

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

**STUDENTS'  
COUNCIL  
LATE ADDITIONS**

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**Tuesday September 17, 2002 - 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

2002-11/9            **REPORTS**

2002-11/9c            Mat Brechtel, Vice President Academic

Please see document LA 02-11.01.

2002-11/9d            Steve Smith, Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see document LA 02-11.02.

2002-11/9e            Kail Ross, Vice President Student Life

Please see document LA 02-11.03.

2002-11/12           **LEGISLATION**

2002-11/12e           ROSS/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon  
the recommendation of the Executive Committee, adopt  
the proposed Political Policy - Affordable Housing.

Please see document LA 02-11.04.

2002-11/13           **OLD BUSINESS**

2002-11/13a SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure of \$4500 from the Special Projects Reserve to pay membership fees in the Canadian University Press for the 2000-2001 year, with said payment being contingent on an agreement from the Canadian University Press not to seek any additional membership payment from the Students' Union.

2002-11/15 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2002-11/15e FARCE – Final Report.

Please see document LA 02-11.05.

Mat Brechtel—Vp Academic

## Report to Students' Council

September 17, 2002

### **Activities Since Last Meeting:**

WOW/Orientation—if you don't know what this is, you are bad. I wandered around for around a week.

Litigation meeting—a Paul Conquest v. the SU and Chris Samuel lawsuit update

Academic Integrity Week planning—An upcoming week to highlight some integrity issues

COFA Retreat—Kelly Herregodts deserves a round of applause from everyone in FA's for her hard work

Meeting with Deans—I have been attempting to meet with Deans to discuss academic issues

Lunch with Dr. Fraser—the President. Very interesting.

Welcoming International Students—I had a couple opportunities to welcome a new and diverse group

Celebration of Teaching and Learning—Honoring some great achievements including SALUTE awards

Meetings—AISSC, CASST, GFC Exec, CAAST-SOS, TLC, FARCE, FDCVP Facilities and Operations Advisory Selection Committee—An announcement will be forthcoming within a month

Beartracks—there is a change order in to TurnKey to link class searches to class registrations (yay!)

### **Things that happened since this report went out:**

Discussion with Don Charmichael about teaching issues—(he's the outgoing President of the AAS:UA)

### **Things I hope to do over the next several weeks:**

CART II—I to achieve some change for the better in something that the SU invests a good deal of time and money each year

Political Policies—I have a few political policies moving through the SU bureaucracy, you should see them next meeting

## **Recipe for Disaster**

September 17<sup>th</sup> report to Students' Council, by Steve Smith (VP Operations and Finance)

### Orientation Surprise

- Two days forced peppiness
- Several hundred temporary tattoos
- One Steve Smith Super-Fantastic Quiz Game
- One controversial President's Address
- One can of worms

Line a large pan with peppiness. Apply tattoos, spray liberally with water. Garnish with questions from the Steve Smith Super-Fantastic Quiz Game, place in oven until half-baked. Participate in President's Address, opening can of worms in the process. Defend self vigorously. Serves  $5 \times 10^3$  (as I was unsure of the number of people who went through Orientation, so I asked the Vice President (Academic). He was only able to provide me with one significant digit. Good science, perhaps, but bad cookery.)

### Filet of Public Outreach

- One public consultation meeting
- One prayer for peace
- Four CJSR ads (available online at [www.cjsr.com/ads.htm](http://www.cjsr.com/ads.htm))
- One meeting with concerned student about alcohol price increases

Concoct CJSR ads, and enlist the assistance of four fellow chefs in reading them. Add one gallon of sugar to erase bitter taste of one fellow chef not coming through. Take surplus pep from Orientation Surprise, leave in Quad to fester for several hours during WoW. Baste with concern about alcohol prices in the Power Plant and RATT. At this point, a distinct odor of controversy should be emanating from the whole mess. Enclose within public consultation forum, boil until all consistency is lost. Serves nobody.

### Crisis Cakes

- Two angry letters
- One computer lab configuration
- One successful translation of Farsi receipts
- Ten hours spent doing the President and VP (External)'s job with Red Deer College.

On a floured surface, in a floured room, and just generally surrounded by mounds and mounds of flour, try to work out a configuration for the SUB computer lab (which was a bad idea in the first place). As each new obstacle presents itself, curse Council's name. Mix in the hours spent on the Red Deer College issue (wherein the Red Deer College Students' Association is upset that some of "our" students in fact spend all their time on the RDC campus, but pay their fees to us), doing what the Vice President (External) describes as "crunching numbers," and deposit in a pan greased by the ichor present in the letter we sent to Mike Percy, Dean of the School of Business, regarding laptop and the one we received from Brad Wutherick, President of the GSA, regarding alleged breaches of our agreement with the University regarding Dewey's. Top with the Farsi receipts submitted by the Iranian Students' Association, and subsequently translated by a Farsi language professor whose posters were found illegally posted in SUB.

### FARCE Fondue

- Four belligerent and hackish committee members
- One Hundred and Sixty Nine e-mails
- One scheduled radio interview (Next Monday at 5 pm on CJSR 88.5 FM!)
- One Gateway Article
- Eighty Two pages of documentation

Throw together the belligerent hacks in a dish, and the e-mails should spontaneously materialize. Roll these flat on to the pages of documentation; serve in the form of the Gateway article and the CJSR interview. Serves to lengthen Council.

### Miscellaneous Activity Casserole

- One Tim Horton's chocolate chip muffin sitting on the floor of SUB
- One lunch with Rod Fraser (pre-Orientation)
- One Council of Faculty Associations retreat

Wrap CoFA retreat in an attempt to speak about budgets, bylaws, and elections without sounding useless and/or patronizing. Upon failing, ease the pain by consuming a free muffin that was just sitting (upright) on the floor of SUB. Get back to brewing controversy during lunch with Rod Fraser and his assistant, Monica Barclay (who apparently reads Council minutes; Hi Monica!). Serves to lengthen my Council Report.

### Academic Career Purée

- One course per semester
- Three classes per week
- One lab per week

Assemble all ingredients on a flat surface, and proceed to ignore them for four months. Serves notice of academic probation.

### Social "Life" Bake

- Two nights of poker at the Speaker's apartment
- One concert with Bob Dylan
- One WoW Dance

Put first poker night in a large mixing bowl, and beat; it should yield \$125. Blend in second poker night. Much of the bowl's contents should now have evaporated. Extract from Bob Dylan concert one hundred and twenty minutes of incomprehensible muttering. Pour into bowl. Dissolve the entire mixture in several litres of beer. Please consume responsibly.

**THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**  
**POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT**

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> <b>September 17, 2002</b>	<i>Page</i> <b>1</b> <i>of</i> <b>1</b>
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> <b>September 30, 2006</b>	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	<b>Executive Committee</b>	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	<b>- Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)</b>	
	<b>- Specific: Homelessness</b>	
	<b>- Topic:</b>	

MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt the following as Students' Union Policy regarding affordable housing:

WHEREAS affordable student housing will help not only current students but enhances accessibility for prospective students,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union lobby the municipal, provincial and federal governments for increased public funding of student and non-student housing, and to urge the government of Alberta to take action on the housing crisis in our province and recognize that there is a serious shortage of affordable housing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union lobby the municipal government to rescind the residential property tax levy against the University of Alberta;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union lobby the University administration to ensure that any savings from a municipal tax break be passed on to students by way of decreased rent.

**Policy History:**

	<b>Reference/Vote</b>	<b>Board/Committee</b>		<b>Date of Council Approval</b>
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