

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday August 28, 2012  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2012-09)

- 2012-09/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2012-09/2      PRESENTATIONS
- 2012-09/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2012-09/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2012-09/5      QUESTION PERIOD
- 2012-09/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2012-09/6b     **KHINDA/SMITH MOVE** that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee Students' Council approve in first reading the Rescinding of the General Elections Rally Policy
- Please see document LA 12-09.01
- 2012-09/7      GENERAL ORDERS
- 2012-09/7c     **McGINN/KIM MOVE THAT** Students' Council convenes the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) with terms of reference as attached.
- Please see document LA 12-09.02
- 2012-09/7d     **SUMAR/CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint two members of Students' Council to the Health Centre Advisory Group.
- 2012-09/7e     **CHEEMA MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2012-09/8      INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2012-09/8l      Policy Committee- Summary Report
- Please see document LA 12-09.03
- 2012-09/8m      Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 12-09.04

**2012-09/8n**

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 12-09.05

## **I. GENERAL ELECTIONS RALLY**

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on voters making an informed choice when electing their representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that one outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is "an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is largely a commuter campus where the only reasonable time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between the fundamental right to be involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is an integral part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-13:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-15:00;

WHEREAS the Students' Union Chief Returning Officer has the discretion to change the format of the forum;

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support the cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 13:00 for the purposes of facilitating students attendance of the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process that ensures no student is penalized for attending the forum in lieu of class between 13:00 and 15:00; and

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<sup>1</sup> University of Alberta General Faculties Council Policy Manual. GFC Policy 111.1 - *Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluations* (University of Alberta GFC 2000).  
[http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID\\_page=39298](http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID_page=39298)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall lobby the University to ensure that instructors comply with the existing stipulation that classes be cancelled for the purposes of the election forum, as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar Academic Schedule (Section 11.1).

**Students' Union**  
**Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Mission:**

Aid the Students' Union in its ongoing efforts to be socially and environmentally responsible in the administrative, political, and business arenas.

Ensure that the organization is a leader in economic, environmental, and social sustainability as aspired to in the Students' Union's Strategic Plan 2011-2014.

Provide tools for the Students' Union to serve as a model example of global citizenship for students, the University, and the broader community in a rapidly globalizing world.

**Mandate:**

Review: Review various components of the Students' Union through a social and environmental lens and propose recommendations based on findings on how to improve its operations.

Advise: Offer tangible suggestions to the Students' Union on being a global citizen after exploring economic, social and environmental consequences.

**Membership:**

Membership of the committee shall include:

1. One member of the Students' Union executive
  - a. This member will be selected by the Student's Union executive committee on a yearly basis or as vacancies occur.
2. One member of the Student Umbrella for Social Justice
  - a. This member will be selected by the Student Umbrella for Social Justice on a yearly basis or as vacancies occur.
  - b. This individual must be an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta
3. One member of the Alberta Public Interest Research Group.
  - a. This member will be selected by the APIRG board on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur.
4. Up to three (3) Students' Union employees.
  - a. This member will be selected by the General Manager of the Students' Union and ratified by the Students' Union executive and selected on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur.
5. Up to four (4) Students-at-Large.
  - a. At minimum two (2) and up to four (4) undergraduate students will be selected via an application process that will be designed and administered by the other members of the committee on a yearly basis and/or as vacancies occur

- b. The committee should seek out individuals who have training, education, or strong interest in one or more of social, environmental, or economic sustainability.

The committee membership will be determined every year by the last day of April for the following May – April terms.

*Student-at-Large (SAL) Selection Process:*

SAL seats are open to any undergraduate student at the University of Alberta with a successful application. Students' Council members, SustainSU volunteers, APIRG board members, and SUSJ members are eligible to apply for SAL seats on the committee.

The committee shall set an application and selection timeline and advertise a request for applications. Interviews may be conducted at the committee's discretion after reviewing applications.

The application shall consist of a short letter of intent and a resume/CV.

The SAL selection process occurs annually in April and would be conducted by the non-SAL members.

The SAL applications will due the last day of March.

**Meetings:**

Quorum will be five (5) members

The committee shall operate from May to April. A meeting schedule shall be determined at the first meeting of the year and will be determined on a per-trimester basis with the semesters being defined as the following:

- a. May to August,
- b. September to December and
- c. January to April.

The Chair may call additional meetings, provided that the members are given seventy-two (72) hours notice.

All recommendations and decisions of the committee will be made by consensus.

**Chair:**

The Chair shall be selected by the committee through consensus at the first meeting of the year

The Chair shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Producing an agenda prior to each meeting and emailing it to all members in advance of the meeting;
- b. Securing a location for meetings;
- c. When necessary, moderating debate;
- d. Facilitating the committee's ability to achieve its mandate
- e. Delegating such responsibilities to committee members as are appropriate for its stated mandate;
- f. Recommending to the committee changes to its terms of reference when they are in conflict with higher legislation;

Should the position of Chair become vacant, the committee shall select a new Chair by consensus at its earliest opportunity.

**Reporting:**

The committee must produce a written record of its proceedings. Minutes of each meeting will be provided to the executive committee of the Students' Union as an information item.



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **August 21, 2012**

Time: **5:00 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #7**

### **Motions**

1.	<b>Chelen</b> moved that there be an inclusion of the word “accessible” to the BE IT RESOLVED clause: “ <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students’ Union encourages the development of an effective student teaching evaluation mechanism</b> ” so it will read: “ <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students’ Union encourages the development of an effective, accessible student teaching evaluation mechanism.</b> ”	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/3</i>
2.	<b>Khinda</b> moved that the <b>General Elections Rally Policy</b> be brought up to council to <b>invalidate it.</b>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/3</i>

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

**To:** Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

My apologies for a delayed council report. With school only a couple of weeks away, things are really starting to ramp up with my portfolio.

### ***Programming***

#### **Week of Welcome**

Week of Welcome preparation is ongoing. WoW is just around the corner and if you haven't done so already, sign up to volunteer and start buying your tickets for the different shows and events online. Wednesday will feature the hypnotist Wayne Lee, with a Dr. Seuss themed theme party on Thursday and the Lorax in the Myer Horowitz on Friday. WoW will wrap up with Ten Second Epic headlined the WoW Mainstage in Dinwoodie Lounge on Saturday. There will be a pancake breakfast on the CCIS patio every morning, and Beer Gardens held every afternoon with several bands being featured. All in all, this year's WoW looks like it's gonna be a great time!

### ***Services***

#### **U-Pass**

I attended a meeting with the different student associations and transit providers earlier this week to go over the proposal we submitted to them regarding the price of the U-Pass as well as to briefly discuss the Spring/Summer contract for the U-Pass. The next step is to start meeting with the municipal councils to talk to them about our position.

#### **Services Goals**

I have been discussing several ideas with some services staff. I met with the Centre for Student Development, Student Group Services, and Infolink Managers as well as the Safewalk and Sustain SU Directors. Some of the ideas discussed came from the existing departmental plans and some ideas may be rolled into the new departmental plans.

#### **Infolink**

I would also like to take the time to announce the latest addition to the Infolink team, Keeley MacInnes. If you're going by the Infolink offices on the Lower Level of SUB, just give her a shout.

## ***Advocacy***

### **Residence**

The residence changes are still taking quite a big chunk of my time. The PotSU, the VPOpsFi, and I are continuing to work hard on this issue with other SU Staff members.

### **Residence Halls Association**

The RHA is still looking for Executive Members. If you are interested in residence issues, if you know someone else whose interested, or if you think a friend would make a positive contribution on the RHA, please have them contact myself of the RHA President Kaibree Drake.

### **International Students' Association**

The VPA and I met very briefly to discuss the Terms of Reference of both the ISA Oversight Committee and Student Advisory Committee as well the goals for each committee and our preferred outcomes for the year for the ISA.

## ***Other***

### **Athletics Sport Ticker**

I had a short meeting with members of the Marketing and Communications Department to talk about potentially adding a sports ticker on the SU Website for our UofA Sports Teams. I'll keep council updated as this project moves forward.

### **Business Students' Association Meeting**

I had a brief meeting with Lisa Le and Jared Zamzow to go over various events the BSA will be organizing over the coming year, including the BSA Dodgeball and Floor Hockey Tournaments. The focus of the meeting mainly surrounded the BSA Beer Gardens every year and what the BSA has done so far to prepare.

### **Dinner with the Chancellor and Senate Vice-Chair**

The Executive Committee spent an evening with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chair of the Senate and discussed several issues, including the recent residence changes and post-secondary recruitment in Alberta. This dinner also gave us a chance to become much more familiar with members of the Senate, and I am optimistic of the relationship that we will have this upcoming year with UofA Senators.

### **Edmonton Students' Union and Student Associations Lunch**

The VPA, VPOpsFi, and I met with representatives from NAITSA and SAMU to talk about collaboration between our organizations and individual portfolios. This also gave us a chance to share what was going on at the UofA and learn more about upcoming Orientation and Welcome Week activities at the two other institutions.

### ***Upcoming Items***

- Residence Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – August 28<sup>th</sup>
- SUB Renovations Steering Committee Meeting – August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with Athletics Board Members – August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Orientation – September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- Residence Budget Advisory Committee – September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Week of Welcome – September 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
- Protective Services Advisory Committee – September 6<sup>th</sup>
- Shinerama – September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Health Centre Advisory Group Meeting – September 11<sup>th</sup>

### ***Takeaways:***

- Volunteer for Week of Welcome
- Apply for an RHA Executive Position (or tell a friend)
- Meet with me if you are interested in the portfolio or just to chat!

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at [yp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:yp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).

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August 28, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

Although the Lister Hall file continues to require daily attention, I am making a concerted effort to catch up on various portfolio tasks in order to prepare for September. Below are the highlights since my last report.

### **Grant Allocation Committee**

GAC met and discussed the current status of the Awards Program. Several different aspects were explored, including this year's timelines, the definition of leadership, and the scale of the program. This discussion will be continued at future meetings.

### **SUB Renovation**

Since the last meeting of Council we have continued stakeholder update meetings and internal discussions. In addition, we held a sustainability charrette to brainstorm and identify sustainability priorities for the project. One uncertain variable for this phase is the location and configuration of the chaplains' space; discussions are ongoing and positive. The Steering Committee, which meets tomorrow, has two vacancies for Students' Council members; please consider joining the committee!

### **Health and Dental Plan Committee**

The committee's start-up meeting took place last week and was chaired by the Vice President (Student Life). We set terms of reference and discussed several topics including this year's change-of-coverage communications plan and the plan's provider networks. The possibility of offering a pharmacy discount to students enrolled was presented and is being considered pending further information.

### **Miscellaneous**

Other activities in the last two weeks include a dinner with the Chancellor, a couple DIE Board Selection Committee meetings, and a general meeting between Edmonton student associations. I have also spent some time providing direction on the RATT menu, discussing and reviewing documents for the U-Pass negotiations, and reviewing the draft audited financial statements with our auditors.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca). If you wish to discuss any topics in depth, I would welcome the opportunity to meet in person.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema