards to alcohol consumption~~ encourage safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol;
- That this policy expire on April 30, 2014

Please see document SC 11-22.05

2011-22/6d

**WOODS/GOULD MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the

Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #16 in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1) In the event that an Executive or Board of Governors Representative position becomes vacant the following process shall be endeavored:
  - 2) If the vacancy has taken place before the first Students' Council meeting in September, the CRO shall make applications for the empty position available to the general public on the morning following the Students' Council meeting in which the vacancy has occurred. The by-election and campaign shall fall in accordance with Bylaw 2300.
  - 3) If the vacancy has occurred past the first Students' Council meeting in September, the Speaker shall instruct that the Executive Selection Committee be created, following which Students' Council's next order of business shall be the selection of four (4) voting members to the Executive Selection Committee immediately following vacancy.
    - a) The Executive Selection Committee shall be comprised of two Executive members and two Students' Union Councillors.
    - b) The Students' Union shall make applications available to the general public on the morning following the Students' Council Meeting in which the vacancy has occurred.
    - c) The nomination packages shall require 50 signatures to be considered valid.
    - d) The Executive Selection Committee shall conduct interviews following the nomination deadlines, and shall email their recommended candidates to Students' Council four (4) days before the next meeting of Students' Council.
    - e) At the next meeting of Students' Council, candidates shall be interviewed by Students' Council. Members will be given the opportunity to question the candidates to determine who is most suitable for the position. Students' Council shall then have the opportunity to debate the decision. This discussion shall take place in camera.
    - f) Once Students' Council has completed its discussion it shall move ex camera and have a vote to elect a candidate for the contested position.

g) If a current member of the Executive or Board of Governors Representative is elected into the contested position, this process is to repeat itself to fill the position. The previously formed Executive Selection Committee shall continue in its role."

Please see document SC 11-22.06

2011-22/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2011-22/7a

**TIGHE MOVES THAT** Students' Council adopt the Fall Reading Week Political Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

That the Students' Union will bring a motion to University Governance that proposes the creation of a Fall Reading Week

The Fall Reading Week be created under the following guidelines:

- A full week without instruction will take place concurrent with the Remembrance Day holiday.
- Two instructional days will be removed from the Fall Term.
- Instruction in the Fall Term will commence, when possible, on the Tuesday following Labour Day.

2011-22/8

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2011-22/8a

Policy Committee- Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 11-22.07

2011-22/8b

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-22.08

2011-22/8e

Rory Tighe, President- Report

Please see document SC 11-22.9

2011-22/8f

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-22.10

## **Petition for Impeachment**

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**2011-2012/BYLAW**

This motion to petition indicates that we, the elected representatives of the student body serving on Students' Council, do not feel the current (insert position name) of the (insert year) Students' Union Executive is fit to remain occupying the position due to one or more of the following reasons:

- 1) The individual has committed a significant breach or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy.
- 2) There are charges levied against the individual for violation of the University of Alberta Code of Student Behavior, provincial law, or federal law.
- 3) The individual is performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

For these reasons, we wish that the following motion be added to the agenda of the next meeting of Students' Council as supported by the signatures of at least one-third of the elected members of Students' Council in accordance with the impeachment process outlined in Bylaw 100.

MOVER/SECONDER move the current (insert position name) of the (insert year) Students' Union Executive be impeached from the position of (insert position name) and post as an officer in first reading.

Attached is a document agreed to by all who signed, indicating why we as representatives feel this Executive or Board of Governors Representative is in violation of one or more of the aforementioned principles.

## **Replenishment Procedure**

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***2011-2012/BYLAW***

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  - a) If the vacancy has occurred past the first Students' Council meeting in September, the Speaker shall instruct that the Executive Selection Committee be created, following which Students' Council's next order of business shall be the selection of four (4) voting members to the Executive Selection Committee immediately following vacancy.
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  - c) The nomination packages shall require 50 signatures to be considered valid.

- d) The Executive Selection Committee shall conduct interviews following the nomination deadlines, and shall email their recommended candidates to Students' Council four (4) days before the next meeting of Students' Council.
  
- e) At the next meeting of Students' Council, candidates shall be interviewed by Students' Council. Members will be given the opportunity to question the candidates to determine who is most suitable for the position. Students' Council shall then have the opportunity to debate the decision. This discussion shall take place in camera.
  
- f) Once Students' Council has completed its discussion it shall move ex camera and have a vote to elect a candidate for the contested position.
  
- g) If a current member of the Executive or Board of Governors Representative is elected into the contested position, this process is to repeat itself to fill the position. The previously formed Executive Selection Committee shall continue in its role.



**March 12**

TIGHE/CSORBA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Allocation not to exceed \$4800.00 for the purpose of CSD purchasing video equipment.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

CSORBA/ISKANDAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the new title for SFAIC Administrative Assistant to Education and Outreach Administrator.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

CSORBA/CHEEMA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a Casino Allocation not to exceed \$2450.00 for the purpose of purchasing Services banners.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

## **SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY - Second Reading**

WHEREAS The Students' Union is committed to the health and wellness of all its employees and its members;

WHEREAS The Students' Union is committed to initiatives promoting sustainability on campus;

WHEREAS The University of Alberta is a world leading institution in health and cancer research;

WHEREAS Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) ~~is a~~ contains many known carcinogens, and poses a serious preventable health risk<sup>12</sup>;

WHEREAS cigarette butts and ETS pose a considerable hazard to the local ecosystem<sup>34</sup>;

WHEREAS the reduction of cigarette butts and litter on campus has the potential to reduce maintenance and disposal costs<sup>5</sup>;

~~WHEREAS the Government of Alberta does not allow smoking: in public buildings, on children's playgrounds, on patios or porches of restaurants, or within 5m of any entrance to such buildings;~~ the University of Alberta is subject to, but not limited to, provincial and municipal legislation regarding smoking;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta defined campuses are: Campus Saint-Jean, Enterprise Square, North Campus, South Campus, and Augustana;

~~WHEREAS a campus-wide ban would have a high potential of~~ could potentially placing place members of the campus community in risky unsafe situations<sup>6</sup>;

~~WHEREAS it is important to consider both smokers and non-smokers in defining appropriate smoking areas;~~

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that the University of Alberta restrict smoking on all of its campuses to appropriate and health promoting designated smoking areas.

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<sup>1</sup> International Agency for Research on Cancer, W. H. (2004). *ARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans*. Lyon: World Health Organization.

<sup>2</sup>Kaufman, P., Griffin, K., & Cohen, J. (2010). Smoking in urban outdoor public places: Benefits and implications for public health. *Health & Place* .

<sup>3</sup> Nagle, A.L., Schofield, M.J., Redman, S., 1996. Smoking on hospital grounds and the impact of outdoor smoke-free zones. *Tobacco Control* 5, 199–204.

<sup>4</sup> Barnes, R. (2011). Regulating the disposal of cigarette butts as toxic hazardous waste. *Tobacco Control* , 145-148.

<sup>5</sup>Barnes, R. (2011). Regulating the disposal of cigarette butts as toxic hazardous waste. *Tobacco Control* , 145-148.

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## **Food Policy - Second Reading**

WHEREAS access to food preparation resources on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS nutrition ~~plays a vital role in the health and wellness of students and therefore can have a~~ can significantly impact on their academic success;

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WHEREAS access to a variety of healthy food and beverage options ~~available~~ on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS food and beverages sold on campus do not meet the needs of students with a ~~variety of~~ dietary restrictions;

WHEREAS nutritional information provided for food products sold on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS the purchase of food and beverages incurs a significant financial cost to students;

WHEREAS students living in Lister Centre are required to purchase a mandatory meal plan that can only be used to purchase food and beverages from specific food vendors on campus who accept ONEcards as payment;

WHEREAS the production, transportation, distribution, and/or consumption of food and beverages can have adverse social and/or environmental impacts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food and beverage options;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;

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## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY**

WHEREAS the health and wellness of an individual encompasses emotional, mental, physical, spiritual, and sexual health;

WHEREAS the health and wellness of students may be affected by the physical environment on the University of Alberta Campus

WHEREAS the health and wellness of a student has a direct effect on academic and social success;

WHEREAS students are increasingly susceptible to high levels of stress due to heavy workloads;

WHEREAS there are limited fitness and physical wellness facilities on campus;

WHEREAS studies show that students exhibit low rates of sexually healthy behaviour;

WHEREAS there is demand for increased quantity and quality of interfaith prayer and meditation space on campus;

WHEREAS high risk alcohol consumption is prevalent within the student population; and

WHEREAS addictive behavior, including, but not limited to, addiction to computer/internet use and to cognitive-enhancing drugs can be damaging to a student's academic success;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University increase psychological and psychiatric services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University explore new ways in which to enhance students' mental health;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance physical wellness space;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance sexual health awareness for students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University increase interfaith spiritual space on campus; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University encourage safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol.

- (a) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that that such contraventions be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.
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  - (b) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the University of Alberta Code of Student Behavior, Provincial, or Federal Law.
  - (c) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
- (3) A motion to impeach must be submitted to the Speaker through a petition submitted by the appellate. The motion shall require signatures of at least one third of the voting members of Students' Council.
  - (4) A motion to impeach shall require two (2) readings, where each reading requires a two thirds (2/3) majority of Students' Council to pass.
  - (5) The second reading may not occur at the same Students' Council meeting as the first reading.
  - (6) The respondent shall be informed of the allegations being levied against him or her, in writing by the Speaker, at least nine (9) business days before a motion to impeach can appear in first reading.
  - (7) The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for impeachment.
  - (8) All debate on a motion to impeach shall only occur in camera as defined by *Roberts' Rules of Order*.
  - (9) Once a motion to impeach has passed in first reading, the respondent shall be placed on paid suspension until the second reading occurs.
    - (a) While the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors representative is placed on suspension under Section 6 (9), he or she will be relieved of the responsibilities of their office as set out in the Bylaw 1100, and cannot act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union.
  - (10) Once a motion to impeach has passed in second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

## 7. Replenishment

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~~In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall~~

- ~~(a) appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or  
(a) call a by-election for the position.~~

~~(2)~~4 In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.

~~(3)~~5 Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who

- (a) has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
- (b) has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
- (c) is a member of Students' Council.

~~(4)~~6 The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until

- (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
- (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
- (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above.

~~(5)~~7 Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.

~~(6)~~8 In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Council shall select a new Speaker of Students' Council.

## 8. Start-Up

- (1) All members of Students' Council except the Speaker of Students' Council and the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be elected on an annual basis.
- (2) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall submit to the Speaker, as soon as practically possible, a report containing the results of any election of members to Students' Council.
- (3) The Speaker shall convene and chair the introductory meeting as soon as practical after all elections have been completed except any portion of the meeting in which the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.
- (4) At the introductory meeting, the Students' Council-elect shall
  - (a) select the ensuing year's Speaker of Students' Council,
  - (b) select the compositions of the ensuing year's standing committees, and





## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: *March, 2012*

Time: *6:42 PM*

2011 – 2012

### Motions

1.	<b>CRONE</b> moved that the <i>MARCH 6, 2012</i> agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
2.	<b>CRONE</b> moved that the approval of the <i>February 28, 2012</i> minutes be postponed to <i>March 20, 2012</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
3.	<p><b>KHINDA/CRONE</b> move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Students' Union advocate that the University of Alberta restrict smoking on all of its campuses to appropriate and health promoting designated smoking areas;</li> <li>2. That the policy expire on April 30, 2012.</li> </ol>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
4.	<p><b>CSORBA/POWER</b> move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food and beverage options;</li> <li>2. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;</li> <li>3. That the Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;</li> <li>4. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;</li> <li>5. That the Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic<sup>1</sup>, local, or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;</li> <li>6. That The Students' Union advocates that the University reduces the ONEcard vendor levy to promote the expansion of its ONEcard service to vendors providing more choice for students who wish to eat on campus;</li> </ol>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0

4.

**CSORBA/POWER move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:**

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- 7. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food and beverage products;**

*CARRIED*

*5/0/0*

## VPA Council Report

By: Emerson Csorba

Hi everyone,

I'm sending this in a few days early, because I will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting of Students' Council. I'll be MC-ing the SU Awards Night, which takes place at the same time as Council. Still, it's important to me that I answer any questions that you might have regarding the VPA portfolio, which has been making quite a bit of progress over the last few weeks.

Here is a quick recap!

### STUDENT ATTRIBUTES

The Student Attributes Plan has been completed, and will be taken around to faculty associations over the next months for additional consultation. This isn't major news, but the fact that the European Commission-funded Tuning Project came to the University of Alberta last week is! A number of student attributes scholars from England, Italy and the Netherlands came to Edmonton last Wednesday, to present to University of Alberta community members at the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy. In one sentence, Tuning is a mostly faculty/professor-driven project that helps fine-tune universities' student attributes/teaching quality benchmarks, so that they reflect universities' unique strengths, locations, values (in other words, their *profiles*).

Following presentations from the Provost, the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Science 100, the Faculty of Arts, Nursing and Engineering, I provided a 10-minute presentation that capped off the day. I spoke about the Student Attributes Plan, and it was received in a positive manner. Overall, the day of presentations and the feedback from the international delegates shows that we are very much on pace with our Plan.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The last few days have been consumed by adjudications of Undergraduate Research Stipend applications. Overall, there were approximately 150 of them! Although this was a time-consuming affair, it is inspiring to see such high-quality work being done by our peers.

### TRANSITION

Dustin Chelen, the VPA-elect, and I have been meeting consistently over transition. The meetings are going quite well, and I feel like we're on pace to cover A LOT by May 1.

### ACADEMIC MATERIALS

I met with a professor from Biological Sciences to throw around ideas for academic materials project in the near future. The time is ripe for significant change in the academic materials industry, and I feel that our Students' Union is equipped to shape the change that takes place.

#### GFC STUDENT CAUCUS

We held our final GFC Student Caucus of the year, which packed SUB 606. This year's meetings of GFC Student Caucus have been well-attended, and last week's meeting showed that our peers on GFC come prepared with good questions.

#### UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

This month's string of university governance meetings has come to a close, with many productive meetings taking place (CLE, ASC SOS, ASC, GFC Exec., GFC and so on). We are still looking for a student-at-large member on next year's Academic Standards Committee and Facilities + Development Committee. If you are interested, please talk to me!

#### QUESTIONS?

As usual, if you have any questions, please send them off to me! As I will not be present at Council, I will make sure to send in written responses to any questions that you have over the next few days.

In solidarity,

-Emerson

March 22, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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## **Board of Governors**

The Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) was approved by the Board of Governors on March 16. The CIP includes the University Budget, and implicitly the approval of MNIFs. I ended up voting against the CIP because of its continued use of the CoSSS Fee as a revenue source. I made it clear that students see this fee as circumventing the tuition cap and, therefore, as an unjustifiable expense.

The Board approved the elimination of deferred exam fees, which is a great step forward in creating a more compassionate institution. I ended up moving this motion at the meeting.

## **PAW**

The PAW Centre Agreement has been signed and is now moving ahead with further design work. Construction is set to begin in May.

## **Athletics**

Over the past couple of weeks I have been meeting about, and researching into, the recent decision to cut the Panda's Field Hockey Team. I have sent the Dean of Physical Education & Recreation a letter expressing my concerns and am awaiting a response that should come sometime this week. I will keep council apprised of any updates to come.

## **External**

The Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I were away last week at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Annual General Meeting in Halifax. In general it was a very good conference and much was accomplished. Some of the highlights include: voting on a new fee collection structure, an honorarium for the Chair, planning for Transition and Policy & Strategy, debating CASA Policies.

The Vice President (External) and I spent the majority of this week at the Legislature with CAUS for our annual Lobby Conference. We had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology twice to discuss the regulation of Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees. We also met with other Ministers and MLA's to discuss our view of Post Secondary Education in Alberta.

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at [president@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday March 13, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-21)

- 2011-21/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2011-21/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 27, 2012
- 2011-21/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report  
Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report
- 2011-21/4      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee proxy Chair- Oral Report  
Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report  
Saadiq Sumar, GAC Chair- Oral Report  
Su Su liang, Audit Committee Chair- Oral Report
- 2011-21/5      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2011-21/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2011-21/2a      APIRG Board Election Results- Presented by Kenzie Gordon. Sponsored by: Rory Tighe
- Abstract:  
This presentation will outline to council in detail the results of the two elections noted above.
- TIGHE/RABERTO CHERRON MOVED TO** make item 2011-21/7a special orders to be dealt with immediately
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2011-21/7      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2011-21/7a      **TIGHE/FEHR MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #15 in first

reading based on the following principles:

1. The Executive Committee will inform council of any University proposal to create a new Mandatory Non Instructional Fees or to increase the cost of any existing Mandatory Non Instructional Fees beyond the Alberta Consumer Price Index. Students' Council will review all proposal brought forward and upon appropriate consultation, council will either vote to support a proposal for a Mandatory Non Instructional Fees or send the proposal to a plebiscite question.
2. This bylaw does not govern SU Dedicated Fee Units.

Speakers List: Tighe, Yamagishi, Luimes, Cheema, Liang, Ferguson.

**YAMAGISHI/POWER MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:

1. The Executive Committee will inform Students' council of any University proposals to create a new Mandatory Non Instructional Fee or to increase the cost of any existing Mandatory Non Instructional Fees beyond the Alberta Consumer Price Index. Students' Council will review all proposals brought forward and upon appropriate consultation, Students' council will either vote to support a proposal for a Mandatory Non Instructional Fee or send the proposal to a plebiscite question.
2. This bylaw does not govern SU Dedicated Fee Units.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**CHEEMA/FEHR MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:

1. The Executive Committee will inform Students' council of any University proposals to create a new Mandatory Non Instructional Fee or to increase the cost of any existing Mandatory Non Instructional Fees beyond the Alberta Consumer Price Index. Students' Council will review all proposals brought forward and upon appropriate consultation, Students' council will either vote to support a proposal for a Mandatory Non Instructional Fee or send the proposal to a plebiscite question.
2. This bylaw does not govern SU membership and dedicated fees.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**KHINDA/SUMAR MOVED TO** special order item 2011-21/6a to be dealt with immediately.

**Zinyemba called to question**

**Motion: CARRIED**

2011-21/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2011-21/6a

**CRONE/KHINDA MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Health and Wellness Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

**Health and Wellness Policy - First Reading**

- ~~That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide an increase in mental health resources, with an emphasis on counseling services;~~
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University increase psychological and psychiatric services;
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University explore new ways in which to enhance students' mental health;
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance ~~provide~~ ~~an increase in~~ physical wellness space;
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide an increase in~~ enhance sexual health awareness for students ~~and education;~~
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide an increase to~~ increase interfaith prayer, meditation, and/or spiritual space on campus; and
  - That the Students' Union advocates that the University ~~provide resources that foster a culture of moderation in regards to alcohol consumption~~ encourage safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol;
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- That this policy expire on April 30, 2014.

Speakers List: Khinda, Fehr, Luimes, Power

**Motion: CARRIED**

**ZINYEMBA/FEHR MOVED TO** special order item 2011-21/6b to be dealt with immediately

**Motion: FAILED**

**FEHR/KHINDA MOVED TO** special order item 2011-21/6c to be dealt with immediately

**Motion: FAILED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm**



Councillor Attendance Records						
2011-2012		Attendance				
Council Seats (40 total Name		01/10/2012 11-17	01/24/2012 11-18	02/7/2012 11-19	02/28/2012 11-20	03/13/2012 11-21
<b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>						
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President	Rory Tighe	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5
VP Academic	Emerson Csorba	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP External	Farid Iskander	Y	Y	0.5	N	N
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
VP Student Life	Colten Yamigishi	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Raphael Lepage Fortin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b>						
ALES	Andrew Fehr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y(p)	N	Y(p)
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Adam Woods	0.5(p)	Y	Y	N	0.5
Arts	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Arts	Chaka Zinyemba	N	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	Y	N	0.5
Augustana (Faculty)	Nathan Sereda	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y
Business	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5
<i>Business</i>	vacant					
Education	Vanessa Johnson	Y	N	0.5	0.5	Y
<i>Education</i>	Brit Luimes	Y	Y	N	N	Y
<i>Education</i>	Mallory McMurtrie	Y	0.5	Y	Y(p)	N
Engineering	Aaron Eslinger	Y	0.5	0.5	0.5	N
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5
Engineering	Saadq Sumar	0.5	Y	N	0.5(p)	Y
Engineering	Ahmed Elmallah	N	N	N	0.5	Y
Law	Scott Nicol	Y(p)	Y	N	0.5(p)	Y(p)
Medicine & Dentistry	Rebecca Gould	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Native Studies	Vacant					
Nursing	Eric Bellinger	Y	N	Y(p)	Y	0.5(p)
<i>Nursing</i>	vacant					
Open Studies	Vacant					
Pharmacy	Sarah Zhao	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phys Ed & Rec	vacant					
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Kinnar Power	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Kim Ferguson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Amelie Roberto Charron	Y	0.5	Y	0.5(p)	Y
Science	Avinash Karuvelil	0.5	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Science</i>	Peter West	0.5(p)	Y(p)	0.5(p)	N	N
Science	Arun Thomas	Y	0.5	N	Y(p)	N
Science	Su Su Liang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Brett MacGillivray	Y	0.5	Y	N	Y
<b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>						
Speaker	Michael Ross	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	Y	Y	0.5	Y	N