

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday June – : PM
Council Chambers University Hall

AGENDA (SC _____)

/ CALL TO ORDER

/ NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"

/ University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

/ STUDENTS' UNION CREDO

/ SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

/ ROLL CALL

/ APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

/ PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

/ a Travel Cuts Presentation

/ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting are not available at this time

/ QUESTION PERIOD

/ APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)

Please see document SC

/ APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
REPORTS

/ a External Affairs Board Minutes – May

External Affairs Board
Minutes

Please see document SC

/ OLD BUSINESS

/ LEGISLATION

Bylaw / a

MAH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw relating to the Executive Committee (SECOND Reading)

Please bring supporting documentation from the May meeting

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NEW BUSINESS

SUDS Conference / a

MAH/LO MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve a budgeted amount not to exceed to send the President and VP External to the SUDS Conference in Vancouver on July

Please see document SC

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REPORTS

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

/ a

Next Council Meeting

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- June - : PM
- June - : PM

/ b

UPCOMING FACULTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- Law
- Medicine/Dentistry

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ADJOURNMENT

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council June 3, 2003

1. The following motion were passed at the May 27, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting

A. BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve renovations associated with tenants reconfiguration to food court at a total cost of \$60,000. of which \$53,500. is to come from tenant capital contributions and \$6,500. to be derived from capital budget.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/1(MAH)/0 CARRIED

2. The following motions were passed at the May 29, 2003, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting

A. MAH/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted amount not to exceed \$2030.00 to send the President and VP External to the SUDS Conference in Vancouver on July 14-18, 2003

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/2(BRECHTEL,SAMUEL) CARRIED

B. BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the letter to be sent to Ed Hanson (CUPE) in response to the step three grievance.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1(SAMUEL) CARRIED

MINUTES

EAB 2003

External Affairs Board

Date and Time: May 14, 2003 @ 5:44 pm

Place: 2-911 Students' Union Building

ATTENDANCE	Chris Samuel	Vice-President External, Chair
	Kimberly Williams	Community Relations Coordinator, non-voting
	Adam Cook	Councilor (arrived @ 6:49 pm)
	Terra Melnyk	Councilor
	Steve Smith	Councilor
	Lisa Clyburn	Student-at-Large (left @ 6:00 pm)
	Chris Jones	Student-at-Large
	Sara Katz	Student-at-Large
	Lisa McLaughin	Student-at-Large (left @ 6:15 pm)
	Zaki Taher	Student-at-Large
ABSENT	Ariana Barer	Student-at-Large

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:44 pm (Samuel)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Smith Second: Katz

7/0/0

I move to add a new agenda item 7.3, to the agenda- Post-Secondary Learning Act

Motion: Smith Second: Jones

4/0/1 (Katz)

Approval of the agenda

Motion: Smith Second: Katz

7/0/0

3. WELCOME GAME

Opening a present, while sharing things about you.

Congratulations to Taher for winning present.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Answering questionnaires about your self.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Samuel This is day 14 for me now. It has been interesting so far. I have had a sharp learning curve. I have gone to a lot of meetings and done a lot of talking, I want us to start doing.

I have an ACTISEC meeting on Thursday and a meeting with Alberta Learning on May 29 to discuss our issues, mainly with the Post-Secondary Learning Act. Some of the Post-Secondary Learning Act issues are auditing, levying SU fees, tuition cap moving into regulation from legislation, giving colleges the ability to grant degrees, make GFC accountable to the Board of Governors', etc.

6. EAB 2003-2004 MANUAL REVIEW

The EAB by-law (4200) has been changed and items 2(b) and 4(e) have been struck.

The new Post-Secondary Learning Act policy needs to be updated with the final revisions that were made.

7. DISCUSSION PERIOD

7.1 Expectations of the Board

Smith Chris chair democratically, do action items, not discussion items

Smith I move that we collapse Agenda items 7.1 and 7.2

Motion: Smith Second: Jones

5/0/0

Katz Keep the meetings efficient, keep on topic.

Cook Meet more often, call board meetings regularly.

Samuel Remain dedicated and highly involved. My goal for the board is to put the power of the board onto you. I fully expect the board to call meetings when meetings need be. I hope that everyone is respectful and refrains from personal attacks. I see no problems and am very very excited.

7.3 Post-Secondary Learning Act

Smith Do we have any signals about the differential? Do you have any thoughts about the action that we are going to take?

Taher I see this as a good opportunity for the SU to work hand-in-hand with the university. What measures in this area are being taken?

Samuel They ignored CAUS's recommendations. We were expecting most things, but the damage to our student organizations and the quality of the act were what surprised us the most. Official media comment has been that it is too early to speculate; it could come from anywhere from a want to suppress Students' Unions or just an oversight.

Degree granting is because of overloading of students. Cap removal comes from Lethbridge Collage reaching their 30% tuitions caps already. Moving from legislation to regulation allows for decisions to be made over-night without debate in the house. They have promised us that the cap will be put into regulation.

Smith Are the other universities opposing cap/deregulation as well?

Samuel Athabasca does, Lethbridge hasn't stated that outright, but I am sure that they are.

As for our action, we need to find out what the motivations behind these changes are, meet with MLA's, seeking legal council, rally the public and need to plan out how to mobilized our students in September. Yesterday Matt and I met with Doug Oram about this. He will hopefully be drafting us a letter of support. We need to engage the administration.

Taher What about something through GFC?

Samuel I don't know if this would be the best form of action!

Katz I am not as convinced that this means that the world is coming to an end. There are some problems. The shift of power upwards concerns me. Intellectual property is the case already it is just codifying it. My main concern is the things that we are leaving out the 30% tuition cap and the degree granting status for collages. I believe that the government maybe throwing these things at us to distract us away from the two most important things.

Melynk I was reading something about what a CAUS member said to Lyle Oberg, could someone please comment.

I want us to be a part of all the decision making this year. I want this board to have a hand in all the "fun". I want us to have the information early.

Smith I agree with Katz, that we need to make sure that we are not neglecting the tuition cap and the degree granting. I disagree that the student organization changes are red herrings. I think that they're fairly serious in there potential for changes.

On a tactical level, has the Chair done any research in the possibility of involving the Dedicated Fee Units.

Cook 2 years ago, on Naomi Agards' EAB, we were instrumental in the campaigns. I would like to see the EAB get involved in more than just meetings.

Jones Are there any other Students' Unions in Canada that do not charge mandatory SU fees? If so, can we get more information about them? Are we having a lawyer look at this act?

Samuel The problem with degree granting is the ability to come off as unfriendly in the eye of the public. We don't want to sound pompous. I absolutely want you to be involved! However, this is not an expectation, this is not a pre-requisite. Should people want to volunteer that would be well appreciated. We will be involving you, as people, in all aspects of the process.
We are not having a lawyer looking over the act at the moment. When we have decided what parts of the act that we want amended we will be talking to a lawyer.

Jones Wouldn't it make more sense to have a lawyer interpret it for us?

Samuel We will be doing this soon.
The only place in Canada with a change in levying SU fees is in BC and it has gone to litigation. In Australia, this has happened and they are only having about an 18% opt in rate.

Katz What percentage of our revenue comes from Student fees?

Samuel Approximately \$3 million, of our \$7.5 million budget. Some is dedicated and some goes into the base-operating budget.

Smith I believe that in most provinces SU's are not corporations. They fall under the Societies Act. They are a dedicated fee unit. I have not heard of any institution that has not levied SU fees.
I think that student dedicated fees is 40% of the operating budget. This is deceiving because stuff like Orientation and the Powerplant have direct places that they must go. We need the fees!

Cook Faculty associations have used legislation to levy mandatory fees, because they are elected in. At UBC the faculty association fee is roughly \$300 per year. In terms of degree granting status, we need to sell the merits of our institution and what we do different- why would you put into place something new, when you already have something that works.

Jones In Quebec, at Concordia, the faculty associations are recognized, not the SU. The faculty associations collect the fees. Opt-out systems are just nightmares. An opt-out might be the away to go with arguments, if we can convince them that mandatory is the problem. In Waterloo, the faculty association fee has only a 10% opt-out rate and the fee is high. With regards to collages, maybe we should accept that there is not a difference between university and collage degrees. We need however, to ask for accreditation.

Smith Opt-out is affected by the fee, not the fund. Legistically this is too hard to work. Opt-out fee is being discussed too early. For degree granting, we need to make sure that... at this point I am rambling...

Katz I think that we are going in circles. I want to go home. We are getting ahead of ourselves.

Taher I agree with everything Smith said.
Cook All of our fees have been voted on; lobby with this.
Smith Does everyone agree with the policy on the Post-Secondary Learning Act?
Samuel Or any other policies?
Jones It is acceptable for the time being.

8. NEXT MEETING

Friday May 30, 2003 @ 5:15 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn! (8:17 pm)

Motion: Katz Second: Taher

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Conference request for:

SUDS July 14-18, 2003 at UBC Vancouver

The purpose of this conference is to bring together VP Externals and Presidents from across Canada to discuss issues of importance to students in post-secondary education.

COSTS (The costs for the president are included in the preliminary 500 budget)

	Cost /person	Cost for 2 Executives
Airfare	320.00	620.00
Registration	345.00	690.00
Accommodation	200.00	400.00
Per Diem 30.00/day	150.00	300.00
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>1015.00 (1)</u>	<u>2030.00 (2)</u>