

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday August 27, 2013  
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## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2013-09)

2013-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-09/2c SUB Renovation Update sponsored by Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance

General Manager Marc Dumouchel will provide an update about the SUB Renovation project highlighting major details since the last formal update in May with a roadmap entering the new school year.

2013-09/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2013-09/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2013-09/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2013-09/5a To William Lau, VP Student life from Councillor Speakman

What role will existing groups like iSMSS and the GVBPP play in the development of something like an SU Gender & Sexual Diversity service?

2013-09/5b To William Lau, VP Student Life from Councillor Mohamed

I wanted to ask the VP Lau why we don't amalgamate Week of Welcome and orientation? Wouldn't it be easier and more logical for them to operate under the same banner?

2013-09/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-09/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2013-09/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

2013-09/8g BFC Summary Report

Please see document LA 13-09.01

2013-09/8h Brent Kelly BoG Rep- Report

Please see document LA 13-09.02

**2013-09/8i**

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 13-09.03



# BUDGET and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> 2013*

*Time: 6.03 pm*

2013 – 2014 *MEETING 5*

## **Motions**

1.	<i>ZENG</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for August 20, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>
2.	<i>HODGSON</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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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.

The last few weeks have seen some important developments on the Board front. The Minister of Advanced Education, Thomas Lukaszuk, has responded to the Board's Comprehensive Institutional Plan submission for the U of A. His response raises a number of concerns which I will address here.

### **EAE Acceptance of CIP and Imposition of "Independent Consultants"**

As you may have heard, Thomas Lukaszuk, the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, has accepted U of A's Comprehensive Institutional Plan. However, Lukaszuk saw fit to impose some restrictions upon acceptance of the CIP. He stipulated that the U of A needs to balance its budget more quickly, and is going to send independent financial consultants to help.

The other members of the Board and I share a number of concerns over the conditions imposed by Lukaszuk. First of all, our university is already under tremendous strain from the

enormous budget cuts imposed by the Province, so asking us to further accelerate the deficit reduction process is quite unreasonable.

Second, the imposition of independent financial consultants is both unnecessary and insulting. Our administration has done and is doing an exceptional job managing the finances of this institution. The U of A has enjoyed more clean audits and balanced budgets than the Province, so it seems somewhat contradictory for the Province to be imposing closer financial oversight. It's also unclear why this imposition is necessary; what is Lukaszuk trying to achieve by doing this?

Either way, the Board needs to respond decisively and factually. I think there are a number of myths about the U of A floating around which need remedying, and perhaps now is an opportunity to challenge them. Whatever comes of the oversight from the independent consultants, the U of A needs to turn this into an opportunity to educate the public about the importance of post-secondary education.

That's about it for now. If you have any questions about the CIP or the "independent consultants," please don't hesitate to ask myself or President Kusmu.

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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Hello Council,

## **SUB Renovation**

The storm line relocation was completed last Saturday. The SUB Renovation internal team reviewed the 95% drawings and gave our feedback to DIALOG. The drawings will be complete soon and we will release the documents for tender in September.

VP Woods may get the SUB Renovation Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) loan onto the September 4 Alberta Cabinet meeting agenda. If not, we would be on the Cabinet meeting in late September.

The current schedule for the renovation:

- End of September 2013: Towers complete
- April/May 2014: Start exterior renovations
- June 2014: Interior of Lower Level SUB complete
- Fall 2014: Complete exterior renovations

## **The Daily Grind**

The Daily Grind is up and running. Our soft launch is positive overall and we're constantly looking at ways to improve our operations before the large influx of students. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Students' Union because we have a coffee monopoly on campus. Our coffee supplier is Coffee Concept and all the coffee we use is Fairtrade Certified, as per Operating Policy. We're open to any feedback to improve the Daily Grind. My personal favourite and recommendation is the Vietnamese coffee.

## **Room At The Top**

The renovations in RATT are almost complete. It's scheduled to re-open by the end of the week. We hope to host more after-Council hangouts in RATT once things are up and running. I got a tour of the new kitchen facility and it looks amazing. I have high hopes for the newly revamped RATT.

## **Operations Manager - Bars**

The General Manager, the Senior Manager (Food & Beverage), and I interviewed a number of candidates for the Operations Manager – Bars position. We have shortlisted the candidate and will announce the hiring soon.

## **Long Range Development Plan**

VP Lau and I met with Anastasia Lim, Executive Director (University Relations) to discuss the University's land use plans on main campus. There will be a realignment of the LRDP and forward looking planning this Fall. There will be two sets of Focus Groups and Open Houses to review the changes before bringing the changes through the governance channels. VP Lau and I will be part of these discussions and we will inform Council on the major updates as it comes. Anastasia Lim will make a presentation to Council in late September.

The dates for the LRDP discussions:

- September 10: Focus Group
- September 25: Open House
- November 5: Focus Group
- November 19: Open House

## **Communications Strategic Plan Working Group**

I'm starting to knock off my Executive Goals by starting the discussions to create the Communications Strategic Plan. President Kusmu, VP Lau, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and the Senior Manager (Marketing & Communications) met to develop a vision and plan for creating this document. I'm excited to see traction on this goal because it will be key for the continued success of the Students' Union.

Get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I would be happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

Josh Le  
(electronically submitted)