

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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January 17, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

This report will be concise given that two days have elapsed since I last updated Council on my work.

SUB Renovations

Yesterday we had an initial working meeting with Carlson Construction and the rest of the project team to bring them up to speed. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to present on the project to the Edmonton PC Caucus and chat with a few government officials. This will prove valuable if and when an application is made to borrow from the government for the project. Also, we have had two student group focus groups this week to gather feedback on current designs and thoughts on how to best arrange and outfit group offices. I planned to present an update at this Council meeting but due to a heavy presentation load, I will wait until the following meeting.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **January 15th 2013**

Time: **5.00 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING 16**

Motions

1.	<i>KHINDA</i> amended the <i>January 15, 2013 agenda to remove the item “Drafting the first principles of academic materials”.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
2.	<i>KHINDA</i> moved that the <i>January 15, 2013 agenda be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
3.	<i>KHINDA</i> amended the <i>January 02, 2013 minutes to accommodate all the changes proposed by CHELEN.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
4.	<i>KHINDA</i> amended the <i>January 02, 2013 minutes to remove “(royal statutes of Canada)” on page 3.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
5.	<i>SUMAR</i> amended the <i>January 02, 2013 minutes to change both the occurrences of “KUMU” to “KUSMU” on page 4.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>
6.	<i>KHINDA</i> moved that the <i>January 02, 2013 minutes be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/2</i>
7.	<i>KHINDA</i> moved that the <i>meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>



BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **January 21, 2013**

Time: **4.00 pm**

2012 – 2013 **MEETING 5**

Motions

1.	CHEEMA MOVES THAT the Budget and Finance Committee recommend that Students' Council approve an increase of \$10,000 to the 501 Legal Fees budget.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0

January 21st, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou. They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

I attended a GFC meeting as well as a meeting of the Board University Relations Committee (BURC) in the time since I tabled my last report. I'll write a little about both here.

BURC

There was a special meeting of BURC scheduled to discuss the suite of changes to the university naming policy. The naming policy is under the jurisdiction of the Vice-President Advancement and the Vice-President External. The policy outlines the procedures for how various facilities and buildings on campus can be named by individuals or organizations in exchange for donations.

Debate regarding the proposed changes was robust. A number of committee members, including myself, expressed some concerns regarding inconsistencies and unclear explanations. One member pointed out that useful pieces of information were not included in the package we were examining. The Vice-President Advancement did a good job of answering most of the concerns.

The committee made a few amendments to improve and clarify the suite. Following which, we

voted in favour of the changes, which will be brought to the Board of Governors for final approval.

GFC

Later the same day I attended a meeting of General Faculties Council. A number of important items were discussed, but I'd like to focus attention on some of the comments President Indira made regarding debate in GFC.

I was happy to hear that Indira felt that GFC was a place for healthy debate and discussion regarding the goings-on of the University. She felt that some work needed to be done to account for the changing situation of our University – which seems to suggest that more room for healthy debate will be opened.

However, at one point during the meeting, the President stated that the Question Period portion of GFC was not for the purpose of debate. Accordingly, I did some investigation into what the Standing Orders of GFC stipulate on the matter. There are some regulations on what Question Period in GFC is to be used for. Regardless, the spirit of Indira's message concerned me greatly.

While no one would disagree that every meeting has procedures and rules which need to be followed, it is troubling to me that Indira would seem to want to limit debate in any circumstance. I don't feel that GFC Question Period was at any point being misused by any of the members, so I'm not sure why her comments were necessary.

In any healthy democracy, robust debate and criticism is necessary – especially when people in power don't like it. I hope Indira will not forget this.

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

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