

2003-23/6c

SMITH - In the Spring of 2003, a motion to remove the Video Information Display System (VIDS) monitors from SUB was struck from the Executive Committee report by Students' Council. The rationale of those favouring striking it - including then Vice President (Academic) and current President Mat Brechtel, then Science Councilor and current Vice President (External) Chris Samuel, and then Education Councilor and current Vice President (Academic) Janet Lo - was that the monitors could be made useful without significant capital or operational expense. Since this Executive took office, the untrained eye would conclude that there has been no action at relating to the VIDS monitors. My question is as follows: is this assessment correct, and will this change before this Executive leaves office?

Please see document SC 03-23.01

2003-23/7**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)**

Please see document SC 03.23-03

2003-23/8**APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS****2003-23/8a**

Council of Faculty Association Report

Please see document SC 03-23.04

2003-23/8b

Council Activities Planning and Action Committee – a branch of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress.

Please see document SC 03-23.05

2003-23/9**OLD BUSINESS****2003-23/10****LEGISLATION****2003-23/10a**

DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students' Council attendance requirements be eliminated (notice of motion).

2003-23/10b

DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students' Council proxies be eliminated (notice of motion).

2003-23/10c

PANDYA/WUDARCK MOVE THAT Students' Council approve the report of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress and amend SU legislation accordingly (notice of motion).

Please see document SC 03-23.06

2003-23/10d

SAMUEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council redefine it's political policy structure based on the following principles (notice of motion):

- 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.)

2003-23/10e

LO MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a bylaw concerning Faculty Associations in accordance with the recommended principles (notice of motion).

Please see document SC 03-23.07

2003-23/10f

BOTTEN/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council (notice of motion):

- (1) Repeal Legislation respecting the Financial Affairs Board and the Internal Review Board;
- (2) Pass new legislation creating a Budget Committee and a Legislation Drafting Committee;
- (3) The Budget Committee will:
 - (a) Be responsible for preparation of a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year and a final budget for the current fiscal year;
 - (b) Be composed of the Vice-President Operations & Finance as Chair, six voting faculty members from Students' Council;
 - (c) Have a recording secretary appointed by the chair;
 - (d) Chair may select a designee for any meeting they can not attend, and in the absence of a designee the committee shall select an alternate Chair for that meeting;
 - (e) Quorum of any meeting will be four (4) members.
- (4) The Legislative Drafting Committee will:
 - (a) Perform an ongoing review of SU legislation and be empowered to make, without reference to Students' Council, editorial, non-substantive revisions;
 - (b) Be responsible for Drafting changes to Students' Union legislation in accordance with the directions set out in the standing orders of Students' Council;
 - (c) Be composed of the President or designate as chair, six voting faculty representatives from Students' Council, and the Speaker as a non-voting member who will serve as a primary draftsman of the committee;
 - (d) Chair may select a designee for any meeting they can not attend, and in the absence of a designee the committee shall elect an alternate Chair for that meeting;
 - (e) The Speaker will serve as the secretary of the committee unless an alternate secretary is appointed by the Chair;
 - (f) Quorum of any meeting will be four (4) members.

2003-23/10g

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" (first reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the January 20, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.

2003-23/10h

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" (first reading).

Please bring supporting documentation from the January 27, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.

2003-23/10i

ABBOUD MOVES THAT Students' Council approve the following amendments to the Political Policy on Garneau (first reading).

WHEREAS the Garneau region, and East Campus Village community at present provide a unique environment for low-density student housing;

WHEREAS this unique environment could conceivably be threatened by University expansion into the Garneau region, or University development in East Campus Village

WHEREAS the "Heritage Assessment Study" has identified North Garneau as "an important and historically significant neighbourhood"; including 9 homes on the City's Historical Register of Homes.

WHEREAS an additional 43 homes in the area have been evaluated as "above average" or "excellent" for their Historical Associations or Historical Patterns.

WHEREAS alternative exist for the University, making expansion into the Garneau region, and extensive redevelopment in East Campus Village, unnecessary; and

WHEREAS the Students' Union, University of Alberta recognizes the necessity for expansion to meet the needs of students in the form of increased affordable housing and accessibility to University facilities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, oppose any University of Alberta expansion into the Garneau Region, or development in the East Campus Village Community, where that expansion would threaten the current unique environment,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, strongly urge the University of Alberta to explore alternative options to meet student needs in housing and facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, strongly urge the University of Alberta to draft, and implement a preservation plan for the homes identified as having "above average" or better Historical Associations or Historical Patterns, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, oppose any plans of University expansion that conflict with the findings of the "Heritage Assessment Study."

2003-23/11

NEW BUSINESS

PANDYA/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Financial Affairs Board allocate \$2000.00 to the Students' Council Budget for the purpose of Councilor Outreach based on the following principles:

- a) At his/her discretion, the Speaker will use this budget to reimburse Councilors for expenses pertaining to maintaining and improving Councilor-Constiuent relations
- b) Each Councilor may not exceed an expenditure of \$20.00 per six-month period
- c) Expenditures for general activities meeting the criteria of a) that are not specific to individual Councilors must be approved by a majority vote of Students' Council

2003-23/11a

BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposal for changes to the Students' Union payroll system and the necessary budget changes reflected therein.

Please see document SC 03-23.08

2003-23/11b

WELKE MOVED THAT Student's Council amend Standing Order 7

The Speaker will only recognize guests ~~Guests will only be recognized by the Speaker~~ if no member entitled to obtain the floor wishes to do so, except where a guest has information particularly pertinent to the debate; or a councilor having obtained the floor extends to a member of their constituency their speaking privileges.

2003-23/12

REPORTS

2003-23/12a

Janet Lo – Vice President Academic

Please see document SC 03-23.09

2003-23.12b

Tyler Botten – Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see document SC 03-23.10

2003-23/13

INFORMATION ITEMS

2003-23/13a

Operating Policy 11.16 Regarding Table Bookings

Please see document SC 03-23.11

2003-23/13b

Welke Resignation

Please see document SC 03-23.12

2003-23/13c

Information item regarding Lo motion 2003-23/10e.

Please see document SC 03-23.13

2003-23/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2003-23/15

ROLL CALL

2003-23/15a

UPCOMING

COUNCIL

MEETINGS

2003-23/16

Next Council Meeting

March 23, 2004

April 6, 2004

ADJOURNMENT

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES

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

ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-21)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Mat Brechtel	√
VP Academic	Janet Lo	√
VP External	Chris Samuel	√
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	√
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah	√
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	√
Residence Halls Association	Kyla Rice	√
U of A Athletics Board Executive Officer	Kevin Petterson	X
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Paul Reike	X
Arts	Alex Abboud	√
Arts	Chris Bolivar	X
Arts	Erin Kelly	√
Arts	James Knull (McLachlan)	√
Arts	Chris Laver	√
Arts	Terra Melnyk	√
Arts	Vivek Sharma	√

Arts	Heather Wallace	√
Arts	Paul Welke	√
Business	Adam Cook	√
Business	Steve Smith	√
Education	Allison Ekdahl	√
Education	Christine Wudarck	√
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√
Engineering	Paige Smith	√
Engineering	Nicholas Tam	√
Engineering	David Wepler	√
Law	Dean Hutchison	√
Medicine/Dentistry	Tony Kwong	√
Native Studies (School of)	Matthew Wildcat	√
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	√
Physical Education	Holly Higgins (Tim Frances)	√
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth	√
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube	√
Science	Matthew Eaton	X
Science	Tereza Elyas	√
Science	Shawna Pandya	√
Science	Elaine Poon	√
Science	Duncan Taylor	√
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	X

Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	√

MINUTES (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

Kwong has been suspended as of the previous meeting.

Crossman has resigned his seat on Council.

Abboud/Lo moved that **Tam** be appointed as Engineering Councilor for the duration of the 2003-2004 academic year.

Consensus

Kotovych alerted Council to the lack of quorum. No further business was conducted until quorum was recovered.

The Chair informed Council that he would be imposing strict limits on business and debate throughout the course of the meeting, given the great length of business to be dealt with before the end of the term, and the fact that so few meetings were scheduled. At this point, he reiterated several rules:

- (a) Any Points of Order must be accompanied by a rule stated by the rising member.
- (b) Points of Information must be used for their intended purpose only.
- (c) Individual speakers will be allowed to indemnify themselves from Points of Information when they take the floor, if they so choose.
- (d) Points of Parliamentary Inquiry should be used judiciously, and recourse to them will be denied to any member of Council who is seen to abuse them.

2003-21/3a

Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board Ruling #9

The Chair informed Council that the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board (hereafter the DIE Board) has instructed Council to reconsider its motion to reappoint **Reikie**. This motion, therefore, will come to a vote to either reinstate him, or deny him reinstatement.

Brechtel: Is the vote on whether or not to reconsider Council's previous motion, or specifically whether or not to reinstate **Reikie**?

The Chair informed **Brechtel** and Council that it was the latter decision that Council was to undertake.

Smith/Wildcat moved that **Reikie** be reinstated to Students' Council as a councilor for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics.

Wallace: If **Reikie's** reinstatement was in contravention of Bylaw 100 to begin with, there is no reason for Council to reinstate him. Given that **Reikie** was a valuable member of Students' Council, this should extend to a wider debate on the necessity of attendance regulations.

It was noted at this point by **Abboud** that **Wallace** was speaking to a different motion.

Weppler: There is no option but to vote against reinstatement.

Rice: If **Reikie** is not reinstated, an entire Faculty will suffer without representation on Students' Council.

Dube: This is a difficult situation, a time when enforcing the law is an unsavory measure and one that Council undertakes with some reluctance. However, the law being in place specifically for this purpose, it must be followed.

Botten stated that there are moments when breaking the law is permissible and even necessary. He leveled that there must be times to make exceptions to rules, and this is one of the moments when Council should ignore regulations for the sake of the body itself.

Reikie thanked Council for its careful deliberation, and asked for leave to select a successor.

Samuel expressed distaste at the idea that Council might simply come to a decision based on what takes the least time. As a judicial body, Council must uphold the law, although he elicited dismay at the idea of **Reikie** being forced to leave Council.

Smith pointed out that Council is a legislative body rather than a judicial one, but leveled all the same that its capacity does not give it license to break the law. When informed that he was speaking against his own motion, he retracted these comments.

Taylor: The law does not address the spirit of this matter. It is proper that the students in Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics are entitled to be represented by the councilor they elected. **Reikie** has made every effort to be cooperative within the system, and it is unfair that he should be dismissed from Council.

Kotovych/Melnyk moved to call the question.

Carried

Main Motion Failed

The Chair expressed his regret in expelling **Reikie** from Council, urging him to continue his valuable contribution to the Students' Union.

Reikie thanked Council and left with this statement: *Please be swift, and remember that we were given one mouth and two ears, so we should listen twice and speak once.*

2003-21/3b

Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board Ruling #8

The Chair informed Council that this ruling is to implement a censure on the Executive Committee and demand an apology to Council. Since the ruling can be appealed, the sentence will not be implemented at the moment.

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).

Brechtel introduced the motion.

18/1/1 **Carried**

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).

Brechtel introduced the motion by explaining that each of the articles specified in the motion is either redundant or unnecessary, and thus their removal is housekeeping only.

Carried

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).

Brechtel introduced the motion.

There are two seats on the Board of Governors that are held by students, and by law, both of these student representatives are appointed by Students' Council. One is specifically elected to the purpose, and the other, the Students' Union President, is elected by default.

This motion offers the notion that the seat currently held by the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative could be better held by the Students' Union Vice-President Academic; this would more consistently and effectively represent the interests of the Students' Union.

Kotovych/Brechtel moved that the motion be collapsed.
Consensus

Dube opposed the motion, stating that no effort towards direct democracy is ever wasted. This position, she continued, should serve the best interests of the students, not the Students' Union; the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative is duly elected just as the President is, and therefore reflects the wish of students for him to serve. Besides which, she concluded, the Vice-President Academic does not have the time to dedicate to any additional responsibilities. This is overuse of power on the part of the Students' Union, and should be voted down.

Botten: The election of the Vice-President Academic lends the same credibility as that of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative. The motion specifies that Executive duties would be reapportioned accordingly, specifically so the Vice-President Academic would have the time to dedicate to such an undertaking. Such a move should not be considered dangerous. Students' Council is also elected by students, comprising an equal representation of viewpoints from across campus. Concern about direct democracy is absolutely unwarranted.

Pandya: The position of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative is arbitrary and confusing at best, and this at a time when every effort should be made to make Students' Union elections less confusing. The position makes little sense in any case; moving it into the portfolio of the Vice-President Academic would institutionalize it and bring it closer to the Students' Union, and by so doing lend it more legitimacy.

Abboud: First-year students know little, if anything, about what they vote for in Students' Union elections. All positions on the ballot are initially confusing, and perhaps this means that the profile of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative should be heightened, rather than eliminated. Students are not necessarily aware, when they vote, that the President they elect will be representing them on this board, so having a Board of Governors representative is simpler and more direct.

Rice **seconded the sentiment expressed by Abboud. Students should, and do, appreciate the clarity of voting for a position such as the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.**

Samuel: Efforts to raise the profile of this position have been fruitless. Voters rarely know anything about the positions enumerated on the ballot, and thus it is an arbitrary point. However, the President is bound by legislation to seek the lowest possible tuition increase, for example, whereas the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative is not, which is potentially dangerous.

Kotovych rose on a Point of Order, informing the Chair that both the President and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative are bound to do what is best for the University of Alberta, a responsibility which supersedes Students' Union policy.

Samuel: The first priority of this body should be the Students' Union, which represents students: it is dangerous to have a representative on the Board of Governors who is forced to consider the University first and students second. If the two representatives on the Board were to disagree, the message sent to the Board itself would be lethal. However, if the Vice-President Academic were the second representative, a united front would be enshrined and ensured in perpetuity.

Kotovych opposed the motion, claiming that discussion thus far had evidenced that no research had been done prior to submitting the motion. Having two members of the Executive Committee on the Board of Governors would constitute a conflict of interest: *viz* the interests of students versus the interests of the organization. The Board can predict the position of the Students' Union, whereas an external voice does not carry such baggage. If the arguments made for this motion are valid, then there is no reason that all Council seats should not be held only by the executive members of faculty associations. Qualms about the relationship between **Mike Reid** [Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2002-2003] and the Executive Committee of that year should not be a reason to alter the system itself.

At this point the Chair halted debate, as the twenty-minute limit had been passed.

5/25 **Failed**

2003-21/10d

SHARMA/TAYLOR 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).

Sharma introduced the motion, stating that voting in favor would address a need for consistency that discussion has indicated is lacking within the Students' Union. The organization suffers from a lack of institutional memory and political direction; resolutions and policies are short-term and unreliable. Such a motion would both improve and extend the legacy of Students' Council: the maintenance of a critical mass of individuals is essential to the success of the organization. Finally, such a resolution would force individuals to consider their candidacy more carefully.

Council moved to collapse the motion

Consensus

Ekdahl opposed the motion: very few people would run for the position under such a provision, and the attractiveness of the position would be reduced, making it more likely that some unsavoury sort would win by acclamation.

Kotovych spoke in favour of the motion. The Board of Governors, he began, is a far more complicated body than Students' Council, and the undergraduate representative consistently takes his or her seat at a disadvantage owing to the fact that all the other members have been sitting for some time. The University works on a much longer timeframe than the Students' Union, and given the traditional position of Board members in opposition to students, the learning curve on the Board is crippling to effective representation.

Brechtel: It could well be a law of physics that one is more effective in his or her position at the end of it than at the beginning: this is true for all the Students' Union's term representatives. What prevents the organization from capitulating to the idea inherent in this motion is *opportunity*: voting in this motion would prevent many students from becoming involved in representation, and there is no way of knowing that it would not exclude the best people for the position. The representative, by necessity, would be younger and less experienced. Finally, student opinion, as history tells us, can change with terrifying speed. Students certainly suffer at the hands of the Board, but members are relatively forgiving, and if the student representatives approach their work with diligence, they are ultimately treated with some measure of gravity and respect.

Dube: The very strength of students, and by extension student representatives, lies in their ingenuity, and keeping representatives in a "rookie year" is essential to this ingenuity. Besides which representatives should be accountable to students on an annual basis, not a biannual one.

Sharma spoke in conclusion. An educated representative who understands the workings of the Board would be a better vehicle for student interests. The sanctity of student opportunity pales when compared to the efficacy of quality representation: this would serve students far better.

Pandya/Wudarck moved that the two-year term be subject to annual renewal.

Failed

12/15/1 **Failed**

2003-21/10e

SHARMA/WILDCAT 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.

Sharma provided the same introduction as that provided for Item 2003-21-10d, with the proviso of his opinion that the motion addressed the concern of student opportunity.

Weppler/Smith moved that the motion be collapsed.
Consensus

Tam spoke against the motion, stating that resignations and attrition on Students' Council are enough of a problem as matters currently stand.

Weppler/Pandya moved to call the question.
Carried

5/26 **Failed**

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.

Brechtel introduced the motion. The bylaws in question are either a) not important enough to merit a bylaw; b) redundant, as the Students' Union has no control over said matters; c) redundant, as the bylaws do not serve the matters in question in any case; or d) dealing with matters for which the money is directed in any case, and thus the bylaw has no true control over them.

Brechtel/Mah moved that the motion be collapsed.
Consensus

Cook: The Students' Union has certain requirements of *The Gateway*: what happens to these requirements if their bylaw is delegated?

Smith: The bylaw has no bearing on these requirements; it has virtually no content.

For Council's edification, **Samuel** read *The Gateway's* bylaw aloud. Following this, Council was briefly instructed on the implications and results of delegation.

Kotovych: Will this affect the quality of transition manuals in the future?

Smith: The bylaws had no bearing on these to begin with.

Weppler spoke in favor of the motion, stating that operating policies would be more flexible.

Dube also spoke in favor.

Abboud opposed the motion, leveling that bylaws lend continuity and clarity to the subjects they cover.

Botten: The bylaws have very little net effect on the powers of the Students' Union.

Botten/Samuel moved that the construction of operating policies be added to the body of the motion, to be created no later than April 30, 2004.

Carried

25/1/2 **Carried**

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.

Bazin/Botten moved that the motion be collapsed.
Consensus

Consensus

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).

Wudarck introduced the motion, explaining that the Committee for Council Review and Progress (hereafter CRAP) concluded that these positions were tantamount to arbitrary double representation for certain groups within the student body.

**Pandya/Wudarck moved that the motion be collapsed.
Carried**

Rice/Smith moved that this motion be postponed until the next meeting of Students' Council.

Consensus

2003-21/10i

BOTTEN/SMITH 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".

Botten introduced the motion by stating first that the traditional arguments against it are insubstantive, viz that individuals who are not students could be eligible to run in the General Election for positions on the Executive Committee: this logic is proven faulty by the stipulations found in Bylaw 2100. Only students who convocate during their terms on the Executive Committee will be affected by this motion.

Weppler/Bazin moved that the motion be collapsed.
Consensus

Kehoe stated that this motion contravenes the policy of the General Faculties' Council. The Chair in turn reminded Council that it is not governed by the General Faculties' Council or its policy.

Brechtel spoke against the motion, expressing his view that it would be imprudent to allow members of the Executive Committee not to be students, disagreeing also that only graduating students would be affected.

McLaughlin: How would such a motion affect the academic careers of individual members of the Executive Committee?

Weppler spoke in favor of the motion, claiming that the existing requirement burdens members of the Executive Committee to attempt to carry a class and the superhuman hours and responsibilities demanded by their positions. The provision suggested by this motion could perhaps even widen the field of those willing to run in the election.

Feeling pithy, **Smith** offered this maxim of his own: *You can lead a course to water, but you can't make it a drink.* By the same token, he continued soberly, the credit requirement currently attendant on these positions very rarely benefits anyone involved: often the member in question does poorly in the class, thereby making his or her assumption of the position a serious academic liability.

Wallace: If the Executive Committee consistently does poorly in the one course required of them, perhaps effort should be spent re-examining what their positions require of them, rather than eliminating the credit requirement.

11/12/1 **Failed**

At this point Council moved to adjourn the meeting.

Consensus

2003-21/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wallace reminded Council of the Cross-Canada Day of Action against rising tuition fees. The event needs volunteers, and will offer such delicacies as Steve Smith playing Ralph Klein, Freeze for the Fees, and a march.

Dube: The Faculte Beach Party is Friday, January 30. Population: 80% women.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday February 3, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-22)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ absent	Vote 1	Vote 2
President	Mat Brechtel	√	X	
VP Academic	Janet Lo	√	√	√
VP External	Chris Samuel	√	√	√
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	√	√	√
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah	√	X	X
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	√	√	√
Residence Halls Association	Kyla Rice	√	X	X
U of A Athletics Board Executive Officer	Kevin Petterson	√		X
Arts	Alex Abboud	√	√	√
Arts	Chris Bolivar	√	√	
Arts	Erin Kelly	√	√	√
Arts	James Knull	X		
Arts	Chris Laver	√	√	√
Arts	Terra Melnyk	√	√	√

Arts	Vivek Sharma	√	X	√
Arts	Heather Wallace	√	√	√
Arts	Paul Welke	√	√	
Business	Adam Cook	√	√	√
Business	Steve Smith	√	√	√
Education	Allison Ekdahl	√	√	√
Education	Christine Wudarck	√	√	√
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√	√	√
Engineering	Nick Tam	√	√	√
Engineering	Paige Smith			
Engineering	Nicholas Tam	√	√	√
Engineering	David Weppler	√	√	√
Law	Dean Hutchison	√	X	X
Native Studies (School of)	Matthew Wildcat	√	√	√
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	√	X	X
Physical Education	Holly Higgins	√	X	X
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth	√	√	√
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube	√	√	√
Science	Matthew Eaton	√	√	
Science	Justin Kehoe	√	√	√
Science	Shawna Pandya	√	√	√
Science	Elaine Poon			
Science	Duncan Taylor	√	X	√
President Athletics				

General Manager	Bill Smith	X		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√		
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	√		

MINUTES (SC 2003-22)

2003-22/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2003-22/2

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

Bolivar led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2003-22/3

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Kwong was absent, and thereby automatically expelled from Council.

In accordance with Bylaw 100, councilors **Peterson** and **Poon** were given the right to request a reprieve of their suspensions.

Wardlaw (for **Peterson**): **Peterson** had not been informed about the meetings over the summer, and as an athlete, he is forced to plan meetings well in advance.

Wallace: Will he be at meetings for the remainder of the year?

Wardlaw: Yes.

Poon apologized for missing meetings, and stated that she had not missed one since September, except due to illness, and has consistently remained until adjournment. She emphasized that she wants to be a member of Council.

Smith/Botten moved to reinstate **Peterson** and **Poon**.

Ekdahl moved to split the question (friendly).

Ekdahl: **Peterson** should be reinstated – he has done his best and is excellent on outreach.

Hutchison: This is not Council's place – expelling and suspending interfere with the democratic process. A bad precedent was set January 6, when councilors were expelled.

Rice: It would be unfair to reinstate them when other councilors were expelled on the same grounds.

Smith: We expelled **Reikie** because we were prevented by law from reinstating him.

Kirkham: Partial representation is better than no representation. Constituents, and no other parties, should be involved in this decision.

Weppler: The rule should be changed regarding attendance. But while the rule is in place, Council must be consistent: if others have been expelled, these two should be as well.

Smith: *Will Weppler concede that foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds?*

Weppler: *But as long as we're being terrible, we shouldn't be half-assed about it.*

Welke: As an Arts student, he ventured that he didn't feel he had the right to make a decision about representatives from other faculties.

Lo: The bylaws make clear that all members of Council are empowered to weigh in.

Dube: The attendance regulations should be taken seriously or got rid of.

Rice/Eaton moved to call the question.

Carried

Peterson: 15/9 **Failed**

Poon: 12/10 **Failed**

Pandya's abstention was noted.

Smith's votes in favour were noted.

Hutchison's abstention was noted.

Smith/Rice moved that **Wardlaw** be appointed to the University Athletics Board seat, as the incoming President of UAB.

Consensus

Hutchison's absence was noted.

Taylor/Lo moved that Steve Kirkham be appointed to a seat representing the Faculty of Science.

Kirkham has attended most meetings of Students' Council this year, and without his appointment, less than half the seats on Science will be filled.

Hutchison established that **Kirkham** had not yet been elected to any post.

Botten asked **Kirkham** if he would be willing to resign his student-at-large position on the Academic Affairs Board, and he replied that he would.

Abboud: Why was this not dealt with earlier in the evening? Is this simply an attempt to make a point?

Kirkham was asked to leave Chambers.

The Chair expressed concern that the motion was a reaction to a decision made earlier by Students' Council.

Weppler: This contravenes all bylaws, and should not be under discussion.

Taylor: The election process is not without fault – Science currently has very little representation and can use all that is offered.

Hutchison: This decision is not for Council to make. **Kirkham** has no legitimacy in this body.

Pandya: Council needs to stop dealing with its own housekeeping and begin representing constituents again.

Botten/Hutchison moved to call the question

Carried
10/12 **Failed**

This does not preclude UASUS appointing Kirkham at a subsequent meeting.

2003-22/3a

Approval of the January 20, 2004 minutes.

Tam was marked absent despite the fact that he was not yet a councilor.

Hutchison's comments went largely unrecorded.

Brechtel: on page 7, "ACI" should read "ACUI".

Carried

2003-22/4

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Brechtel/Bazin moved to include item SC 2003-22/10c to the agenda.

Pandya/Weppler moved to include item SC 2003-22/10m to the agenda.

Consensus

2003-22/6

QUESTION PERIOD

Wallace: What is happening with the Advocacy Committee?

Brechtel: This is a priority item, but no specific dates have been set. Hopefully there will be a meeting either on the 10th or the 24th of March.

Samuel: The committee has been short-handed, which is why it has been slightly behind. In particular, the lack of an Advocacy Director for two months was disabling. But now that someone has been hired, things should progress smoothly.

Wallace: An Arts student in ETLC could not access computers in the laboratory there; is there a policy reason for this?

Lo: Technically a student from any faculty should be able to access computers in any building, but each faculty has different rules, and some laboratories have limited access.

Weppler: There are certain Engineering laboratories that carry specific programs that Engineering students would not be able to access anywhere else, so naturally use of these computers is restricted, generally, to Engineering students.

Rice: Recently, the library in the department of Political Science closed due to lack of funding. Is this happening elsewhere?

Lo: There are serious revenue gaps at the moment, more than was anticipated. The best person to speak to about this issue is the Vice-President Academic of the Arts Students' Association, but more "expense reallocations" (read: budget cuts) should be expected in future.

Cook: How many funds are left in the Project Reserve?

Botten: Approximately twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars remain in the Project Reserve, meaning that it has been half-spent. More specific figures will be made available to Council in the near future.

Bolivar: Is there an update on the efficacy and success of the computer laboratory on the lower level of the Students' Union Building?

Botten: The laboratory is continually full of students using the computer: this could be used as a gauge of success.

Cook: Is there any plan to rectify the poor business of RATT and the Power Plant this year?

Mah: **Botten, Mah** and General Manager Bill Smith are currently working on a solutions document, in consultation with Marketing, bar staff, and reference to prior surveys. Work can be done this year, and also be transitioned to the next Executive Committee for their consideration.

2003-22/7

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)

Brechtel brought the conference motion in the Executive Committee minutes to Council's attention, and also highlighted what is called "responsibility pay" for the outstanding work of the Students' Union staff, who have been covering other positions and generally working very hard recently.

2003-22/8

APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

2003-22/8a

Cook/Smith moved that Students' Council direct the Internal Review Board to examine and draft a motion for the Chair's honorarium, to be returned to Council.

Botten raised some questions about the proposition to begin providing the Chair of the Internal Review Board with an annual honorarium. He asked for the reasoning behind it, and how the committee arrived at the amount of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, and finally asked why Executive participation or consultation had not been enlisted by this committee, given that the Executive Committee is the only body holding direct financial power.

Smith: Apart from the Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board, the IRB Chair is the only unpaid Chair in the Students' Union. The amount of the honorarium is small, but serves two vital purposes: first, it increases the Chair's accountability; and second, it allows him/her to be fined by DIE Board.

Consensus

Carried

2003-22/9

OLD BUSINESS

2003-22/10

LEGISLATION

2003-22/10a

SMITH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, amend Article V of the Students' Union Constitution (third reading).

Smith introduced the motion.

Carried

2003-22/10b

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 (third reading).

Brechtel introduced.

Carried

2003-22/10c

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaws 2100, 2200 and 2400 as tabled and amended in second reading.

Brechtel introduced the motion.

The recommendations brought to Council reflect the deliberation of the January 20 meeting of Students' Council. At this point, **Brechtel** briefly enumerated the changes for Council's edification.

Smith moved to strike Section 34 from Bylaw 2400, as well as the words *or Section 34* from Section 35. (friendly)

Hutchison moved that the words *count one ballot* be struck, and the words *count no ballots* be put in their place.

Smith rose on a Point of Order: because this was an explicitly adopted principle of the First Reading, such an amendment is out of order.

Smith's Point of Order was well-taken.

Kotovych, at this point, attempted to speak against some of the principles contained in the proposed changes, and was deemed out of order by the Chair. **Kotovych** responded by saying *Shame, Mr. Speaker, shame*, but the overall goodwill of Council remained intact.

Smith moved that the Arabic numerals used in the bylaws be changed to Roman numerals in accordance with tradition; and the extraneous apostrophe in Bylaw 2100 be omitted. (friendly)

Carried

Dube's opposition was noted.

2003-22/10e

WUDARCK/PANDYA MOVED THAT the Residents' Hall Association seat and the University Athletics Board be removed from Students' Council (first reading).

Brechtel/Botten moved that the motion be tabled until such time as the University Athletics Board representative arrived at the meeting.

Failed

Wallace/Dube moved to split the question.

Botten: The debate regarding both of these representatives will be identical; there is no reason to separate.

Smith: The debate will be similar, but the individual defenses will be different.

Carried

Regarding the removal of the Residence Halls Association representative

Cook/Samuel moved that the Residence Halls Association (hereafter RHA) seat remain, but be rendered non-voting.

Cook: The spirit of the original motion is to make Council more democratic as a body, and removing the seats' capacity to vote accomplishes this. It is unnecessary to remove the seat entirely.

Welke: Why is it not possible for a Business student who lives in Lister Hall to simply be represented by a Business councilor?

Cook: There are residence considerations and concerns that a Business councilor could not address.

Point of Information: What is the difference between a non-voting member of Council and a guest of Council?

Cook enumerated the differences, citing speaking rights and the right to remain in Council Chambers when *in camera* questions are being discussed.

Smith opposed the motion, stating that it is arbitrarily preferential: if these seats remain on Council, should *The Gateway*, FACRA, Student Groups, &c not be represented as well?

Samuel: Students' Council should embrace all of its stakeholder groups: each should have the right to speak to and debate with this body. The two opposing principles are these: that stakeholder interests cannot be represented without a seat on Council, but this defies the democratic notion that one student should get one vote only. The amendment is an excellent compromise.

Welke: The ideas behind this amendment represent a slippery slope to chaos within Council: if the principle of stakeholder interests is upheld, there is nothing stopping Council becoming inundated with three to four hundred non-voting seats, which poses staggering confidentiality problems.

Hutchison/Wepler moved to call the question.

Failed

On the amendment: 6/23/2 **Failed**

Debate resumed on the main motion.

Pandya: One person representing 3900 students is unacceptable. Removing the RHA seat restores a measure of communication between faculty representatives and their constituents. Councilors from faculties do not exist solely to represent academic concerns, but to represent students in a holistic fashion.

Rice: The only reason that there is any line of communication at all between residence and the Students' Union is because of the RHA seat on Council.

Pandya: Students in residence need to learn to communicate with their representatives.

Brechtel opposed the motion. Council does not exist solely to represent students, but to represent communities as well, and this representation is wanting as matters currently stand. Is the solution really to remove this representation? **Brechtel** urged Council not to "put the cart before the horse," claiming that such a change would galvanize remaining members of Council to become better representatives.

At this point the Chair informed Council that the twenty-minute debate limit on the motion had elapsed.

Smith/Dube challenged the Chair on his ruling that debated be halted. The Chair argued that members of Council had obviously made up their minds, and that the agenda for the meeting remained crushingly long. The Chair's ruling was overturned and debate resumed on the motion.

Weppler spoke in favor of the motion: the RHA should have a voice, but it is not appropriate for that voice to be *via* Students' Council. That it exists now exposes the Students' Union to cries of discrimination from other groups: Council exists for faculty representatives, and as such, no student goes unrepresented.

Rice opposed the motion. The rationale seems to be that the RHA seat should be removed because it represents a student group, but as a body, the RHA has General Faculties' Council (hereafter GFC) policy on the books, and reports to University Administration. This is not a small group. General Manager Bill Smith was recently heard to comment that the bonds between student unions and residence associations should be strengthened, and on that basis, the motion is nonsensical.

Tam spoke in favor of the motion. The lines of communication within residences, he claimed, are unacceptable: no legislation, no chain of command, no stability exists as it does on Students' Council. The agendas of Council meetings are public, as are the meetings themselves, and representatives from all concerned groups are welcomed to speak whenever they feel the need. They can offer presentations and recommend motions. There is a marked sparsity of motions directly concerning residences in Students' Council: representing students strictly by their faculties is the policy of the University, and this should be perfectly acceptable.

Taylor: Faculties do not understand the needs of students in residence. There already exists a poor line of communication between the Students' Union and the RHA, and currently one of the RHA's only advantages on this score is the fact that members of Council are universally accessible to the public. The notion of double representation is a flawed argument: among student groups, the RHA is particularly special.

Lo: Students' Council does deal with parochial issues: the precedent was set last year when faculty associations were removed from Council. GFC wants everyone represented, and this is detrimental, because it results in constant streams of random, counterproductive debate. GFC has standing committees, meaning that the RHA does not have a seat on GFC as such, but rather on CFRC. Finally, if there were an issue of direct import to the RHA or the LHSA, these groups would be contacted and invited to present on it.

Hutchison: Students in residences are a unique group on campus, and the Students' Union is not doing a good job of representing or inviting the cooperation of the RHA. Faculty and resident concerns are very different, and one voice is hardly sufficient.

Bolivar: Both sides of the debate recognize the importance of the RHA. However, Council is a legislative body elected by constituents, and no parliamentary bodies have special interest seats: such a measure redefines the idea of *constituency*. This should be more pragmatic and less ideological.

Higgins/Hutchison moved to call the question.

Failed

Higgins: The argument for keeping the RHA seat on Council has gotten a rare show of support from students in general, and it is natural that the good representatives from within residences would remain within residences.

Smith called **Higgins's** notion offensive, and stated his favor for the motion: the seat does not have a divine mandate.

At this point, **Brechtel** sponsored guests of Council from the RHA to speak.

Blatts called the debate "disgusting", and noted that in his status as "guest of Council," he had waited approximately two and a half hours for his chance to speak. One student representing four thousand is poor representation by population, and it seems cosmically arbitrary to attempt to solve this problem by removing the one seat that the RHA has. The seat has been considered necessary for this long, and Council should give some thought to why that is. Removing this seat is a statement to the student body that somehow, residence concerns are less important than they were last week.

Abboud spoke in his capacity as a student in residence and a member of the RHA, and stated that he was not offended by the motion. The motion seeks to rectify a practical problem, not to demean the RHA or residents in general. No student deserves double representation: this motion is less about the RHA and more about not pandering to interest groups generally.

Rice stated that she had been elected by residents.

Dube explained that the Faculte Saint-Jean is unique in this debate: the entire faculty itself is marginalized and having one seat hardly seems enough. Unfortunately having more than one seat breaks the rules: seats on Council are determined by faculty, through the principle of representation by population. This is not an anti-residence issue; it is rather about being fair. Council should seek to improve itself rather bloating it with myriad votes from myriad interest groups. The fact that residents have made their voices heard on this issue proves that they can do so without arbitrary support from Students' Council.

Samuel: Having established that lines of communication are poor, remaining *in statu quo* is not the answer. Removing this seat will give faculty councilors a better opportunity to communicate with their residence constituents.

Welke thanked Taylor for pointing out that all councilors' names and contact information are in the Students' Union handbook, and informed Council that he had voted against the smoking ban earlier chiefly out of concern for the interests of residents. Even without this seat, Council can represent residence. It becomes a question of not doing what is easy, but what is right.

Eaton/Bolivar moved to call the question.

Failed

Botten: Council has been asked to decide what it, as a legislative body, should look like. This is not a governing body, and the University divides students by faculty. Most of Council's agendas have nothing whatever to do with residence or the RHA, and most of the motions themselves concern internal, Students' Union-related matters. Council is the last place for the RHA to accomplish anything.

At this point the Chair ended debate.

Rice/Samuel challenged the Chair's ruling.

The Chair's ruling was defeated, and debate resumed on the motion.

Katz: Council meetings are very frustrating for guests, but eventually they are given the floor and can say what they like, and guests can include anyone at all on campus. The Vice-President Student Life has a standard seat on the RHA board, and has not regularly attended their meetings in years. Would that not be a better way of attempting to improve communication? Council is not the place for the needs of residents to be met.

Hogan: The RHA President does not necessarily represent four thousand students, but he does take issues such as the Universal Bus Pass and the smoking ban back to residence students and ask for their opinion uniquely as residents. Residents do not receive Students' Union handbooks, as Housing and Food Services creates one of its own, and thus does not have access to aforementioned contact information. Particular offense is taken to the notion that RHA representatives are useless on Council.

Dube: Residents were not the only students approached about these issues.

Hogan stated that as an Arts student, he was not consulted on them.

Brechtel: The question that should be in the minds of members of Council is whether or not this move actually improves Council as a body. Passing this motion would have worse consequences for Council itself than it would have for the RHA or for residents.

The question was called.

Carried

Main Motion 24/8 Carried

A roll-call vote was requested.
Carried

On eliminating the University Athletics Board seat on Students' Council

Wardlaw read a letter that had been prepared by **Peterson** for this motion, defending the seat's utility on Council.

Main Motion 23/6 Carried

A roll call vote was requested.
Carried

2003-22/11a

MAH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the expenditure of no more than six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars for Wellness Week.

Consensus

2003-22/16

ADJOURNMENT

Hutchison/Wallace moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Consensus

1. One February 7, a number of U of A students (including some Valued Constituents of mine) were making merry in the Room At The Top, whose posted Saturday hours are 3 pm to 3 am. At 1 am, they were advised that RATT was closing. My question is as follows: who has the discretion to close RATT earlier than its posted closing time, and on what basis is that decision to be made?

Under a management system that was in place from a time before the sitting Executive entered office, in both the Powerplant (on nights where no Night Manager is on duty) and the Room at the Top, the bartender on shift has been granted the discretion to close early only if he/she is of the opinion that the number of customers remaining in the bar is sufficiently low as to be financially troubling should the revenue potential fail to outweigh the cost of continuing to pay the staff on duty. In most all cases this discretion is used in a fashion that one might consider 'appropriate' though the strict definition of appropriateness has never been effectively gauged as there remains some level of subjectivity in such a decision. Management has raised the issue with our staff, and until such time as we are able to define where the line should properly be drawn, posted hours are to be adhered to unless either bar is virtually devoid of customers.

2. Could Students' Council receive a breakdown of how the ten thousand dollars illegally transferred from the Project Reserve to the Operating Budget for the Tuition Campaign was spent?
(see file from Brechtel)

3. In the Spring of 2003, a motion to remove the Video Information Display System (VIDS) monitors from SUB was struck from the Executive Committee report by Students' Council. The rationale of those favouring striking it - including then Vice President (Academic) and current President Mat Brechtel, then Science Councilor and current Vice President (External) Chris Samuel, and then Education Councilor and current Vice President (Academic) Janet Lo - was that the monitors could be made useful without significant capital or operational expense. Since this Executive took office, the untrained eye would conclude that there has been no action at relating to the VIDS monitors. My question is as follows: is this assessment correct, and will this change before this Executive leaves office?

In direct response, the assessment that no action has been taken is in part correct. On the 31st of July, a meeting was held to discuss potential options for the future of VIDS, including what types of upgrades would be necessary to the software that forms the backbone of the system as well as the monitors that form the portion of the system visible to the untrained eye. This meeting and a subsequent pricetag development for the upgrades is where the action stops. From that point, other projects took over and no Executive member took charge of heading up the project. Currently the room in which the computer equipment and connections were formerly set up remains vacant as it has been since the summer of 2002 when that room was used as storage during asbestos removal and office space shuffling amongst the Students' Union services located in the Lower Level. Hence, the monitors remain unused.

As to whether this will change before the sitting Executive leaves office; the Vice President (Operations & Finance) has been in discussion very recently with a representative from UCTV Inc. which operates a similar system at several campuses in

Ontario already. While these discussions are premature, the proposal is a very enticing one though more research needs to yet be done, particularly with counterparts at other institutions before a decision is reached. Should the decision be to pursue a partnership with UCTV Inc. this will be done before the end of April 2004.



Project Reserve Fund Request Form

(All information below must be completed for the request to be heard by the Executive Committee of the Students' Union)

Date: November 24, 2003

Made by: Mat Brechtel, President

Purpose: Communications campaign concerning tuition aimed off-campus and on-campus.

Total Funds Requested: \$10.350

Please provide a detailed explanation of the project.

On-Campus Budget

Account #	Description	Budgeted
912	Design Time	\$450
912	Photography	\$325
912	Gateway Ads	\$2100
912	Posters	\$500
912	Banners	\$350
912	T-Shirts and Toques	\$1000
912	Brochures	\$300
912	Miscellaneous	\$1000
912	TOTAL:	\$6025
555-8516	\$2125 Project Reserve Fund	\$3900

Off-Campus Budget

Account #	Description	Budgeted
912	Design time	\$1300
912	Photography	\$650
912	Website	\$350
912	Transit ads or billboards	\$2500
912	See ads	\$1000
912	Examiner ads	\$1000
912	Brochures	\$300
912	Presentation materials	\$150
912	Posters	\$500
912	Miscellaneous	\$1000
	TOTAL:	\$8750
555-8516	\$2300 Project Reserve Fund	\$6450

The campaign will centre around the tuition decision on January 16 with the aim of making our audiences more aware of the impact of tuition and to increase their political activism, specifically how it concerns tuition.

Date of Executive
Committee Approval

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council March 9, 2004

- 1. The following motion was passed at the February 3, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**

 - a. BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee appoint the Personnel Manager as the Students' Union Privacy officer effective immediately.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 2. The following motion was passed at the February 10, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**

 - a. MAH/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the use of 030D for office space for the Tobacco Coordinator for a one-year term.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0

 - b. SAMUEL/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure of \$260.00 for the Debt Week campaign from the Special Projects Reserve
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

 - c. BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of \$300.00 for the purchase of a new printer for RATT from the Contingency reserve
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 3. The following motion was passed at the February 19, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**

 - a. BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of \$955.44 to budget 500 from 911 (contingency reserve) to cover long distance costs.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 4. The following motion was passed at the February 20, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**

 - a. SAMUEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$899.38 from the Project Reserve for the Students' Union Rural Tour
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

 - b. LO/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an application by the Programming Department for a Summer Career Placement Grant.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1(BOTTEN) CARRIED

- 5. The following motion was passed at the February 27, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**
- a. BOTTEN/MAH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a transfer of \$4000.00 from the Sponsorship Reserve to budget 611 for the purpose of providing funding to the Alumni Association for the Zero Year Reunion.
- VOTE ON MOTION 5//0/0 CARRIED
- 6. The following motion was passed at the March 2, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting:**
- a. LO/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve and recommend to Council the following recommendations regarding the definition of "Faculty Association
- VOTE ON MOTION 5//0/0 CARRIED
- b. BOTTEN/MAH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,350 from the Project Reserve for completion of a new design for the Students' Union Website.
- VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- c. LO/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Executive Committee approve a transfer from the Project Reserve of an amount not to exceed \$3310.00 for the 2004 Faculty Association Transitions Retreat.
- VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0/ CARRIED
- d. BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed amendments to Operating Policy 11.16 - Table Bookings.
- VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

**Report to Students' Council
Council of Faculty Associations
11 February 2004**

JONES(ESS)/SHAFIR(LSA) MOVED THAT the Council of Faculty Associations approve the following recommendations to the Students' Union Executive Committee regarding the definition of a "Faculty Association."

MOTION CARRIED (5/1/1):

5 in favor: AFHEFSA (Ag-For, Home Economics), BSA (Business), LSA (Law),
APSA (Pharmacy), RMSA (Rehab Med)

1 opposed: ESA (Education)

1 abstention: ESS (Engineering)

Absent: ASA (Arts), AUFSJ (FSJ), MSA (Med-Dent), NUA (Nursing), PERCS (Phys Ed & Rec),
UASUS (Science)

Note: The recommendations referred to are included as a motion to Council from the Executive Committee, with a few edits.

Report to Students' Council

March 9, 2004

**Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Chair, Council Activities Planning & Action Committee
a branch of the Committee for Council Reform & Progress**

Members of Council,

While the remainder of the Committee for Council Reform & Progress (CCRAP) has trudged tirelessly through its review of various pieces of legislation, this branch has been working on logistical matters pertaining to the latter half (*Outreach* and *Concerns*) of the agenda developed for the overall committee during the summer.

In this endeavor I, as chair, have been aided primarily by Councilors Wallace, Pandya and Kehoe. Additional help in the various undertakings has come from several members of Students' Council whose names mostly escape me. The following is a list of the activities of the Committee to date as well as upcoming projects for the final two months of the term.

Faculty Forums

In early November, the Committee undertook the planning and execution of a series of forums designed to act both as a communications outlet to inform students of the work of Students' Council and to solicit feedback and opinion from the same. On the whole, the turnout at the forums was less than stellar from the student side, though we were able to arrange to have Councilors and Executive Committee members at all five simultaneous forums as well as several members at the FSJ forum held two days later. A complete "post mortem" document on the forums has been produced and will be included for archiving should this undertaking be planned in the future.

Council ~~Outreach~~ Communications Workshop

Another initiative of the Committee, in searching out a means by which to provide aid to Councilors interested in new ways to communicate with their students, was to hold a two-hour Workshop in November on the topic of "outreach" (which was then subsequently scrapped in favour of the more appropriate term "communication"). Timing of the workshop was not exactly stellar, and turnout was somewhat low, though those in attendance had great things to say about the usefulness of the information at hand. The smaller number also allowed for a more flexible agenda, and several issues relating to how well/poorly new Councilors are prepared for their positions were brought up, which was helpful in planning the Council transition retreat (below). The minutes from the Workshop are attached.

Questionnaire

In late December, a questionnaire was circulated to all members of Students' Council to solicit internal feedback on the proceedings of Students' Council and what areas could be improved upon. This initiative also served to highlight several key areas that would – again – be addressed during a transition retreat. The compiled, condensed results of the questionnaire are also attached to this report.

Councilor Nomination Packages

Having seen that there is a lack of upfront knowledge available to Councilors when they are seeking office for either the General Faculties' Council or Students' Council, the Committee put together some information items to be included in the Nomination Package for these positions. This included the composition of both bodies, major issues they have dealt with, a schedule of upcoming meetings as well as contact information for sitting Councilors should those interested in the positions have any questions. These addenda were completed and submitted to the Chief Returning Officer for inclusion in the formal package.

Council Transition Retreat

As a culmination of the work put together by the Committee through the past four months, we are currently in the planning stages of a Council transition retreat to be held (likely) early in May 2004. A completed schedule will be circulated to both incoming and outgoing Council members in March, and there is an opportunity for those who will either still be members of Council or are leaving Council but could return for a day to be involved in running sessions as a part of this retreat. Our hope in developing this was that it will be able to grow and mature in subsequent years, recognizing that this is the first year this has truly been attempted on this level, and mindful of the fact that next year's Council members will need to pick this up again in twelve months in order to create a *tradition* of sorts.

Matters of random Discussion

In addition to the above items, much discussion has been had between Committee members on random matters, including: the creation of an office for Students' Council; the creation of a separate budget allocation for Council communications (which spawned the motion on this meeting's agenda); and the establishment of a separate webboard forum for Council-focused discussion open only to members of Council for posting. Admittedly, some of our discussions became academic, but were nevertheless interesting as an attempt to address the concerns outlined on our original agenda.

Council Reform and Progress Recommendations

1. Legislation (less committee structure)

- **By-law 100**
 - Proxies
 - Approved ideas
 - Move to a separate new by-law called “Duties of Councillors by-law” (3-0)
 - Attendance
 - Approved ideas
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 - Composition of council (rep by pop, group or both)
 - Approved Ideas
 - Remove the RHA and UAB as voting members (7-0)
 - Clean up (Section 19-21 provisions)
 - Approved Ideas
 - Remove Public Meeting from By-laws (3-1)
 - Move Frequency of meetings to Standing Orders (4-0)
 - Remove limitation on appoint proxy members to vacant positions (4-0)
 - General
 - Approved Ideas
 - De-legislate the Recording Secretary (3-0)
 - Transfer responsibility for determining the allocation of faculty seats from IRB to the CRO (3-0)
 - When allocation faculty seat, use Full Time equivalents for numbers (3-0)
- **Changeover Bylaw 200**
 - General
 - Approved Ideas
 - Adopt the standard order of business for the 1st meeting with the addition of the Inaugural addresses and Installation of new members (3-0)
 - Make by-law 200 part of by-law 100 (3-0)
 - That all orders of business be moved to standing orders (3-0)
 - That the changeover meeting no longer be considered to be one meeting with two sessions but two distinct meetings. (3-0)
 - That the inauguration of new Councillors be removed from the last meeting of the old Council (3-0)
 - Require that prior to installation there must be a report from the CRO verifying the legitimacy of the official (3-0)
 - Require that prior to installation the official must take the oath of office (3-0)
 - If the past President cannot preside over the inauguration then the past Speaker will. (3-0)
 - That the Orders of the Day for the final meeting exclude Old Business, Legislation, Presentation, New business (except Joke motions) (3-0)
- **Officers of Council By-law 300**
 - Office of the Speaker (Budget for Council)
 - Approved Ideas
 - There will be a Council budget controlled by the Speaker (6-0)
 - The Speaker will Report to Council not the President (6-0)

- The Speaker will have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical requirements of Students' Council (6-0)
- That the duties of the Speaker be updated to reflect current duties, to removed spent functions and eliminate redundancy (3-0)
- Elected speaker, legitimacy of Speaker
 - Approved Ideas
 - Have Council directly elect the Speaker (4-1)
 - New process for electing Speakers (4-0)
 - Advertisement in Gateway
 - Nomination must be submitted ahead of time, no nominations from the floor
 - Any candidate must be nominated by 1 member of Council
 - A summary of Qualifications will be provided to SC for each candidate.
 - There will be Speeches at Council by candidates
 - There will be a scenario Question and General Questions period
 - The Speaker may be dismissed by a simply majority vote at a meeting of Students' Council, a motion to this effect must be entered on the Order paper. (3-0)
- Elimination or Recording Secretary
 - Approved Ideas
 - The position of Recording Secretary will be deregulated (5-0)
- General
 - Approved Ideas
 - That by-law 300 become part of by-law 100 (3-0)
 - That the only qualification for eng Speaker be that they are an undergraduate student (3-0)

**Motion concerning definition of “Faculty Association”
To Students’ Council, from Janet Lo, VP Academic**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council adopt the following principles regarding the definition of a “Faculty Association”:

- (1) Faculty Associations shall be Student Groups, recognized by the Students’ Union;
- (2) Faculty Associations shall exist to represent and serve their members;
- (3) all undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty are members of the relevant Faculty Association;
- (4) only students enrolled in a given Faculty are members of the relevant Faculty Association;
- (5) mandatory Faculty Association fees may be levied through Bylaw 8451;
 - a. privileged “benefit” memberships may be assessed on an optional basis;
- (6) Faculty Associations may have an Executive Committee as defined by their Constitution;
 - a. all members of a Faculty Association are able to seek an Executive position by election, with the exception of extenuating academic circumstances;
- (7) all Faculty Associations shall have a standing process consisting of broad and non-exclusive representation across the Faculty, where:
 - a. this process shall govern the adoption and amendment of bylaws, discussing:
 - i. the numbers of persons and the officers that the body is to consist of;
 - ii. the time and manner of conducting the elections;
 - iii. the calling of meetings of the body and the quorum and conduct of business at these meetings;
 - iv. the maintenance of the Faculty Association by the levy of membership fees;
 - v. the acquisition, management, and disposition of property by the Faculty Association;
 - vi. any other matter pertaining to the management and affairs of the Faculty Association;
- (8) the election process for a Faculty Association shall be democratic, and well-publicized;
- (9) a. all members of a Faculty Association have the right to a vote in an annual open election;all Faculty Associations shall have an independent body audit their financial statements and ensure that the budget and financial administration rules are accountable;
- (10) the Faculty Association may provide basic services to members, or to privileged members;
- (11) the Faculty Association shall play the role of student advocate to the Faculty on faculty-related issues;
 - a. the Faculty Association shall be represented on Faculty Council;
 - b. the Faculty Association may sit on various academic committees to represent undergraduate student concerns;

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- c. the Faculty Association shall strive for undergraduate representation on various committees at the Faculty level;
 - d. the Faculty Association shall be recognized as the Faculty Association by the Faculty;
- (12) Faculty Associations may act as a liaison between the Departmental Clubs of a Faculty and the Students’ Union;
- (13) Faculty Associations shall obtain one seat on the Council of Faculty Associations;
- (14) the Council of Faculty Associations shall be used to discuss Students’ Union issues and Faculty-specific issues to increase the effectiveness of both organizations;
- (15) the Students’ Union shall recognize and review the status of Faculty Associations on an annual basis;
- (16) the Students’ Union may grant probationary status as a Faculty Association for a period no greater than one (1) year:
- a. if a Student Group previously-recognized as a Faculty Association neglects to meet the criteria of this definition; or
 - b. to a group of undergraduate students who are likely to become a Faculty Association at the end of the probationary period;
 - c. following the one (1) probationary year, the Faculty Association shall regain its full Faculty Association Status or shall exist as a Student Group, depending of the review by the Students’ Union.
- (17) each Faculty Association shall represent the relevant student population of a faculty:
- a. normally, there will only be one Faculty Association per faculty.

Students' Union Payroll Changeover Proposal

submitted by: Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Preamble

- Currently, the Students' Union outsources its payroll function to a company known as Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (*ADP*). This is common for an organization our size and we have functioned well under this system for many years, though no system is perfect in perpetuity.
- Due to recent developments (as outlined below), we have started to explore the option of performing all functions of our hourly and salary payroll completely in-house, that is, the functions we currently pay another company to complete for us would now be taken on regularly by existing staff members within the Students' Union.
- It is my opinion that the benefits of the change far outweigh the detriments, particularly due to the lack of net change in staff time required and the savings of \$6,000/year from the existing system.

Problems with existing system (*ADP*)

- System has a limited number of pay codes that is insufficient for all of our positions; a situation which has worsened with the addition of Cram Dunk and will continue to worsen as we add new positions or departments.
- To accommodate the above, certain positions are paid using a different position code, followed by a manual adjustment to correct the pay rate, and in so doing the hours (for seniority purposes) do not accumulate separately for positions, and must also be corrected manually.
- In addition, the use of a different position code results in additional time spent on the Accounting side as employees are initially set up in another department and manual adjustments are made to place the salaries in the correct budget.
- All of these factors are extremely time consuming and can result in errors.

Advantages of existing system (*ADP*)

- The advantage of the existing system (*ADP*) is that there is an element of automation in changing pay rates for union staff as they move up the pay grid. With the switch, this would have to be done manually each month for anyone affected, though it should not be very time consuming.

Why this is coming up now

- Having upgraded our accounting system this year, the upgrade brought with it a better payroll module that will allow us to easily handle our own payroll.
- New businesses created in the past year (SUBmart and Cram Dunk) have brought additional positions and pay codes, leaving us in a position where future changes will only tax the system explained above even further.

Options for change

1. In-house payroll using *Great Plains* accounting software
 - By using our own existing accounting software, we could easily meet our need for unlimited pay codes. Staff are currently entering monthly data, so this would not change. The only additional staff time required would be to perform duties currently performed by *ADP* (primarily the printing of pay stubs and sealing them in envelopes). Time will be saved by streamlining the system to avoid the aforementioned problem of manual adjustments made to pay rates. Net difference in staff time gained vs. staff time lost will be virtually nil.
2. Outsource to another company (eg. *Payroll Guardian*)
 - *Payroll Guardian* gave us a presentation on their product, which meets our need for unlimited pay codes. The set-up costs would be about \$3,000 with the yearly costs being similar to *ADP* so long as we took on certain tasks ourselves (i.e. printing all reports and setting up our own EFT system with the Royal Bank). As a result, we would be paying a set-up fee and doing more work but paying roughly the same annual fee as we do currently, since *Payroll Guardian* is a system superior to *ADP*.

Cost Implications and Comparison between *ADP* and *Great Plains*

- In 2002/2003 year we paid *ADP* close to \$11,000. With recent fee increases we can expect to pay \$11,210 (assuming a constant number of employees) in the upcoming year.
- The *Great Plains* set-up costs are high but result in significant yearly savings.

One-time set-up costs (*Great Plains*):

Royal Bank EFT setup costs	\$300
Software from Great Plains	\$4,872
Convert & Install data	\$5,000
Total setup	\$10,172

Annual costs:

Using *ADP* **\$11,210**

Using <i>Great Plains</i>	Cost	Est. Qty		Total Cost
Toner charges	\$125.00	12		\$1,500.00
Envelopes	\$50.00	4	boxes	\$200.00
Paper	\$48.50	1.5	boxes	\$72.75
Microsoft Payroll Charges		16% *software cost		\$672.00
MIS group ongoing support	\$125.00	12	hours	\$1,500.00
Royal Bank (EFT charges)	\$0.15	4535	transactions	\$680.25
Royal Bank (Monthly & batch fees)				\$40.00
Extra staff time (see above)				nil
Yearly savings				\$4,665

Other Benefits of In-house Payroll

- Ability to make instant changes without incurring extra costs or having to wait for *ADP* to make the changes in their system.

- Elimination of pre-funding, wherein the Students' Union pays *ADP* 3 days before employees are paid. This is only problematic during the summer when we are paying interest on overdraft.
- Increased efficiency as our staff currently enters all payroll information into *ADP's* system and the latter processes it. This would effectively change nothing though it would allow for changes to be made in-house rather than having to make changes both within our accounting system and with *ADP*.
- If payroll costs are entered directly into *Great Plains*, proper budget codes are assigned in the accounting system and monthly Profit & Loss statements will no longer have to wait for payroll reports from *ADP* so the necessary journal entries can be made.

Proposed Funding of Set-Up Costs

Cost Breakdown

Item	Amount	Account #	Department	Account Name
Software	\$4,200	910-8880-300	Capital	Capital Assets – Computer
<i>Great Plains</i> service	\$672	402-8721	Office Admin	Professional Fees
M.I.S. Installation	\$5,000	402-8721	Office Admin	Professional Fees
Royal Bank setup charges	\$300	402-8721	Office Admin	Professional Fees
TOTAL	\$10,172			

Available Funding

Account	Amount	Explanation
402-8721 (Prof Fees)	\$5,850	Unused amounts budgeted for monthly audit checks and Org Review completion
402-8111 (Salaries)	\$3,600	Funds not used because of admin staff changes and staff pay increases lower than anticipated
TOTAL	\$9,450	

Shortfall **\$722** To come from Contingency Reserve

Steps to be Taken for Approval

Students' Council is being asked to approve the following changes to the budget:

1. Transfer \$3,600 from 402-8111 (Salaries) to the Capital Reserve
2. Transfer \$600 from the Contingency Reserve to the Capital Reserve
3. Transfer \$122 from the Contingency Reserve to 402-8721 (Professional Fees)
4. Allow for \$5,850 in 402-8721 to be used for the purpose of installation and setup of the new payroll system.

☞ **General Faculties' Council committee structure:**

☞ **GFC Exec (M 2 Feb)**

- ☞ Discussed 24-hour study space on campus and access to buildings for undergraduate students. GFC Exec asked that cost-analysis and additional resources be pursued for keeping SUB and CAB open (or portions thereof) for 24 hour study space.

☞ **Committee on Learning Environment (W 4 Feb)**

- ☞ Review of University Teaching Services 4-year strategic plan.
- ☞ Review of Administrative Information Systems' 4-year strategic plan.
- ☞ Split into 2 subcommittees, which I will be a part of: Examining Faculty Evaluation Committees and Developing a First and Second-Year Experience Model for the University of Alberta.

☞ **Subcommittee on Standards (R 5 Feb)**

- ☞ Identified the problem of non-neutrality between the 9-point and Alpha grading systems in their output of Grade Point Averages.
- ☞ Students Fall-determined GPA's were lower by, on average, 0.3 (out of 4).

☞ **Academic Standards Committee (R 12 Feb)**

- ☞ Moved on the grading system issue, carried motion to recommend to GFC APC.

☞ **Academic Planning Committee/GFC Exec (T 17 Feb)**

- ☞ Moved on the grading system issue, carried motion to recommend to GFC.

☞ **GFC Student Caucus (R 19 Feb & M 23 Feb)**

- ☞ Thanks to the GFC Councilors who took the time out of their Reading Week schedule to learn and ask some very intelligent questions about the grading system issue. I don't think I have seen a more prepared Student Caucus before!!!

☞ **General Faculties' Council (M 23 Feb)* (see Grading Debacle, page 3)**

- ☞ MOVED THAT the distribution of curves be changed, beginning Winter 2004, to reflect neutral change (from previous years) of percentage of students falling in categories of academic standing.
- ☞ MOVED THAT Deans and Department Chairs work with instructors to review and, if appropriate, re-grade all undergraduate course grades assigned in Fall 2003 to reflect the newly-revised grade distribution, and that the reviewing and re-grading be completed prior to 31 March 2004.
- ☞ MOVED THAT individual Faculties use discretion to issue remedies with respect to academic standing decisions of students who took courses in Fall 2003.

☞ **Academic Planning Committee (W 25 Feb)**

- ☞ Changes to non-instructional fees: fee for application for admission to the University of Alberta will be \$100.00 (previously \$60.00); fee for application for re-admission or transfer to the University of Alberta will be \$75.00 (previously \$60.00).

☞ **GFC Exec (M 1 Mar)**

- ☞ Approved a newly revised grading distribution curve.

☞ **Committee on Learning Environment Subcommittee on Faculty Evaluation Committees (M 1 Mar)**

- ☞ Set out a guideline of information that we wish to find and discuss governing Faculty Evaluation Committees (FEC's).
- ☞ This committee will endeavor to: evaluate the effectiveness of FEC's, discuss representation in FEC's, examine the criteria of FEC's, observe the diversity of policies governing FEC's and the effects and outcomes of FEC's.

☞ University Meetings

☞ **Administrative Information Systems Steering Committee (R 5 Feb)**

- ☞ Nothing very relevant to undergraduate students.
- ☞ Still discussing how to proceed with a campus "portal."

☞ **Technology Enhanced Instructional Spaces Advisory Committee (T 17 Feb)**

- ☞ Discussion concerning long-term planning of software in instructional teaching space, specifically, smart classrooms.
- ☞ Money is very tight in its current structures, so only the planned upgrades are being pursued.

☞ **Quantera: Bookstore Business Case Review (T 24 Feb)**

- ☞ Have now risk-assessed all possible alternatives and identified potential models for the Bookstore. Again, the objectives of this business case review are: 1. to increase the Bookstore's revenues; 2. to contain the Bookstore's cost; and 3. to increase the University's profits.
- ☞ Key issue that has arisen: how much does the Bookstore actually contribute to the University, and if it was not for this contribution, would the Bookstore actually be profitable?
- ☞ The next meeting will be discussing the final presentation of the Bookstore Business Case Review to Central Administration.

☞ **AAS:UA Teaching & Learning Committee (T 24 Feb)**

- ☞ Discussed the concept of a covenant between academic staff and students and the AAS:UA Statement of the Goals of a Professor.

☞ Student Meetings

☞ **Academic Affairs Board (R 5 Feb)**

- ☞ Reviewed Students' Union policies that fall under the Academic Affairs Board.
- ☞ Began drafting a policy around third-party evaluators.

☞ **Executive Meeting with Augustana Students' Association (M 9 Feb)**

- ☞ Augustana merger is likely to go through soon, we discussed the fees situation and a few nuts and bolts of the merged student association governance structure.
- ☞ If Augustana University College is adopted as a faculty, as is widely speculated, they will become the Faculty of Augustana, and the Augustana Students' Association will likely become a Faculty Association.

☞ **Council of Faculty Associations (W 11 Feb)**

- ☞ CoFA moved and carried a motion redefining what a Faculty Association would be, and recommended this to the SU Executive Committee. Council will see this on their agenda soon.

☞ Awards

☞ **Students' Union Involvement Awards Selection (S 14 & 15 Feb)**

☞ **Coca Cola Awards Selection (F 20 Feb)**

☞ **Gold Key Student Recognition Awards Selection (Sun 29 Feb)**

- ☞ Getting the final ball rolling for Awards Night planning, and Chris Henderson is working diligently to pull the final details together!
- ☞ Congratulations to all successful recipients!

"Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue."

☞ The Grading Debacle

- ☞ When the grading system was changed from the 9 point to the Alpha, neutrality on its effects to student grades was guaranteed.
- ☞ In analysis, it was found that the Fall 2003 **projected GPA's were lower** than they should have been, therefore of negative effect on students. Approximately 1400 more students fell into the "Marginal and Required to Withdraw" (now 1.9 or lower) category, and 2200 fewer students achieved "First Class Standing" (now 3.5).
- ☞ **ACTION:** All Fall Term 2003 grades will be **reviewed and regraded**, if necessary, by 31 March 2004. As well, a new grading curve has been established which is effective for Winter 2004.
- ☞ We sincerely hope that this will rectify the problem and achieve a neutral effect in the grading system transition.
- ☞ For **additional information, or to answer any questions** students may have on this issue, I will be holding two presentations:
 - ☞ **#1: For Councilors, Faculty Association Executives, GFC Councilors, AAB:**
 - ☞ Wednesday, 10 March; 5:00-7:00 pm; Alumni Room, SUB
 - ☞ **#2: For any interested students (please encourage your fellow students to attend):**
 - ☞ Wednesday, 24 March; 5:00-7:00 pm; Alumni Room, SUB

☞ Interesting Tidbits:

- ☞ Did some general consulting to find out opinions on **Spring/Summer courses** at the University. Biggest reason students don't take Spring/Summer? No surprise here, need to work to make money for Fall/Winter tuition!
- ☞ Although you cannot register for Fall 2004/Winter 2005 yet, you can **design a schedule on Bear Scat**. Check it out: <https://bearschat.su.ualberta.ca/>
- ☞ Planning the **Faculty Association Transitions Retreat**, I think it will be really good times, and hopefully very helpful for academic advocacy within each Faculty.
- ☞ Provincial budget comes out on 23 March, so we'll know if **Augustana University College** will be merged for certain. An APC meeting has been scheduled on 24 March to discuss the details of the merger, should the money come through, and it will hit a special meeting of GFC on 5 April. A very interesting and fun-filled year for GFC this year, no doubt!
- ☞ Wrapping things up... does the year ever fly, eh? I've written some **transition** material, and as soon as I find out who my successor is, I hope they'll have some questions ready for me! Whee!
- ☞ 2 February to 4 March: Janet attended **13 of 14 classes**, handed in a paper and a take-home midterm. Maybe my marks will look better, who knows? 2 in-class tests coming up, 1 more paper to write, barggg...
- ☞ Figuring out **the rest of my life**... huh? What? Who? Life? ...right... *mutter mutter*

☞ Upcoming:

- ☞ Janet's tests (2 on Monday)!
- ☞ **9 March:** NHL Trade Deadline
- ☞ **10 March:** CLE meeting on 1st and 2nd Year Learning Experience
- ☞ **11 March:** Subcommittee on Standards
- ☞ **11 March:** Academic Affairs Board, 5pm, Lower Level Meeting Room
- ☞ **12 March:** Day of Silence
- ☞ **16 March to 19 March:** in Winnipeg for the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education
- ☞ **22 March:** GFC Meeting

Report to Students' Council
March 9, 2004
Tyler Botten, Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Members of Council,

Things appear to be winding down somewhat (from the outside looking in) but it's really kind of surprising what a whirlwind of activity the Students' Union can be as we gear up for the homestretch on the year. Everything is moving and moving at a pace that I haven't really seen for many moons. Now that I know who is moving in to take over my job, I'll be trying to wrap up my major projects this month on top of budget work in order to have some serious time for transition of the newbie whose name is yet unreleased as of this writing. In any case, look forward to some serious goodies coming through the final four agendas of the year. We've moved past the sweet sixteen and just about reached the final as March Madness is truly in high gear. Maybe the NCAA analogy doesn't work so well, but methinks this report should. Without further ado...

suite of financial reforms

- **been there, done that** – well, Students' Council finally has its own budget department for consideration in the preliminary budget, having separated the mess that is the existing department 500, which should make things a little clearer on the whole. I finally had the opportunity to hold my initial preliminary budget discussions outlining the prepared process that I can only hope my successor will see through to its completion this summer. a complete preliminary budget will be on the table in only two short meetings for consideration, so keep your eyes peeled for that. the issue raised with the confusing nature of our financial statements that do not easily mirror our annual budget breakdown has been laid to rest as the updated format for the financial statements will be incorporated into the statements for this fiscal year. I have also been working on a way of phasing the special projects fund into the operating budget over the next 5 years to prepare for the possibility of no renewal on the single source cold beverage agreement currently in place – the follow through on this will rely on my successors' continuation of the plan, though given the fact that in the span of the first week of the elections campaign I saw the last five individuals to hold my position so who knows – I might still be around when the sscb is gone. I've also started work on more direct control for the vice president over agreements that bind the students' union to third parties in hopes of keeping some better idea of what additional revenues are coming in to the organization. policy on this to come soon. I am also happy to report that the new variance report system implemented is working extremely well with only a few kinks to be worked out, and we have become report generating experts with our accounting software thereby allowing us to have more accurate actual figures from the previous fiscal year when preparing final budgets – something that the financial affairs board has long desired.
- **up and coming** - well, I suppose I'm not living up to the promise from a month ago of having recommendations on reserves or a report on the sscb, though we will see what this upcoming weekend brings. in addition I will still be analyzing possible areas for developing further checks within the system than the audit committee and passing those on to my successor to implement. on a financial note, the latter half of

this month will be consumed with preparation of a preliminary budget and I hope to find something that Students' Council will find satisfactory.

year of the bars

- **been there, done that** – results are still rolling back from the staff survey, the silent shopper program has completed another round through the mill and I should be seeing the report from that in the next day or two.
- **up and coming** – same as last time – the business revitalization plan is coming to fruition and will form a strong component of the transition with both my successor and the incoming vice president (student life) once we have outlined plans for both bars.

bang for your buck

- **been there, done that** – all business signs are complete and should be up by the time you read this. there are only a couple of items yet remaining to be dealt with in this department which are outlined below.
- **up and coming** – financial services is still waiting on a price quote from IBM, and the registrar has informed me that she will be working to convince the members of the registrar's advisory committee on fees that a student representative would be a good addition to their numbers, which could take the better part of next year, but getting something done in eighteen months on the university side of the table ain't half bad for the little amount of work it's going to require. I will also be tying up some loose ends with respect to the fsj faculty student fund and the engineering students' society membership fee, the latter needing to be finalized if the arts student association implements a similar fee under bylaw 8451.

organizational reform

- **been there, done that** – boy was I ever lying in that last report...funny how doing this in advance of the meeting leads to assumptions. contrary to what I said previously, the org review was *not* done, but it is now. everything will be reviewed in the next week and a half with a compilation of recommendations coming forward for council to review. on the whole, the process has been draining as hell and I'm not much closer – admittedly – to finding a way to institutionalize things. having said that, I've got an idea for my successor to consider that involves the simple notion of long-range plans for each unit in the organization. like a business plan for each department, if you will. I've also settled on a new structure for hiring committees for our service salary staff. granted, the exec committee has yet to approve it, but instituting it is a moot point in operating policy until the relevant bylaws are rescinded...enter the internal review board.
- **up and coming** – there is a good chance that a salary review might be underway in this last month, to take effect with the new term of office may 1st. while most election candidates seem to think that the service director salaries were chosen by throwing job descriptions down a flight of stairs and assigning pay rates to each based on how far down they landed, it turns out that there is a reason the '99 salary kept michael chalk from running for re-election as president. it's no easy task, but I figured "what the hell, I've got a few days left" so off we go.

students' council reform

- **been there, done that** – all agenda items have been planned for the general structure of the council transition retreat, which will be taking place on may 4th and 5th in the evenings. while this may not be the prime time, because of various other conflicts, such as three weekend retreats in a row (cofa, exec and caus) those times didn't seem to work. the hope and goal is to make this retreat a smashing success so that future years will feel a moral obligation to conduct a retreat for the incoming council. your help, as members of this council (particularly if you're never coming back) in facilitating the sessions of the retreat since those of us who have worked to plan it don't much feel like running the show as well. personally, I'm just tired of hearing myself speak, but I still would like to see the retreat go off with as few hitches as possible. in addition, I have been working with the president and the speaker on a new plan for the standing committees of students' council, one of the items of which should be on this evening's agenda.
- **up and coming** – still have to do some work on the council-committee communication system that I was talking about in my last report, to be implemented with commencement of a new term.

online resource reform

- **been there, done that** – design funding has been approved for redevelopment of the website. in addition to the general website review, there are some select service components who have elicited issues as part of the organizational review that need to be addressed, so I suppose I could partially include that here as something that is done and out of the way (or at least on the way to being taken care of).
- **up and coming** – nothing, really.

side projects and other things that occupy my time

- **been there, done that** – sweet lord above...feels like the past month would best fit in this category. let's see: I started work a few weeks ago with the vice president (academic) on turning sub into a 24-hour study space; I sussed out locations for two new white label bank machines to come in that will bring the SU a little bit of extra revenue; had something like six meetings to prepare for the cupe negotiations which have now begun and are likely to consume precious time for the rest of my term; helped student groups on some logistical items with everything from their grant reports to an anti-abortion shock campaign to applying for funding from the province for ski equipment; met with sales folk about a vids alternative and dvd vending machines; attended more dedicated fee unit meetings than I'd care to think of (including access fund, crefc, apirg, gsjs, facra and sls...sick month really); gave two tours of sub for energy audit folk – once for water and once for lighting; met with the exec from augustana regarding the impending merger doom; kickstarted the apirg negotiations with nasa (two collective agreement negotiations in one term? who knew I'd be so lucky); got my photo taken for expressnews; spent entirely too much time worried about the general election; worked on privacy legislation stuff for facra and funding regulations for apirg and student groups; enjoyed a carton of marlboro lights in eight days; drank not nearly enough; and often woke up wondering what the hell happened to february.
- **up and coming** – if I could predict this, I would likely resign.

as promised at the last meeting of Students' Council, here is the breakdown of all items for which project reserve funding has been approved in the 2003/2004 fiscal year:

ITEM	AMOUNT APPROVED
tuition media campaign	\$10,350
tuition events	\$2,250
improv troupe for tuition week	\$750
wellness week	\$6,000
COFA transition retreat	\$3,310
general elections promotion	\$3,300
swag items for VIP's	\$2,500
year of the bike	\$1,600
website redesign and development	\$1,350
powerplant whiteboard calendar	\$1,300
sub communications calendar	\$1,300
bill 43 campaign events	\$1,000
rural tour	\$900
CFS day of action sponsorship	\$750
SU logo cut-out for powerplant	\$700
signs for SU businesses	\$650
national bbq sponsorship	\$500
international week sponsorship	\$475
council faculty forums	\$425
debt week	\$260
website review	\$200
fees brochures	\$140
gripe tables	\$120
executive power hour	\$25
total	\$40,155

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	11.16	<i>Effective Date:</i>	October 17, 2002	<i>Page</i>	1	<i>of</i>	3
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Executive Committee						
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	OPERATING POLICY (GENERAL)					
	- <i>Specific:</i>	SPACE					
	- <i>Topic:</i>	Table Bookings and Displays					

Introduction:

Tables may be booked in SUB primarily as a service to students, as well as an opportunity for students and other individuals to market a variety of products. In seeking to fulfill the Building mandate, this opportunity shall continue to be provided so long as it offers a unique environment and atmosphere, distinct from the academic facilities which surround it.

Policy:

- 11.16.1 From Mondays to Wednesdays, priority for tables booked in the Students' Union Building shall be granted to:
- a) Registered Student Groups and recipients of Students' Union dedicated fees; followed by
 - b) other University-related groups ~~that are not registered Student Groups~~; followed by
 - c) community groups not engaging-engaged in any kind of commercial activity, including advertising.
- 11.16.2 On Thursdays and Fridays, priority for tables booked in the Students' Union Building shall be granted to:
- a) University of Alberta students engaging in commercial ~~activities-activity~~ of some kind; followed by
 - b) non-students engaging in commercial ~~activities-activity~~ of some kind.
- 11.16.3 Where there is not sufficient demand on any given day to fill all table spaces with those groups given priority under ~~Sections~~ 11.16.1 and 11.16.2, groups not given priority on that day shall be granted table ~~spacesbookings~~.
- 11.16.4 No fee shall be assessed to a ~~Where a table is booked by a r~~Registered Student Group ~~to be used for the purpose of booking a table for:~~
- a) the dissemination of information about itself or a related subject~~publicizing the Student Group~~;
 - b) the collection of petitions;
 - c) ~~group registration: or~~ membership recruitment; or
 - d) fundraising for ~~that Student Group itself~~ or a ~~related-registered~~ charitable institution~~charity~~.

~~that Student Group shall not be assessed any fee for the table space.~~

11.16.5 Where a table is booked by a University-related group that is not a ~~registered~~ Registered Student Group for the purpose of dissemination of information, no fee shall be assessed for that table ~~space~~ booking.

11.16.6 Where a table is booked by a University of Alberta student for use in ~~a~~ commercial activity of some kind, ~~or where a table is booked by a non-University related group for non-commercial purposes, where the profits flow to an entity that is or is owned by registered University of Alberta student(s);~~ that individual ~~or group~~ shall be assessed a fee of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per day ~~from~~ May through to August and Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per day ~~September through to~~ April.

~~11.16.7 Where a table is booked by a non-University-related group for non-commercial purposes, that group shall be assessed a fee of \$20 per day May through August and \$30 per day September through April.~~

11.16.87 Where a table is booked by a non-student for commercial purposes on behalf of a residential business, and where that non-student does not operate any business from a non-residential address, that ~~non-student individual~~ shall be assessed a fee of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars per day ~~from~~ May through to August and Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per day ~~from~~ September through to April.

~~11.16.9~~ Where a table is booked by a non-student for commercial purposes, ~~and where that non-student operates one or more businesses from non-residential addresses but does not operate any businesses outside of the greater Edmonton area on behalf of a business in the Edmonton area operating from a non-residential address,~~ that ~~non-student individual~~ shall be assessed a fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per day.

~~11.16.10~~ 11.16.9 Where a table is booked by a non-student for commercial purposes during Week of Welcome, that ~~non-student~~ shall be assessed a fee of no less than as determined by the sponsorship committee.

11.16.104 Where a table is booked for commercial purposes and ~~where the fee for that table booking is not covered set out by Sections 11.16.6, 11.16.8, 11.16.9, or 11.16.10 elsewhere in this policy,~~ the individual or group booking that table shall be assessed a fee of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars per day.

11.16.112 ~~Groups wishing to book tables shall first submit a request for approval to the Vice President (Operations and Finance), who shall inform the individual or group of whether or not he/she/it has been accepted, and of what fee shall be assessed to him/her/it. Table bookings shall be arranged through the Administrative Assistant to the Managers with the Vice President (Operations & Finance) approving and assessing the daily fee for each applicant.~~

11.16.123 The Vice President (Operations ~~and~~ & Finance) shall refuse applicants where, ~~and only where:~~

a) the individual or group submitting the request plans on engaging in commercial activities that would directly conflict with those commercial activities engaged in by one or more of the Students' Union's tenants, with food items in relatively small quantities not being counted as competition for the purposes of this policy unless the presence of said food items would result in the violation of one or more exclusivity agreements to which the Students' Union is a signatory; unless said conflict consists of pre-packaged food items in a relatively small quantity or portion and provided that no exclusivity agreements would be breached by the presence of said food items.

b) accepting the applicant would place the Students' Union ~~be~~ in contravention of any federal, provincial or Students' Union law/legislation; or

c) the individual or group submitting the request has been banned from booking tables in the Students' Union Building.

- ~~11.16.14~~ Upon being approved by the Vice President (Operations and Finance), individuals and groups wishing to book tables shall book them through the Administrative Assistant (Managers).
- 11.16.135 Individuals or groups wishing to book tables Thursdays or Fridays ~~must~~ shall do so after 09:00 on the Tuesday ~~during the of the~~ week in which the tables are to be booked.
- 11.16.146 Notwithstanding ~~Section 11.16.15413~~, individuals ~~and or~~ groups ~~may shall be permitted to~~ block book tables for up to four (4) consecutive weeks, provided that at no time shall more than half of ~~all available the~~ tables ~~available~~ for a given day ~~by are~~ booked in such a manner.
- 11.16.157 ~~All p~~Payments for tables bookings ~~must shall~~ be made ~~in advance no later than 11:00 on of the day of the booking, except for block bookings as outlined in 11.16.14; payment for such bookings shall be made in advance of the first day for which the tables have been booked, on which the table has been booked.~~
- 11.16.168 Individuals ~~and or~~ groups ~~with booked booking~~ tables shall:
- ensure that tables are manned at all times;
 - use the tables only for the purpose for which the application was approved;
 - not actively solicit interest ~~from passers by~~; and
 - not disseminate any material, verbal, written, or otherwise, that is racist, sexist, homophobic, or otherwise defamatory, ~~medically inaccurate and/or~~ patently false.
- 11.16.179 Where an individual or group contravenes Section 11.16.1646, that individual or group shall receive one (1) written warning from the Vice President (Operations ~~and &~~ Finance), ~~and, upon receipt of a second warning during any given day or a third warning during any given year, such year running from May 1 to the following April 30, that individual or group shall be banned from booking tables in the Students' Union Building until the following May 1.~~ Where the individual or group contravenes Section 11.16.16 a second time on any given day, the Vice President (Operations and Finance) shall suspend that individual or group from booking tables in the Students' Union Building until the following May 1st. Where the individual or group receives a third (3rd) written warning in any given year (a year, for the purposes of this policy, being from May 1st to April 30th), the Vice President (Operations and Finance) shall suspend that individual or group from booking tables in the Students' Union Building until the following May 1st.
- ~~11.16.2011.16.18~~ Any decision made by the Vice President (Operations and Finance) in regards to this policy may be appealed to the Executive Committee. ~~The Vice President (Operations & Finance) shall have the final say in approval of booking requests that do not strictly adhere to this policy.~~
- ~~11.16.21~~ Any decision made by the Executive Committee in regards to this policy may be appealed to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.
- ~~11.16.2211.16.19~~ ~~Individuals or Groups~~ groups booking tables will be shown a copy of this policy at the time of booking.

Policy History:

	Date	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
<u>Updated</u>	<u>March 2, 2004</u>	<u>Executive Committee</u>	
Updated	July 22, 2003	Executive Committee	July 22, 2003

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Updated	November 18, 1998	Executive Committee	November 18, 1998
Updated	January 17, 1995	Executive Committee	February 7, 1995
Created	January 26, 1994	Executive Committee	April 7, 2003

Arts Students and Fellow Members of Council,

As some of you may be aware, I will be leaving Canada to serve another NATO peacekeeping tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina in approximately two weeks. As a result, I regretfully resign my seat as a Councilor for the Faculty of Arts as of 9:30pm, March 9th, 2004.

It has been my pleasure to serve you and to serve with you over the past two and a half years. I feel that I have learned a lot during my time with the Students' Union, and I hope that I may have had something to teach you over the past few years, even if it was something as trivial as how to pretend to be sober during one of Carl Amrhein's presentations on Multi-Year Tuition, or how to not have the Speaker ask security to remove you from the building after accusing another Councilor of entering into sexual relations with livestock.

As a token of my appreciation for the knowledge, opportunities, and friendships that I've gained throughout my time with the Students' Union, I have a gift that I would like to present to Council. Sadly, I was not able to locate all the pieces of the gift that I had originally intended to present to Council. Some of you may have noticed the absence of my cherished gong over the past little while. I suspect that parts of it may have been lost during my three moves over the past few years.

As a consolation, I would like to give Council a ceremonial mace. Keith Routhier, a constituent and good friend of mine, constructed this mace. I have decorated it and would like to present it to the Speaker as a symbol of his authority and of the authority of this Council.

If any of you wish to drop me a note or whatnot while I'm gone, my address will be:

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Faithfully,
Paul R. Welke,
Students' Union Councilor for the Faculty of Arts, 2002-2004

WHEREAS

- (1) the Universities Act, 54(1), designates the General Faculties' Council power over student affairs;
- (2) the Universities Act, 54(1)(d), delegates to the Students' Union "those powers of government with respect to the conduct of students it represents that the General Faculties' Council considers proper";
- (3) the General Faculties' Council Policy Manual, 108.8, defines student groups as "any body properly registered with the relevant SU official";
- (4) the General Faculties' Council Policy Manual, 55.1.2.3, states that:

All Faculties that enroll undergraduate students must include students enrolled in their respective Faculty on their Faculty Councils (the exact numbers to be determined by each Faculty Council), as selected by the appropriate Faculty Student Association using whatever method the Association deems suitable. (GFC 28 MAY 2001)

Once selected, the names and contact information of these student representatives must be forwarded by the Faculty Student Association to the Faculty Office, and the Students' Union.

*If the student Faculty Association is unable to fill the required number of undergraduate students by September 30 of each year, then the Students' Union will be responsible for the selection of the undergraduate representatives. (GFC 28 MAY 2001)

WHEREAS

- (1) a "Faculty Association" is currently defined by the Students' Union in Bylaw 8300;
- (2) a Faculty Association must register as a student group;
- (3) a Faculty Association may levy a Faculty Association Membership fee, according to Students' Union Bylaw 8451;

WHEREAS

- (1) the Students' Union recognizes that key University decisions are made both at the Central Administration and Faculty level;
- (2) the Students' Union is able to discuss and participate in broad-based University strategic decisions;
- (3) the Faculty Association recognized in each Faculty is able to discuss and participate in Faculty-specific strategic decisions;
- (4) the Students' Union is unable to participate as effectively in Faculty decisions as the relevant Faculty Association is;
- (5) the Faculty Association is unable to participate as effectively in Central Administration decisions as the Students' Union;

WHEREAS

- (1) the Students' Union Strategic Plan (March 2001) mission statement is:

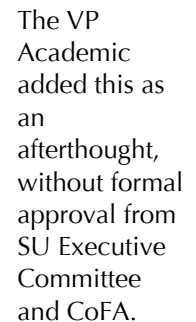
The Students' Union is an organization which serves students in ways which meet student needs.

To achieve our mission we will pursue the following goals: represent students in an effective and accountable manner; provide programs and services to enhance the educational and university experience of students; enhance the image of both the University of Alberta and its students in the greater community; provide opportunities for the interaction and personal development of students; and foster a sense of spirit and community on campus.

- (2) the University of Alberta currently enrolls approximately 26,000 undergraduate students;
- (3) all undergraduate students are enrolled in one and only one faculty;

WHEREAS any student association representing student concerns should be credible, democratic, accountable, transparent, open, and fiscally prudent;

WHEREAS Students' Union Bylaw 8300 fails to clearly define the role of a Faculty Association within a Faculty.



The VP Academic added this as an afterthought, without formal approval from SU Executive Committee and CoFA.