

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
ETLC 1-018

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## AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

Time: **5.03 pm**

2013 – 2014

### **Motions**

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 1, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i>
2.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for September 17, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i>
3.	<i>VALDEZ</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 1, 2013**

Time: **6:08 pm**

2013 – 2014 **MEETING #11**

### **Motions**

1.	<i>MILLS</i> moved that <i>October 1 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
2.	<i>BATAL</i> moved that <i>September 17 minutes be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
3.	<i>MILLS</i> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
4.		<i>CARRIED</i> 0/0/0

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Council Report of the Student Life Portfolio

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Dear Students' Council,

As I mentioned in my last council report, I have placed my focus on two projects that I could complete by the end of my term. 1) the Community Kitchen in PAW, and 2) building towards an International Students' Association. This week, I also have the added workload of gathering any final feedback to changes made to Student Group Procedure. Unfortunately, by the time they present to council, it may be difficult to make changes depending on the extent of the change due to time constraints in governance.

### Engagement

- **Heroes for Health (H4H) Challenge** – Overlapping with the Health & Wellness policy, the H4H challenge is an amazing opportunity for students to join like-minded individuals to *build something*. The registration deadline has just closed – let's see how things go!
- Green and Gold day – was a lot of fun! I don't have any statistics right now on the traffic that it potentially drove to our SU businesses. In future years, earlier decision-making surrounding the SU's involvement would allow more time to hype up the event. The event overall though was a great success and tied nicely into Alumni Weekend and the festivities in Quad and the Tuck Shop Tent.
- Council Outreach – Props to Councillor Binczyk for encouraging others to try out class talks, and props to Councillor Nguyen for taking the lead with the Council Video and sharing her progress with council. With the support of our in-house design studio, I have created a powerpoint to promote this council meeting as well as Campus Cup, and would love some feedback from those that use it.
- Athletic Promotions – October 25<sup>th</sup>. It's a Legacy Game, meaning that it is free entry for all OneCard holders! The Alumni Association will be offering pizza and a pep rally for International Students before the game, while we (the SU) will take care of everyone else via a BBQ of some sorts, as well as some kind of sweet deal at RATT... that is, if Vice President Le is on board ;) The second piece of SU involvement in the event is to aid in promoting the event!

- Programming and Venues Department – Campus Cup has launched! It is the (5<sup>th</sup>) annual campus-wide dodgeball tournament hosted by the SU, for students, staff, and alumni of the U of A. Registration starts on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am, and costs \$25 each. You are guaranteed 5 games; we are currently aiming for 100 teams.  
You could register either as a team or as a “free agent”. A team is made of 10-15 people and requires a minimum of 3 of each sex. Teams will be able to custom design T-shirts (included in registration) and the team registration deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.  
Registering as a “free agent” means that the organizers will place you on a team. You could also register as a small group of affiliated “free agents” and be placed on the same team.
- Student Group Procedural Changes – the administrative changes proposed by the Dean of Students’ Office align well with the wishes of our SU Services (namely, Student Group Services).
  - 100% of student group executives must be U of A students (currently 75%)
  - Presidents, VP “Finances” and VP “Events” must attend mandatory training
    - Returning execs would have different “advanced level” training
  - Event approval mechanisms would be updated to reflect current practice

However, the changes in writing may have larger impacts. The writing is being pulled out of the Code of Student Behaviour (CoSB, discipline-focused) into University of Alberta Policy and Procedures Online (UAPPOL, administration-focused) on the basis that the code is punitive, and that the current appendices in CoSB for student groups are procedural rather than policy. Also, it was perceived that there was no true “discipline” when it came to student group conflicts. To punish a student group usually dealt administratively with their registration status.

With this shift from CoSB to UAPPOL, the administration essentially has full authority (unilaterally) over the existence of student groups. The second piece we will try to work on is the appeals procedure if conflict was to arise. It is currently drafted that the Dean of Students would have the final decision over a student group’s registration, with the (written) appeal going to a single individual – the Associate Vice-President Risk Management.

## **Food**

Microwaves for CAB are on their way. Sorry about the wait, folks. I hope to attach two pieces of information to each microwave. 1) These are provided by your SU, and 2) please let the friendly Aramark staff around the corner know if the microwaves need some cleaning.

I have received a list of programming options from our research department, and have met with F&O to look over limitations of the Community Kitchen – more specifically, its proximity to bookable spaces in PAW as well as its proximity to loading zones, which will have a large impact on how the space could be used. I will now need to chat with Marc Dumouchel once he returns from vacation to talk about the flexibility of the space allocated for the Community Kitchen, which will determine the size of the venue.

In regards to the Sustainable Food Report requested from F&O, they will sum up some of the key recommendations and forward them our way.

## **Health and Wellness**

President Kusmu and I attended a symposium held by the Student Health Committee, bringing together various health-related student groups to talk about various aspects and factors of health – General Health, Mental Health, Food and Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Student Governance and its role in health-related student groups. The symposium stirred up some positive feedback, and it will be interesting to see how the momentum can be used to push our advocacy efforts forward.

I have also contacted Campus Recreation and have met with them as we both share a vision of increasing team sports on campus. I am currently waiting for clubs to propose specific times to play so I can check the availability/status of Quad.

## **Internationalization**

Despite the direct link in the newsletter blurb for the Peer Mentor Program, no domestic students have applied to mentor international students. Other ways of recruiting domestic student mentors are being explored, such as engaging the Greek Community with the potential of recruiting international students.

Most of my efforts surrounding International students are currently targeted towards:

1. International Student Tuition – I am supporting a group of international students that want to sign a petition to request specific asks from the University. The petition's asks and the marketing plan is currently being worked on.
2. Building an International Students' Association (ISA) – I have already collected feedback from the Indian Students' Association, the Chinese Students and Scholars' Association, and the Chinese Students' Club. Different clubs are being contacted by different individuals; the SU exec are currently managing calendars to ensure that an exec will always be at an ISA discussion meeting (Fridays at 6pm) to help facilitate the discussion and resolve conflicts.
3. Strengthening domestic-international student interactions – I am supporting a pair of domestic students that wish to launch a campaign in January to promote domestic-international student interactions. The campaign would build-up to a launch of a documentary during International week to support a similar message.
4. International Student Issues Town Hall – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. An open forum to discuss international student issues, and potentially aid in the drafting of principles for the Internationalization policy.

### **Public Transit**

With the pushback of Council's by-elections, the DSA U-Pass referendum is also pushed back.

Fortunately, the DSA actually prefers the election dates of October 24-25, allowing them enough time to raise the concern with their constituents. We have yet to receive the necessary CCIDs and student IDs to run the referendum.

In response to the City's written response turning down any action related to a U-Pass holder's failure to provide Proof of Payment, the SU is still drafting a public response to address 1) the City's response, and 2) what students should do. It will hopefully be launched before the city elections start!

As for the state of the U-Pass subsidy, there are no new updates.

### **Sustainability**

N/A

Cheers,

William Lau

October 7, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting)

**Introduction**

Hello Council,

I hope midterms are going well for all of you. It's been a very busy time for me with the Municipal Election in full swing, an upcoming advocacy week in Ottawa, and the return of MLA's to Edmonton with the sitting of the Legislature in a couple weeks.

**Municipal Election Campaign:**

As many of you well know, the City election is starting to heat up as Election Day draws nearer. Another reminder that you will all be able to vote at the advanced polling station that will be held in the Alumni room in the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. I would also encourage all of you to try and make the Post Secondary Forum, hosted right after Council in the Robins Centre at Macewan University. Please do all you can to encourage people to vote on the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Alumni Room. I would ask that you use your positions as Councillors to encourage friends and classmates to vote in the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CAUS:**

The rest of the Exec and I will be in Calgary this upcoming weekend for a CAUS Roundtable. This is yet another opportunity for the entire Executive to discuss relevant issues with people from their own portfolios, and for CAUS to make a more concrete plan moving forward with PSLA submissions. I will report to Council on how the trip went and what was discussed at our next meeting.

**Advocacy:**

I've had a couple of higher profile meetings over the past few weeks. I had the tremendous opportunity to sit down with both Brian Mason and Danielle Smith prior to the debate that took place. Both agreed with the vast majority of asks, specifically surrounding Instructional Fee's. I am very pleased that the opposition agrees with our stance on these fees.

In addition, I also recently met with NDP MLA Rachel Notley, and Conservative MLA David Dorward. Again, both were very receptive to the asks. Ms. Notley was specifically concerned over the broken PC promise of a \$17 million towards rural and aboriginal bursary funding. Mr. Dorward was very receptive regarding mandatory fees, and also encourages us to keep working towards the revitalization of the Summer Temporary Employment Program.

Finally, on a federal level I met with MP James Rajotte (Chair of the Finance Committee) to discuss CASA's pre budget submission. The submission went over very well with Mr. Rajotte, and he suggested we talk to other members of the finance committee so they may be educated on what we are proposing. Unfortunately most of the Finance Committee members are scattered throughout the country at this time, so we are working with other member schools to get meetings with specific members.

Tom Mulcair, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, was also on campus this past week to make an address and answer questions from the student population. This was apart of an ongoing effort to bring more political discussion to campus. We are currently working with other party affiliated student groups to hopefully bring leaders from different parties to speak soon.

Unfortunately I didn't have the opportunity to have more than a fifteen-minute conversation with Mr. Mulcair, however he has assured me he will sit down with us when CASA is in Ottawa in November.

That's all I have to report at this time. If you have any questions I will not be in Council today, however I will respond to any email questions as soon as I can.

Thank you for your time,



**Adam Woods**

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October 3, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

Below you'll find an update of my activities from the past two weeks.

## **I. Voluntary Severance Package**

The University announced the results of its voluntary severance package: 83 professors and 38 administrators will be paid out to leave the University by June 30, 2014. In the media, my perspective was that the announcement was a sad one. Students come to the University of Alberta for access to the best and brightest in their field, and that these cuts will ultimately result in larger class sizes and fewer classes being offered. I'm remaining hopeful that the University will focus in on its change objectives of "sustainable financial models" and "efficient administration" before it keeps cutting at the core of the academic endeavor.

## **II. COFA Senior Board**

The Fall semester COFA Senior Board meeting set the tone for a productive year for Faculty Associations. We continued to discuss the budget as it relates to Faculties, and determined that a meeting after the October cuts are announced would be useful. Most importantly, COFA set out a year plan that prioritizes open sharing of information, enhanced understanding of the University budget, greater consultation with students, tackling student apathy, and reaching out to students. Together with Discover Governance, COFA working groups will be focusing on these projects throughout the rest of the year.

## **III. Leadership Initiative**

At the last GFC meeting, the University President proposed an academic structure for a new leadership college to be built on Saskatchewan Drive. A number of members of GFC raised concerns with the implied elitism of a 144-person program, and whether or not the University should pursue this in tough fiscal times. The VP Advancement promised that funds raised for such a leadership college would also benefit more than just 144 students, and so I am working on a discussion paper on how leadership skills could be better fostered at the University.



#### **IV. COFA Myths and Facts Campaign**

Based on submissions from the COFA Member Services Working Group, the SU is sponsoring the COFA myths and facts campaign. Across north campus, Augustana, and Campus St. Jean students will find lawn signs with commonly held myths about students in each of the different faculties. The purposes of this campaign are to help break down barriers between collaboration between FAs, to emphasize campus unity in a time of vertical budget cuts, and to better advertise FAs, COFA, and the SU.

#### **V. Miscellaneous**

I met with a number of University administrators including the Vice Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction), the Vice Provost and Dean of Students, and the University Secretary. Attended meetings of the AASUA Executive Committee, Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Standards, Committee on the Learning Environment, GFC Executive Committee, as well as an executive retreat. I had the pleasure of attending the tipi raising for the Faculty of Native Studies 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Finally, I met with the Provost's lead on digital learning to discuss the current state of the online learning movement, as well as to try and understand why the Digital Learning committee needed a student representative who wasn't appointed by the SU.

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](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca).

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**From:** Petros Kusmu, President 2013-2014

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for October 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting)

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Hello Council!

Apologies for the belated report! Here's a brief update on what I've been up to since September 24<sup>th</sup>.

- **Fall Reading Week (FRW)**

Like I said in my last Council report, the FRW file has been speaking up traction now. Vice President Academic Dustin Chelen and I have been dedicating a ton of time on this issue recently and will continue to put in a lot of time now to ensure we get a FRW approved this year. Last week Chelen and I presented to the Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta's (AASUA) Executive Council on our Fall Reading Week proposal. While we got a ton of critical feedback from them on the proposal, I believed AASUA's Executive Council was relatively receptive to our FRW pursuits. In addition to presenting to AASUA, Chelen and I had the opportunity to sit down with the Dean of Students Frank Robinson to get his feedback on our proposal as well. A lot more meetings and work still needs to be done, but hopefully there will be some more solid progress to report on at the next Council meeting.

- **Budget Cuts**

Yesterday, I partook in a public Budget Roundtable Discussion with the University's President. It was interesting to hear her candid comments on the budget cuts and her interaction with the Deputy Premier. The purpose of the roundtable was to seek some general feedback and advice on how the University should go forward with these budget cuts. Speaking turns were limited, so my main focus was that it was unbelievably important for the institution to be as transparent and consultative as possible so less of the finger-pointing is being pointed towards the university and more of it is pointed towards the provincial government. Furthermore, I also brought up the point that executive salaries is going to be a large focus with the budget cuts, regardless of its too high or not, and that the institution needs to think of an appropriate response.

- **International Students**

Just another reminder that the Students' Union is planning of hosting town hall/forum for international students on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM on SUBstage**. The purpose of this forum is to inform international students some important budget-related information and how they'll be impacted and, more importantly, to hear back from them on what are some of the pressing international student issues. Be sure to mark this off in your calendar and spread the word about this with any students who may be interested in this venture. For more information and to stay up-to-date on these developments, email [institutiondiscussion@gmail.com](mailto:institutiondiscussion@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Residences: Rent Increases, HUB Security Issues, and 2013 Lister Changes**

Vice President Student Life William Lau and I sit on the Residence Budgetary Advisory Committee (RBAC) – a “consultative” committee that talks about all things related to the budgets of residences (meaning no voting takes place). We were presented with the University's proposal for its rent increases in a variety of residences and we probed them on some of the figures they had – namely around lack of

clarity on what HUB's four month lease rent rates and Tamarack and Pincrest's (the new residences near I-House) new rent increase are.

Additionally, VP Lau and I are still trying to raise the security issues in HUB to the Facilities & Operations (F&O) administrators at RBAC, but they aren't necessarily buying it. One of the things that a lot of the past leadership in HUB has advocated for was security locks at the approximately 50 stairwells in HUB – since it is the only apartment-styled residence/complex that is open 24/7 to the public. F&O's counter-argument is that this is costly, amounting to approximately \$2 million, and that locking some of the doors with ONEcard-lock access would mean the stairwell doors would have to be reconstructed, which will lead to greater expenditures. VP Lau and I will further investigate this issue, especially considering that we received a rather lengthy HUB Security Report from its students leaders recently.

Furthermore, VP Lau and I received Residence Service's (RS) report on the 2013 changes to Lister that led to the lengthy dispute between the SU and the University last year. Part of the agreement that prevented the SU from conducting a legal judicial review on RS was that there would be a series of reports published by both sides in regards to the 2013 residence changes – i.e. the alcohol rule changes implemented campus-wide and the staff structure changes implemented in Lister. The SU has published two reports for RS on our thoughts of their changes and RS has gotten back to us on their evaluation of the changes. Not surprisingly, they were still very much in favor of the staff and alcohol rule changes in Lister. A bit more surprising was the fact that they realized the alcohol rule changes in residences like I-House and Residence Saint-Jean wasn't necessarily appropriate. I'll keep you posted on this file.

- **Letters of Expectation (LOE)**

As mentioned last time, at the last General Faculties Council (GFC) and Academic Planning Committee (APC), I worked hard to include the SU's recommendations to the institution's LOE – primarily on having the LOE reference “attributes and competencies” as something they value. Despite my amendments failing at both GFC and APC, I got some recent success at the Board of Governors' (BoG) Board Learning and Discovery Committee (BLDC) where that particular amendment surrounding attributes and competencies passed. Hopefully the BOG will pass the LOE as is since I fear that some of its members may work to remove this amendment.

That's it for now folks. Till next time!

Signing off,



**Petros Kusmu**

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October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**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.

Remember to wash your hands and cover your cough! Late last week I managed to catch the illness that is going around. The U of A is still by-and-large a commuter campus, so bacteria and illness spread quickly. Apart from my brush with illness, things have been picking up on the BoG front. I recently attended a Board University Relations Committee (BURC) meeting and a Board Health, Safety and Environment Committee meeting (BHSEC). I'll highlight key elements of both meetings here.

### **BHSEC**

The meeting of BHSEC I attended on September 24<sup>th</sup> was the first of the new school year, so a lot of what we did was fairly standard. This included examining and discussing the committee workplan and Terms of Reference. In addition, we received updates from various administrative departments on the ongoing safety measures being implemented. One of these initiatives, begun last year, is a high-level communications project originating from the Office of the President. It consists of posters and notifications posted around campus stating the President's direction that the U of A is a place where work is conducted safely. So if you've seen any of these messages in labs or other campus workspaces, BHSEC is where it all got started!

The September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of BURC was also the first of the new school year. Similar to BHSEC, we spent some time discussing and approving the committee Terms of Reference and workplan for the new school year. We also received updates from various administrative branches regarding the ongoing public and government relations initiatives of the University. Of particular note was the update from University Relations where they discussed the reinvention of their Alberta-wide community outreach program. Previously the program had involved various university administrators going out into the communities to meet with communities and stakeholders. As I understand it, this year they are re-orienting their program to focus more on high-level meetings with influential individuals throughout Alberta. Moreover, high-level University office holders such as the President and Chancellor will be more involved in these meetings.

I see this reorientation as a positive step. Albertans seem to have insufficient understanding of the important role that Universities such as the U of A play in Alberta's continued success. The U of A in particular has had a massive economic and social impact in Alberta; this reality is perhaps taken for granted. As such, I'm pleased to see that the University is placing additional emphasis on raising awareness and building ties with influential persons throughout the province. The recent provincial funding clawback demonstrated the need for change in public-relations strategy, and the University is responding in kind.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all tonight at Council. As always, if you have any questions about this report or anything else on the BoG front, I'd be happy to discuss things at length in person. Remember to wash your hands and cover your cough! Stay healthy and well-rested, too!

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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