

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday March 26, 2013
Telus 134

ORDER PAPER (SC 2012-24)

- 2012-24/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2012-24/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2013
- 2012-24/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2012-24/2a Discovering Students in Governance- Presented by Amanda Henry, Student Governance Advisor. Sponsored by Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance
- Please see document SC 12-24.01
- 2012-24/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2012-24/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2012-24/5 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2012-24/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2012-24/7 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2012-24/7a **CHEEMA MOVES that**, upon the recommendation of the Tribune Selection Committee, Students' Council ratify the nomination of Harvir Mann as Associate Chief Tribune, and Taylor Wong and Catherine Fan as Tribunes of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.
- 2012-24/7b **CHEEMA/YAMAGISHI MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve the Students' Union Building: Addition and Renovation –Design Development Report, as attached, in accordance with the 2012 referendum question and as the basis for further project planning.
- 2012-24/8 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2012-24/8a Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report
- Please see document SC 12-24.02
- 2012-24/8b Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 12-24.03

DISCOVERING STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE



March 26, 2013 Presentation to Council

ABSTRACT

Discover Governance will be presenting on their annual report "*Discovering Students in Governance*." The presentation will

- Briefly highlight the work that Discover Governance does;
- Provide an overview of how many student representatives there are and where they fit into University and student governance as a whole; and
- Discuss Discover Governance's recommendations for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of student representation in 2013/14.

The text of the full report is available here:

http://su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/580/AnnualReport_2013_Final.pdf

March 21st, 2013

From: Petros Kusmu, Vice President External 2012-2013

To: Students Council

RE: Students' Council Report (for March 26th, 2013 Council Meeting)

Hello Council!

Hope all is well in Edmonton! Colten and I have been super busy in Vancouver for the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's (CASA) Annual General Meeting (AGM). It's been one heck of a meeting so far (I'll explain more in this report). I'll keep this report relatively brief:

A. CASA AGM - Conference Report

There are four parts to CASA's AGM:

(1.) Board Meeting (Tue, Mar 19) - As a Director-At-Large, I attended CASA's Board Meeting. At the meeting we went through all of the presentations, motions, policies, and agendas for the AGM. Furthermore, we made some decisions on various governing aspects of CASA (i.e. how CASA's advocacy priorities will be selected by next year's membership).

(2.) Day #1 (Wed, Mar 20) - On this day the membership got together and went through multiple presentations. We had a "Year-In-Review" presentation where the outgoing-National Director presents to the membership (obviously) a review of the year in terms of politics and the years to come. After that, the membership received a presentation on how CASA has been succeeding in regards to its Strategic Plan (the first of its kind for CASA). A couple hours after, CASA's Budget was approved and a policy presentation on Open Access.

(3.) Day #2 (Thurs, Mar 21) - Today the membership had a comprehensive review of the proposed policy amendments and creations. This consisted of an in-depth analysis of over 17 policies. I proposed edits to a policy on international graduate students and permanent residency (i.e. the Federal Skilled Worker Program should recognize internships and co-op opportunities that international university students have when applying for a permanent residency - which affects both undergraduate and graduate students).

(4.) Closing Plenary (Fri, Mar 22) - Tomorrow, the membership will actually vote on the proposed policy amendments and proposals and a slew of other things. One of the interesting motions is the creation of a committee that will focus on polytechnic schools. Furthermore, we're making some edits to CASA's bylaws.

Something else to add to my CASA conference report is my federal student work programs policy proposal. One of my goals this year is to make sure student work programs is an issue for the UASU and its provincial and federal advocacy organizations. With the suspension of the Alberta Summer Temporary

Employment Program (STEP) in the provincial government's 2013 budget, I've been focusing a lot more of my time on the creation of a UASU and CAUS policy so that we can respond to this. (In spite of CAUS advocating for STEP to be reestablished during our 2013 Advocacy Week.) With this and the fact that I had to go on a leave of absence due to my Presidential Campaign, I was unfortunately unable to have the Policy committee go approve a federal student work programs. However, with that being said, this isn't a major stumbling block since CASA wouldn't be able to advocate on this policy until its National Transition in May. And by then, we will have a policy done and CASA would be able to advocate on it. Overall, we're still on a great path and I'm glad to say that we've put this on the radar both provincially and federally.

B. Provincial Budget Cuts 2013

A lot of work has been put in to responding to this. Here are a couple of things to note:

(1.) The SU will be having a townhall on Tue, Mar 26th at noon at SUBstage about the budget cuts. There we want to not only communicate to students on how the SU will be reacting to these cuts and what these cuts means to students, but we will also want to hear back from students on how they think we should respond and address any thoughts or concerns they may have.

(2.) Furthermore, the SU has created a website to communicate to students and faculty/department associations on these budget cuts. Check out our new swanky and detailed website: www.studentonbudget.ca

(3.) The SU, the academic and non-academic association at the U of A, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), and the association representing post-doctoral students have met to discuss about the cuts. We agreed on wanting to form a coalition so that we can strategically respond to the cuts. One of the things I heavily pushed for was for all of us to develop a plan on how the University should address these cuts. This will be an extremely challenging and interesting process, but I believe that it's important that, as a group, we can show everyone that we can work together to figure out what's the best way for these budget cuts to take place. We've also agreed to the idea of creating a joint letter to the media about these cuts. I'll keep you posted on this front.

(4.) The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and the Confederation of Academic Faculty Associations (CAFA) (the provincial advocacy group for academic associations at the U of A, U of C, and U of L) have agreed to not only releasing a jointly-signed letter on these cuts but to also possibly having a press release. I'll keep you posted on this, as well.

(5.) Another interesting thing has been how other students have been mobilizing on campus, as well! The Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education (CAPSE) has been mobilizing excellently in the past two weeks. Last week they had a great General Assembly where (I'd estimate) over 300 people were there. There I proposed a structural idea for CAPSE called GAS - General Assembly, Ambassadors, and Solidarity Network. Furthermore, there was a huge protest

and march to the Legislative Assembly from campus where (Ryan Bromsgrove - Editor-in-Chief for the Gateway) counted approximately 525 people marching. (Which didn't include the approximately the 50-75 people waiting for the rally at the Leg). There were excellent speeches made by a bunch of folks. Big shout outs to Brent Kelly for being a strong force behind all of this and everyone else, as well. (Too many to list.) To find out more information about CAPSE check out www.capse.ca.

Anyways, that's it for now Council. See you next week and drive safe! (I heard there was an absurd snow storm today in YEG, YIKES!)

Cheers,
Petros Kusmu
Vice President External 2012-2013

Prepared by: Saadiq Sumar, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

It's been quite a while since I last sent council a report. The last two weeks have been steadily getting busier, as I am now working to complete initiatives and transition the incoming VPSL, William Lau. He has started to attend some meetings with me, but is also still busy with work that he has been doing this year now coming to fruition.

Programming

Campus Musical

The Campus Musical was absolutely phenomenal. I had a chance to sneak into the last night of the show and watch the whole show. I have also heard from a number of students that they thoroughly enjoyed the show. The Director and Choreographer are now working on a report of the musical and I will be meeting with them and with William to discuss whether or not this is a programming initiative that will continue in the years to come.

Additionally, we are still working through expenses for the show and I am hoping that we can get council an update by the next meeting of Students' Council.

Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights

If you haven't already heard, the Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights will be held next Wednesday at 7:30PM in CCIS 1-430. The Speaker is Leslea Newman, an award-winning author, poet, and LGBTQ activist. The topic of the lecture is "It Takes a Village to Raise an Activist." I encourage all of you to attend. For more information, see www.globaled.ualberta.ca/en/VisitingLectureshipinHumanRights.aspx

University Programming

Two fantastic week-long programs put on by several student groups and University units: Arts Week and Pride Week. Both of these programs wrap-up today. For more info on Arts Week, see <https://www.facebook.com/events/316413991813801/?fref=ts>. Pride Week wraps up today with the Day of Silence. I will be speaking later today at the Breaking of the Silence Event in the Alumni Room starting at 3PM.

Additionally, next week is Health Week. William and the Student Health Committee have been working very hard on this all year, and this is one of the many displays of students and student groups coming together to organize a huge campus wide event. For more information on Health Week, see

<https://www.facebook.com/events/217202991753966/?fref=ts>.

Comedy Night

Nick Reynoldson and a couple of other comedians made a pit stop at Dinwoodie Lounge for the last Comedy Night of the year. Nick was hilarious and the show was fantastic. I am excited to see what comedians come to Dinwoodie Lounge next year.

Services

Director Interviews

Interviews started earlier this week for various SU Services Director positions. I will announce the new Directors when offers go out and they are accepted. The SU is still looking for various services positions. Visit www.jobkin.ca for more details.

Microwaves

As some of you may have heard, I have been working on a map of all the different microwaves on campus. Please take a look and let me know if there are additional locations that need microwaves. This will form the basis for an allocation from the SU Executive. <http://goog.gl/maps/yicyV>

Farmer's Market

There are only two Farmer's Markets left this year. March 28th and April 11th. Be sure to spread the word and bring reusable bags for the last two of the year!

Advocacy

Response to University Policy Documents

On the advocacy side, I have been working on a couple of responses to some university policy proposals. If anyone has feedback from their constituents on the proposed alcohol policy changes, please pass that along to me.

Other

SURO

The outgoing and incoming SU Executives met with several members from the Registrar's Office to get introductions out of the way and to share updates from both sides.

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday March 19, 2013
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-23)

- 2012-23/1** **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2012-23/1a** Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 26, 2013
- 2012-23/2** **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2012-23/3** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- Saadq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report
- Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
- Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report
- 2012-23/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Kelsey Mills, CAC Chair- Report
- 2012-23/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2012-23/6a** **CHELEN/SMITH MOVES TO omnibus bills 16-23 in second reading.**
- Speakers List: Chelen, Khinda, Sumar
- 2012-23/6b** **CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #16 in second reading based on the following principles:
- Associations should not have to inform the VPA of advocacy to the University or Government but Associations must present to and receive approval from Students' Council if they wish to advocate contrary to SU political policy.
- 2012-23/6c** **CHELEN MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #17 in second reading based on the following principles:
- Sections of the bylaw should be reordered or reformatted for consistency and clarity.
 - The definition and use of "Affiliated Association" should be expanded to

include "Program Associations" and the definition and use of "Program Association" should be eliminated.

- COFA should be advisory to the Students' Union, not just the VPA.
- Definitions of association memberships should be included in the schedule, and eliminated from bylaw.
- The VPA should consult with the Student Governance Advisor before making any determinations as specified in section 11.
- Probationary status should be included in the schedule
- An association can be derecognized if it does not meet its conditions of probation by the time allowed.
- Newly recognized FAs will have probationary status.
- When an association is derecognized, the SU will hold on to its assets in trust until a new association for that faculty is recognized.
- Recognition should not be an annual process, but information should still be reported to the SU.
- FAs shall annually provide their officer contact information to the SU.
- Decisions to place an FA on probation should be made in adherence to the principles of natural justice.
- FAs shall have the right to use SU Executive or Council polling stations for elections, plebiscites, or referenda.
- Any amendments to this bylaw must be reported to FAs.

2012-23/6d

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #18 in second reading based on the following principles:

- FA officers shall annually sign a statement of expectations on the rules and policies that they must adhere to.

2012-23/6e

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #19 in second reading based on the following principles:

No association shall collect a mandatory fee that is not a Faculty Association Fee.

2012-23/6f

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #20 in second reading based on the following principles:

- Financial statements for fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an accountant.
- Financial statements for non fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an external, qualified, and impartial individual or group.

2012-23/6g

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #21 in second reading based on the following principles:

Audit committee shall retain the right to conduct an investigation in to the finances or operations of an FA, or request the results of an audit.

2012-23/6h

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #22 in second reading based on the following

principles:

- Faculty Association Fees shall be collected for a term no longer than five years.
- Campus Association Transfer Payments shall be renegotiated at least every five years.

2012-23/6i

CHELEN MOVES THAT upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve bill #23 in second reading based on the following principles:

- Sections of the bylaw should be reordered or reformatted for consistency and clarity.
- Financial statements will be defined to be a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.
- Accountant shall be defined as a person with the designation of CA, CMA, or CGA as recognized by Canadian accounting bodies.
- Financial reports will be submitted within six months of an Association's fiscal year end.
- Financial irregularities will be immediately reported to Audit Committee.
- Intent to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to the SU before November 15.
- A proposal to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to Council before December 15.
- Council will approve or deny the proposal no less than 30 days before the commencement of voting in the Executive and Board of Governors election.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association acquires probationary status.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association fails to report their finances.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association's budget or financial statements don't reflect the allocation proposed to Council.

Motions 2012-23/6b-2012-23/6i: CARRIED

2012-23/6j

CRONE/CHELEN move that the Capital Projects policy expire on April 30th, 2016.

Speakers List: Crone

Motion: CARRIED

2012-23/6l

KHINDA/SMITH move to rescind the General Elections Rally policy in second reading

Speakers List: Khinda

Motion: CARRIED

2012-23/6m

KHINDA/CRONE move to rescind the Engagement Policy in second reading.

Speakers List: Khinda, Chelen, Kelly, Gensler, Crone

GENSLER/PHAM called to question**Motion: CARRIED****Main Motion: FAILED****2012-23/6n****KHINDA/CRONE move to rescind the Co-ops and Internships Policy in second reading**

Speakers List: Khinda, Orydzuk, Le, Mohammad

Motion: CARRIED

Batal Abstain

2012-23/6o**KHINDA/CRONE move to renew the Academic Materials Policy as amended in second reading.**

Speakers List: Khinda, Cheema, Grehan, Chelen

CHEEMA/KHINDA MOVE to amend the document to read:

WHEREAS the use of copyrighted material for scholarship has been codified in S(29) of the Copyright Act RSC 1985 c C-42;

Motion (friendly): CARRIED**Main Motion: CARRIED**

Batal Abstain

2012-23/7**GENERAL ORDERS****2012-23/7a****SUMAR/PHAM move that Students' Council approve Bill #26 in first reading based on the following principles.**The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) will become a permanent committee of the Students' Union based on the following Terms of Reference http://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/639/serc_tor.pdf.

Speakers List: Sumar, Smith, Nyugen, Le, Khinda, Gensler, Hodgson, Yamagishi, Kelly

GENSLER/MILLS MOVED TO postpone the motion to the next meeting of Students' Council.**Motion: WITHDRAWN****SUMAR/RYZDZ MOVED TO recess for 15 minutes.****Motion: CARRIED**

Recess at 6:55pm

Meeting called back to order at 7:13pm

Speaker Ruled item 2012-23/7a out of order.

CHELEN/KELLY MOVED TO move a motion from the floor.
CHELEN/KELLY MOVED TO renew the engagement policy until 2016.
Motion: CARRIED
Batel, Lim, Sumar abstain

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

