

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday January 27, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

A G E N D A (SC 2003-21)

- 2003-21/1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2003-21/2 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"
- 2003-21/3 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2003-21/4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 2003-21/5 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
- 2003-21/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2003-21/7 APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)

Please see document SC 03-21.01
- 2003-21/8 APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
REPORTS
- 2003-21/9 OLD BUSINESS
- 2003-21/10 LEGISLATION
- 2003-21/10a **SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the
recommendation of the Internal Review Board, amend Article V of the
Students' Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the January 20, 2004
meeting of Students' Council.
- 2003-21/10b **BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the
recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind Articles I, II, III,
IV, IX, and XI of the Students' Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the January 6, 2004
meeting of Students' Council.

2003-21/10c

BRECHTEL/PANDYA MOVED THAT the Students' Council upon the recommendation of Committee for Council Reform and Progress amend Students' Union legislation such that the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative position be given to the VP Academic and the executive portfolios be reapportioned accordingly (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-21/10d

SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council amend the by-laws to change the term of office for the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative from one year to two years (first reading/notice of motion).

2003-21/10e

SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council amend the bylaws to (first reading/notice of motion);
a) change the term of office for councilors from one year to two years;
b) holding elections for half of seats (rounding up) available per faculty each year;
c) Faculties with one seat would remain elected annually.

2003-21/10f

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, de-legislate the following (first reading/notice of motion):
(a) the Academic Affairs Coordinator;
(b) the Community Relations Coordinator;
(c) the Student Activities Coordinator;
(d) the Athletics Campus Promotions Coordinators;
(e) the Campus Crime Stoppers Committee;
(f) the Gold Key Selection Committee;
(g) Residents' Associations
(h) the General Faculties Council Student Caucus;
(i) the Students' Union Award for Leadership in Undergraduate Teaching (SALUTE);
(j) the Programming Committee;
(k) the council of Faculty Association;
(l) the Director of Information Services;
(m) the Director of Safewalk;
(n) the Director of the Student Distress Centre;
(o) the Director of the Environmental Coordination Office of Students;
(p) the Director of Student Groups;
(q) the Ombuds Directors;
(r) the Director of the Student Financial Aid Information Centre;
(s) the Director of the Centre for Student Development;
(t) all Student Involvement Awards funded by entities other than the Students' Union;
(u) the Strategic Planning and Business Planning Cycle; and
(v) the Official Student Newspaper.

2003-21/10g

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve amendments to Students' Union legislation based on the following principles (first reading/notice of motion):
1. THAT up to 8.5% of the Student Involvement Endowment Fund be used annually to provide awards for undergraduate students who contribute to the campus community; and
2. THAT the Awards Committee be assigned responsibility for allocating these awards.

- 2003-21/10h** **WUDARCK/PANDYA MOVED THAT** the Residents' Hall Association seat and the University Athletics Board be removed from Students' Council (first reading/notice of motion).
- 2003-21/10i** **BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve changes to Students' Union legislation that adhere to the following principle (first reading/notice of motion);
1. removal of the requirement that voting members of the Executive Committee be "registered in the equivalent of at least one (1) full-year course for credit during the Winter Session".
- 2003-21/10j** **DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT** Students' Council attendance requirements be eliminated (first reading/notice of motion).
- 2003-21/10k** **DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT** Students' Council proxies be eliminated (first reading/notice of motion).
- 2203-21/10l** **PANDYA/WUDARCK MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the report of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress and amend SU legislation accordingly (first reading/notice of motion).
- Please bring supporting documentation from the January 20, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.
- 2003-21/10m** **SAMUEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT** Students' Council redefine it's political policy structure based on the following principles (first reading):
1.) That there be two separate levels of political policy.
2.) That there be a clear separation between the two levels of policy.
3.) That one of the levels of policy would be reserved for broad, long-term principles.
4.) That the other level of policy would be reserved for situational and more specific principles.
5.) That any policy referred to in 4.) cannot contravene a policy in 3.)
- 2003-21/10n** **SAMUEL/LO MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the joint recommendation of the External Affairs Board and the Academic Affairs Board, rescind the political policies; "Post-Secondary Education Funding Cutbacks", "Tuition Deregulation", "Tuition Authority", "Alberta's Tuition Policy", "Post-Secondary Learning Act", "Tuition Policy", and "Tuition Levels and Regulation".
- Please bring supporting documentation from the January 20, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.
- 2003-21/100** **LO MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, amend the Political Policy on "Tuition Levels and Regulation," specifically, that the phrase "immediate freeze" be amended to read "immediate fully-funded freeze" and that "portion of the costs of their educations" be amended to read "substantial portion of the costs of their educations".

Please see document SC 03-21.02

2003-21/11

NEW BUSINESS

2003-21/11a

BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee appoint the current SU president and the 04/05 SU President to sit on the University of Alberta President Search Advisory Committee.

2003-21/12

REPORTS

2003-21/13

INFORMATION ITEMS

2003-21/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2003-21/15

ROLL CALL

2003-21/15a

Next Council Meeting

UPCOMING

February 3, 2004

COUNCIL

February 17, 2004

MEETINGS

2003-21/16

ADJOURNMENT

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 27, 2004

1. The following motion was passed at the January 19, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting

- a. BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$140.00 for the production of SU Fees Brochures

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- b. BOTTEN/MAH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$650.00 for the production of SU Business Signage

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- c. LO/BOTTEN moved that Executive Committee authorize the use of SUB MacLab computers by the SU Elections Office for the Students' Union General Elections on March 3 and March 4, 2004

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- d. BOTTEN/MAH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of an amount not to exceed \$900 from the Contingency Reserve for the purchase of updated design software for the Marketing & Communications Department

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- e. MAH/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$1300.00 for the production of Whiteboard Calendar at the PowerPlant.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- f. MAH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$700.00 to update the PowerPlant Signage.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- g. MAH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$700.00 to update the PowerPlant Signage.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

- h. BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of an amount not to exceed \$700 from the Contingency Reserve for the purchase of a new freezer for the PowerPlant

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

2. The following motion was passed at the January 21, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting

a. BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Students' Council the appointment of the Vice President (External) to the Internal Review Board for the remainder of the 2003/2004 year
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

b. BRECHTEL/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted request not to exceed \$1685.00 for the Operations Manager-venues to attend the Facility Management Conference in Toronto March 3-6, 2004.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. The following motion was passed at the January 23, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting

a. BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of \$400.00 from the Contingency Reserve for the purchase of a new monitor for the General Manager.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

PROPOSED

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i>	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Academic Affairs Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Tuition Levels and Regulation</i>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS Albertans ought not to have their access to post-secondary education restricted for financial reasons;

WHEREAS the benefits of an educated population and of an accessible system of education are reaped largely by society as a whole;

WHEREAS the state of Alberta's economy and public finances is among the best in Canada;

WHEREAS the present level of investment by the provincial government in post-secondary education is among the lowest in Canada;

WHEREAS tuition in Alberta has been climbing at rates well in excess of inflation for more than a decade and is now among the highest in Canada;

WHEREAS governmental controls on tuition levels have been steadily eroded during this time;

WHEREAS no system of student finance can eliminate all financial barriers to Post-Secondary Education;

WHEREAS the fact that all Canadian jurisdictions require from University undergraduate students an upfront payment of a portion of the cost of their education puts Canada in a minority of industrialized countries;

WHEREAS the current upfront payment tuition model poses a financial barrier to accessibility.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, consider the present levels of tuition to be unacceptably high and support decreases in these levels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support an immediate freeze on existing tuition levels as a necessary first step in an equitable and fair system of financing for undergraduate education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support firm, provincially legislated controls on tuition levels to reflect society's interest in accessible education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support an increase in base government funding to Alberta's Universities, such that the present quality of undergraduate education can be preserved and enhanced in the absence of tuition increases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, support a meaningful exploration of alternatives to the requirement that undergraduate students pay a portion of the costs of their education in advance of the completion of their studies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta support of a meaningful exploration of alternatives to the current upfront payment tuition model.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
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