

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday May 17, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2011-02)

- 2011-02/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
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- 2011-02/7b **ISKANDAR/TIGHE MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the 2012 Search Committee for Chancellor
- 2011-02/7c **CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors.
- 2011-02/7d **CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Board of Directors.
- 2011-02/7e **KUSMU MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors.
- 2011-02/7f **KUSMU MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board of Directors.
- 2011-02/8 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2011-02/8f Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report
Please see document LA 11-02.01
- 2011-02/8g Raphael Lepage Fortin, BoG Rep- Report
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Political Policy- International Students

Please see document LA 11-02.03

May 13, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

My first full week in the office has been very positive with much of my time taken up by meetings, readings and getting the hang of things. Below are the highlights since my last report.

Socially Responsible Investment Policy

My predecessor worked with a group of interested students on developing a Socially Responsible Investment policy for our investment portfolios. I have inherited this project and will continue working on it. I have had several meetings to evaluate the feasibility of the project, and plan to continue discussions with students.

Campus Food Bank

As you will note in other executives' reports, the University has generously offered funding to facilitate the Campus Food Bank move to the main floor. This is a much-needed move and I will be working to ensure its completion as soon as possible. The vacancy created by this move provides us with an exciting opportunity think about how to effectively reorganize the Lower Level.

Paw Centre

The Vice President (Student Life) and I attend PAW Centre Design Committee meetings to provide direction on the building design. Although the most recent meeting was canceled, weekly meetings will resume next week. The PAW Centre agreement is progressing and I am optimistic that a mutually favourable agreement will be achieved soon, at which point it will be presented to Council.

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Interviews are complete and the Vice President (Student Life) and I have selected three students at large to serve on the committee. I was pleased with the students' applications and look forward to working with all of them. The first meeting will be held as soon as possible over the summer.

GST Exemption

Students who purchase meals on campus using a residence meal plan may be entitled to a GST exemption on such purchases. I am investigating the possibility of offering this exemption at our Food and Beverage operations.

Cheers,
Andy

Undergraduate Board of Governors' Representative Report

Meeting of May 13th

Greetings Council,

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to partake in my first official Board of Governors meeting.

Firstly, in this meeting we received updates from the President of the university on her trip in Germany and Israel. Of note was the increase in foreign interest directed towards the U of A. Israel discovering valuable natural resources such as gas and oil, have pinpointed interest in receiving expert consultation and formation from the U of A on how to appropriate develop and maintain these resources. The President also discussed her response to the Report to the Premier's Council for Economic Strategy. She mentioned how some of the university's research themes played well within the priorities of this plan, particularly in regards to water, global energy, and agriculture. It is critical that the institutions of Campus Alberta play a big part in shaping Alberta's future. She also mentioned the receipt of a gift from Allan Markin of 20 million dollars. This gift will be used to expand a program aimed at reversing negative health trends amongst Albertan children. As stated in the ExpressNews on the University's website:

"By September 2011, the Alberta Project Promoting active Living & healthy Eating in Schools (APPLE Schools) will run in 41 Alberta schools. This includes urban, rural, and First Nations, Metis and Inuit schools."

The President also discussed the results of the federal election. From the university's perspective, a majority offers a better stability. Working with (potentially) the same ministers helps build on the relationships the university had already built on. Also, the university has a good relationship

with the prime minister, and he is tentatively having a meeting with President Samarasekera in the fall. On the other hand, the conservative party's standpoint on expense control and fixing the deficit will have some negative toll. The program review that is soon to come, could lead to 5-10% in cuts. Additionally, the priorities set by the party do not align with our direction in regards to research.

During our meeting we covered certain items that have an impact on students: the approval the SU's fee increase by CPI, The GSA's fee increase, and updated the death of a member policy to be more encompassing of other internal, external policies, and procedures.

We had the chance to discuss the Report to the Community that happened on May 9th, the visit to Augustana on April 26th from the University Relations committee, and the Student Communicator's initiative.

Rory and I received our official appointments to the board committees. I will be sitting on the University Relations Committee and the Safety, Health and Environment Committee. Rory will be sitting on the Learning and Discovery Committee and the Finance and Property Committee.

Lastly, we reappointed Phyllis Clark to another term of five years as the Vice-President (Finance and Operations).

I walked into this meeting not necessarily knowing the extent to which I could influence the board. After the welcoming remarks from different individuals and discussion, I'm really looking forward to this year and have high hopes for the progress that the Board and the University can make. In regards to communication with students, I have setup my BoG twitter account. You can

follow me @UASU_BOG. Also, in the upcoming days, I will be working on my first BoG Vlog. I am currently looking for feedback on how to make this as effective as possible.

I welcome any one of you to contact me if you have any questions, comments, feedback, or concerns. Unfortunately, for the summer I am working full time, and will not have defined office hours. You are more than welcomed to fire me an email (bog@su.ualberta), or call me on my personal line (780-245-0227).

Cordially,

Raphael Lepage Fortin

Below you will find links to the documents mentioned:

NewsExpress Allan Markin gift:

<http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/en/NewsArticles/2011/05/20milliongiftsupportshealthylivinghabitsinAlbertaschools.aspx>

Report to the Premier's Council for Economic Strategy

http://alberta.ca/acn/201105/RPCEs_ShapingABFuture_Report_web2.pdf

Report to the Community

<http://www.report.ualberta.ca/en.aspx>

President's response to the report:

<http://www.president.ualberta.ca/MessageFromThePresident/2011/05/ThePresidentsResponsetotheReporttothePremiersCouncilforEconomicStrategy.aspx>

May 13th Agenda:

<http://www.governance.ualberta.ca/BoardofGovernors/Board/BoardAgendaListingsPublicSession~/media/University%20of%20Alberta/Administration/Office%20of%20the%20Vice-Provost/Governance/Documents/GO03/BOA/10-11/MY-13/Agenda/FINAL-Public-Session.pdf>

VIII. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WHEREAS international student differential represents a serious threat to affordability and accessibility;

WHEREAS international students should not bear the burden of institutions' financial deficits;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta clearly recognizes the importance of international students;

WHEREAS the government of Alberta no longer requires educational institutions to charge international student differential fees;

WHEREAS the *A Learning Alberta* review of Alberta's post-secondary education system recommends Alberta "develop and implement an international education strategy";

WHEREAS international student differential decreases the geographic diversity of our international students;

WHEREAS a diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education;

WHEREAS international students act as ambassadors while in Alberta;

WHEREAS international students may work in Canada for up to three years after completion of their program and may also apply for landed immigrant status;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience.