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Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding

PREAMBLE

Whereas the Students' Union, University of Alberta (SU) is satisfied that studentcare.net/works has met or exceeded all Performance Standards as per section 11.0 of the original agreement, with respect to the overall operations, services to SU members, communications and outreach, and financial management of the SU Health and Dental Plan,

Whereas the SU has asked studentcare.net/works to undertake renovations and move to new premises as part of the SUB Renovation Project in Summer 2013, representing a renewed investment in this partnership,

Whereas studentcare.net/works has proposed to undertake certain projects and improvements which the SU feels would be of value to its members,

Whereas the SU has determined to continue to contract with studentcare.net/works for the provision of consulting, administrative services, and management of the plan,

Therefore the following addendum to the original agreement represents any additional understanding and responsibilities of the parties:

B.1. studentcare.net/works will initiate discussions with the appropriate contacts at the University of Alberta to provide compelling arguments which would encourage the University to update the data programming pertaining to the SU Health and Dental Plan fees to accommodate:
   1) Variable Credits
   2) Automatic Fees Assessment and enrolment of eligible students who begin their academic year in Winter Term (January)

   It is understood that the SU will be involved in these discussions as much as necessary, and will have final right of approval of any documentation provided during these discussions. However, studentcare.net/works accepts full responsibility for initiating and managing this process and will absorb any reasonable costs that may be required should this project move forward.

B.2. studentcare.net/works’ professional fees shall remain fixed up to a maximum of $8.45 per participant (as per 2009 Agreement, Schedule B, B1) for the duration of this extended term. In accordance with Schedule B, B2, both parties, acting reasonably and in good faith, agree that the additional fees for Promotion & Awareness and Campus Office Administration should approximately reflect the cost of producing and delivering these services. If these fees do not reasonably and approximately reflect the costs of providing these services, costs may be increased and/or decreased or services increased and/or decreased in the subsequent policy year by mutual agreement of both parties.

B.3. Schedules will be reviewed and updated with all appropriate changes no later than August 31st, 2013. Any changes shall be for clarification, and will not contradict the terms agreed to in this Addendum.

B.4. This agreement will be in effect until August 31, 2018 if either party provides written notice of intent to terminate to the other party prior to February 1, 2018. If such notice of intent to terminate is not provided, the agreement will automatically renew and will be
effective on its present terms for an additional two years terminating on August 31, 2020. A notice of intent to terminate does not preclude the parties from entering a new agreement on mutually agreed terms to take effect subsequent to the termination of the present agreement. It is understood that renewal of this agreement may be negotiated prior to the termination date.

B.5. At the request of the SU, studentcare.net/works will move into new space in the Student Union Building (SUB) as allocated in the current SUB Renovation Project. This space will be finished with drywall, electrical, flooring and ceiling at the cost of the SU, with design input from studentcare.net/works. It is understood that should studentcare.net/works choose to use sustainable or other materials which may be at a higher than base cost for any components which the SU is required to provide, studentcare.net/works shall pay the difference. studentcare.net/works will absorb all other costs for design, paint, fixtures, lighting, and appropriate millwork at a cost estimated at $60,000 to $100,000.

B.5.a. The above detailed space shall be made available by the SU no later than July 1st, 2013 to facilitate finished renovations and a fully functioning Student Health & Dental Plan Office by September 1, 2013. Should this timeline change, the SU guarantees studentcare.net/works the right to remain in their current space through the end of the September Change of Coverage Period.

All other provisions, clauses and appendices of the original agreement (2009-2014) shall remain in force for the duration of this addendum.

Agreed to this ______ day of ______________, 2013.

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Lev Bukhman, President  Petros Kusmu, President
For Quebec Student Health Alliance Inc.  Students’ Union
(studentcare.net/works)  University of Alberta

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Kristin Foster, Pacific & Western Director  Joshua Le, VP Finance
For Quebec Student Health Alliance Inc.  Students’ Union,
(studentcare.net/works)  University of Alberta

Witness:

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William Lau, VP Student Life
Letter of Intent

As an expression of our commitment to the Student’s Union, University of Alberta and our mutual dedication to improving the student experience, studentcare is honored to commit to donating a total of $50,000 to the SUB Renovation Project, toward a special project associated with the improvement of student space in the SUB.

The amount of $40,000 will be donated in 2013, with the remaining $10,000 to be donated in 2018 in recognition of our continued partnership.

The SU and studentcare.net/works mutually agree that this project will commemorate the contributions made by William (Bill) Smith during his tenure as General Manager of the SU, but final details will be the sole discretion of the SU.

Lev Bukhman, LLB., M.Sc.
Executive Director
studentcare.net/works
May 7, 2013

To: Students’ Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

It’s a pleasure to write my first report to the 2013-2014 Students’ Council. Every two weeks I will submit a concise summary of academic issues affecting undergraduate students. If you have any feedback on these reports, or would like any more information, please don’t hesitate to let me know. This first report is longer than usual, since I haven’t submitted a report since March 28.

I. Attributes and Competencies

The Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies submitted a draft of its final report. This group was co-chaired by the SU and GSA VPs Academic and the Vice Dean of Engineering. The list of 7 student attributes was warmly received, but members of CLE raised concerns around the diversity of implementation methods. The subcommittee will meet again to review these concerns and potentially make amendments to the final report.

II. Review of University Governance

In response to a letter written by undergraduate General Faculties Councillors on systematic barriers inhibiting the student voice, President Samarasekera held a special meeting of the GFC Executive committee to discuss University Governance. The SU and GSA submitted letters to the President indicating our concerns, received no response, and submitted terms of reference for a GFC Subcommittee on Collegial Governance and also received no response. At the GFC Executive meeting, she indicated her desire to have two professors produce a report on what powers should be removed from GFC and its subcommittees. I lobbied for a separate process that would provide a holistic review of GFC and its subcommittees, and would include students, staff, and administration. Dr. Samarasekera agreed to include a student on her task force, and will present it to GFC in June.

III. Budget

The University is coping with its $43 million dollar budget cut in a three-pronged approach: cutting a third from base funding, a third from one-time funding, and a third carried forward as a deficit. Cuts from both base and one-time funds have been sent out to Deans and Unit heads who will determine how to make the cuts in the coming weeks. I'll keep Council appraised, but in the interim, keep your eyes on change.ualberta.ca and studentsonbudget.ca
IV. Academic Relations Group

I’m in the process of recruiting students for the Academic Relations Group. If you, your peers, or your classmates are interested in getting involved in University advocacy, encourage them to apply at www.su.ualberta.ca/arg

V. De-Stress Packs

The VPSL (emeritus) Saadiq Sumar and I handed out 500 paper bags consisting of bubble wrap, ear plugs, apples, hand sanitizer, scratch and sniff stickers, and mental health resources during Unwind Your Mind.

VI. Miscellaneous

We’ve hired Stephen Chin as a new Student Ombudservice Director. I met with the Director of Academic Information and Communication Technologies (AICT) to discuss the amalgamation of Administrative Information Systems (AIS) and AICT. Finally, I attended meetings of the Student Financial Aid Task Force, Admissions Task Force, Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA) Council, Academic Standards Committee (ASC), Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) reception, Lister negotiations, GFC Executive, GFC Nominating Committee, GFC Replenishment Committee, Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee, and the Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call me at 780-492-4236, or email me at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca.

Sincerely,

Dustin Chelen