

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday June 15, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## A G E N D A (SC 2004-04)

- 2004-04/1      CALL TO ORDER
- 2004-04/2      University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"
- 2004-04/3      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2004-04/4      APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 2004-04/5      PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
- 2004-04/6      REPORTS
- 2004-04/6a      Jordan Blatz, President  
Please see document SC 04-04.01
- 2004-04/6b      Alex Abboud, Vice President External  
Please see document SC 04-04.02
- 2004-04/6c      Alvin Law, Vice President Operations and Finance  
Please see document SC 04-04.03
- 2004-04/6d      Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative  
Please see document SC 04-04.04
- 2004-04/7      QUESTION PERIOD
- 2004-04/8      APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)  
Please see document SC 04-04.05
- 2004-04/9      APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS
- 2004-04/10     OLD BUSINESS

**MOTION BY BLATZ/McLAUGHLIN. RESOLVED THAT** the Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$14030.00 from the Special Project Reserve for the Open-Air Concert in quad.

2004-04/11

**LEGISLATION**

2004-04/11a

**Bill #5 – Awards Administration Amendment Motion (Sponsor; McLAUGHLIN)**  
Principles (notice of motion/first reading)

1. Existing legislation regarding awards is repealed.
2. Specific Awards will be de-legislated and the power to create, amend and eliminate awards delegated to the Awards Committee.
3. The Awards Committee must have written record of the names, criteria, and value of the awards it disburses, application procedures, procedures for disbursement,
4. Restrictions on Awards:
  - a. No award may exceed \$2,500 in value.
  - b. No award may be received by a member of the Awards Committee.
  - c. No monetary award may be received by a salaried employee of the Students' Union.
  - d. No person may receive more than one monetary award per year.
  - e. Only undergraduate students shall be eligible to receive awards disbursed by the Committee.
5. The composition of the Committee will be:
  - a. VP Academic or designate as Chair
  - b. The Chair will appoint a secretary as a non-voting member of the Committee
  - c. 7 Undergraduate Students selected by Students' Council.
6. Quorum will be the Chair plus 4 other voting members of the Committee.
7. Committee members may not write letters of reference for applicants for awards disbursed by the Committee.
8. Vacancies on the Committee will be filled by Students' Council.
9. The Committee shall make and be governed by rules and orders for regulating the awards to be disbursed and the procedure of advertisement, application, and disbursement of awards that are not provided for by this bylaw, but which are necessary to ensure the proper working of this bylaw and the ability of the Committee to fulfill its mandate. Copies of all rules and orders, and any changes, must be reported to Council for information.
10. All award decisions must be reported to Council for information.
11. Fund for the awards will be provided for in the budget.

2004-04/11b

**MOTION BY KIRKHAM/T AYLOR, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress approved that changes to Standing Orders.

Please see document SC 04-04.06

2004-04/12

**NEW BUSINESS**

2004-04/12a

**MOTION BY KIRKHAM/WILDCAT, ORDERED THAT** Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to make all Students' Union owned and/or operated businesses non-smoking establishments by 1 September 2004.

2004-04/12b

**MOTION BY BLATZ/TAYLOR, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive committee authorize the University of Alberta Students' Union to incur expenses for a campaign to encourage voter awareness of post-secondary education issues and to encourage young people to vote in the June 28, 2004 federal election.

Please see document SC 04-04.07

2004-04/13  
2004-04/13a

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Next Council Meeting**

UPCOMING  
COUNCIL  
MEETINGS

June 29, 2004  
July 13, 2004

2004-04/14

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2004-04/14a

Votes and Proceedings from the June 1, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.

Please see document SC 04-04.08

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Report for Students' Council  
Jordan Blatz  
President  
June 15, 2004

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Good evening Council,

Here are the things that have been keeping me busy over the past few weeks:

1. **Rural Tours:** Alex and I went on our first rural tour on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to Bonnyville, Cold Lake, and St. Paul. We met with the Bonnyville Agriculture Society, Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor of Bonnyville – Kathryn Wiebe, the Mayor of St. Paul – John Trefanenko, and the M.L.A for St. Paul/ Lac La Biche – Ray Danyluk. We also presented to Bonnyville Centralized High School, Notre Dame High School in Bonnyville, and Assumption Junior/Senior High School in Cold Lake. We were able to get our message to these groups about the issues facing post-secondary education but more importantly, we were able to find out what North-Eastern Alberta thinks about post-secondary education and the University of Alberta. When presenting to the high school students we were able to inform them of the issues but again, maybe even more importantly, we were able to promote the University and answer their questions. This trip was really successful, far more successful than Alex or I could have ever imagined. If you would like to see an article written about us in the local Bonnyville newspaper, go to <http://bonnyvillenouvelle.awna.com/>.
2. **Federal Election Campaign:** The posters and banners are in and have been distributed. For our forum on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have partnered with the GSA and got sponsorship from Canada 25. Our first ad in See magazine ran in the June 10-16<sup>th</sup> issue and it looked really good. We are anticipating a healthy sized audience for our forum, I hope you can all make it. Also, Alex and I held a press conference on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to officially launch our campaign (more to be added verbally).
3. **Cross Country Check-Up with Rex Murphy:** Alex and I attended a national televised forum for Edmonton-Strathcona on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we were not able to ask a question about PSE, however, we were able to promote our forum on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, where we will definitely get to ask the candidates about PSE. I would like to congratulate our very own councilor, Chris Samuel for getting to ask a great question about engaging youth in the political process.
4. **Meeting with ETS to discuss the U-Pass:** Alex and I had a meeting with ETS to re-open the dialogue about the U-Pass. I do not have anything overly positive to say about the possibility of obtaining a U-Pass anytime before September 2005. However, we did come to an agreement about how to move forward from here and that was positive. If you have any questions about the U-Pass, talk to Alex, as he will be the point man for this project.
5. **Meeting with Carl Amrhein:** I had my first official meeting with Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice President (Academic). Our meeting was short, however, we were

able to talk about coming up with KSIs for tuition and student fees, the upcoming tuition debate, and about the Provost's office potentially supporting an undergraduate survey.

6. **GSA:** Alexis Pepin and I met again to resolve a situation with Dewey's and our lease for the Powerplant. This should be resolved shortly.
7. **J. Percy Page High School:** Mike Horler, our Executive Communications Officer and I talked to grade 12 students from J.Percy Page High School about the importance of voting in the upcoming election and to answer their questions.
8. **Other meetings/events that I have attended:** Met with Rob Anderson, Editor of the Independent, Brad Wuetherick, Paul Lamothe, President of APPEAL (Albertans Promoting Public Education and Learning), Board Community and Government Relations, two Convocations, Installation Dinner for the Chancellor, Board Education Affairs Committee, and I gave an introductory address at the CASFAA.

#### Upcoming meetings/events

- Meal card meeting with ARAMARK, David Bruch, and Lorraine Eriksson
- BoG meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Presidential Search Committee on June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- All candidates/All Issues forum at 7:00pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – SUB stage
- GSA/SU Exec meeting
- Lunch with Don Hickey and Phyllis Clark
- Annual Orientation Barbeque
- Alberta Learning Orientation in Calgary
- CAUS AGM in Calgary
- Exec one day retreat at Bill's House on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA) Conference Report**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Submitted by: Jordan Blatz, President**

Dear Council,

Thank you for sending the 2004/2005 executives to the CCSA Conference in Winnipeg. I found this conference to be extremely useful in further preparing me for the year ahead. Some of the sessions I participated in and found to be particularly useful were 'Leading Meetings', 'Strategic Planning', 'Presidents Round Table', and 'Fighting for Student Representation'. Other highlights of the conference included a keynote address from Hayley Wickenheiser, a cruise upon the Paddlewheel Queen Boat, and going to Celebrations Dinner Theatre.

Although I found most of the sessions to be helpful, the most beneficial part of the conference came from 'networking' with the other student executives. In particular, the executives from Queen's and Western, as well as other Presidents from UBC, Manitoba, Dalhousie, St. Fx, St. Mary's, Brock, and U of C. I feel that the contacts I made at this conference will be a major benefit throughout the year.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to attend the CCSA conference. I highly recommend that future executives be given the same opportunity to attend this wonderful conference.

Sincerely,

Jordan Blatz

President

University of Alberta Students' Union

**Alex Abboud, Vice President External**  
**Report to Students' Council**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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*Written Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Rural Tour**

Our first rural tour was a huge success. Jordan and I visited Bonnyville, Cold Lake, and St. Paul, and met with the following people and groups: the Bonnyville Agricultural Society, Chris McDonald (President of the Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce), Mayor Katherine Kozak Wiebe of Bonnyville, Grade 11-12 students at Bonnyville Centralized High School, Grade 11-12 students at Ecole Notre Dame in Bonnyville, the graduating class at Assumption High School in Cold Lake (we also got interviewed by a reporter from the Cold Lake Sun!), Ray Danyluk, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, and Mayor John Trefanenko of St. Paul.

All of our meetings, and the presentations to the High Schools, were very productive. We were able to communicate our views on post-secondary, its importance, and what is needed to realize improvements to the system; we also heard the views of the local community members, and some of the concerns they hold.

This was a great experience, and we are looking forward to our next rural tour in the Fall. We also got coverage in the *Bonnyville Nouvelle*. Click here for more information:  
<http://bonnyvillenouvelle.awna.com/>

## **Universal Bus Pass**

We met with representatives from ETS, as well as St. Albert Transit (Strathcona County Transit was unable to attend.) There's good news and bad news with regards to securing a Universal Bus Pass. The good news is that both transit services are very interested, eager, and willing to cooperate with us and work towards making this project a reality. The bad news is that they both feel we are at the preliminary stage in this process, meaning that the earliest we can possibly see a Universal Bus Pass would be September of 2005.

There are several steps that need to be taken in the preliminary stage of this process:

- The Students' Union needs to send a letter to the Mayors (and possibly City Councilors as well) of Edmonton, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park explaining the results of the referendum, and our intent to make the Universal Bus Pass a reality. This will be done by the middle of the week.
- We need to develop a new project charter for this effort. We set a target of having this in place by the end of July.
- ETS has indicated that they wish to conduct another survey of transit users this Fall to determine up to date statistics on usage. They see this as being necessary

to accurately forecast the cost of a revenue-neutral Universal Bus Pass program, as the previous data is now 2-3 years old.

ETS also expressed several concerns that they feel need to be addressed:

- The previous survey, and estimate of price for a Universal Bus Pass, dealt only with Edmonton Transit. The inclusion of Strathcona and St. Albert transit changes the number of participants, and the cost of the program.
- ETS and St. Albert Transit both believe that significant operational costs will be associated with this project. In particular, there will be the need to purchase new buses and put them into operation. Both services are running at full capacity as it is, and see the new buses are being necessary to accommodate the anticipated increase in ridership.
- The impact of students living outside of the service area of the three transit companies having the ability to opt-out (along with students with disabilities and students on a co-op work term) has not been evaluated.

Both ETS and St. Albert Transit indicated their willingness to cooperate with us in submitting funding requests for third party grants and support – which, barring a major shift in the priorities of City Council and the Transit services – will be necessary to make this project work. This is the next step once our project charter has been developed.

## **Federal Lobbying – CASA**

I will be recommending that we rejoin the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). Issue will be discussed at EAB. Hoping representatives of the organization can attend June 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to speak with Councilors about the organization. In the meantime, please ask me if you have any questions, or visit CASA's website for more information: <http://www.casa.ca/select.asp>

## **Provincial Lobbying – CAUS**

Executive Director Duncan Wojtaszek and I will be meeting shortly with our ACTISEC counterparts (Provincial Director Brett Bergie and Chair Paul Zits) to discuss cooperation between our respective organizations for the coming year.

Our Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Calgary following our Alberta Learning Orientation Session, and meeting with Minister Oberg that day.

## **Federal Election – Think of It as Good Pain**

Our posters are up, and everything for the forum is ready to go as well. We will be holding a press conference on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to officially launch the campaign, and to talk about post-secondary issues in the election as well.

We also have an Edmonton-Strathcona candidates' forum occurring on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm on SUB Stage. We have 5 of the 6 candidates confirmed (Conservative, Liberal, NDP,



Green, Marxist-Leninist); we've contacted the Marijuana Party candidate but have not heard back from him as of yet.

I also attended the Edmonton-Strathcona forum broadcast live on Rex Murphy's 'Cross Country Checkup' on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Submitted question regarding the parties' post-secondary platforms, but it didn't make it on the air. It was a better afternoon for those involved in the 2003 SU Election, as both the Chief Returning Officer and victorious Vice President External candidate got their questions on the air.

## **External Affairs Board**

Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing federal lobbying, the Universal Bus Pass, and the upcoming Municipal Election among other issues.

## **Meetings**

Susan Green, U of A Vice President (External Relations) – Discussed our respective plans for the year. Issues included Alberta Bound/SU Rural Tour, and federal, municipal, and provincial elections.

Eugene Brody Committee – Scheduled, but fell short of quorum by 1.

Advocacy Department – Meetings to finalize the federal election campaign, also brainstorming for the tuition campaign.

## **Catch-22**

Turned 22 on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Celebrated by working all day, then watching the Tampa Bay Lightning win the Stanley Cup.

## **Upcoming**

- Meeting with Councilors Phair and Batty (June 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Installation of Chancellor Eric Newell (June 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Press Conference for Federal Election Campaign (June 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Meeting between CAUS and ACTISEC Chairs and Directors (tentatively June 17<sup>th</sup>)
- **PLUG** Edmonton-Strathcona Candidates' forum. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm at SUB Stage **PLUG**
- CAUS AGM in Calgary (June 25<sup>th</sup>)

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**June 15, 2004**  
**Alvin Law – Vice President (Operations & Finance)**

Members of Council

Lets step into the magical world of Ops Fi!

**Exec Pictures:** The exec and I had our first photo shoot of our year in office on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was quite the process as we had an elaborate setup of flashes and white boards that our wonderful BOG rep held up at times.

**Access Fund Selection Committee:** I spent a good few hours down in SFAIC with the AD Access Fund, Director of SFAIC and an FAA making choices on bursaries for applicants.

**FACRA:** Had another FACRA meeting where we went through reports, a changing of the auditors, a survey, and annual general meeting discussion. The NCRC conference is well on its way and would be a great event for all who are interested in radio.

**APIRG:** Had another APIRG meeting where we discussed working groups granting, budgets, and strategic planning.

**CUPE Negotiations:** They're still going on.

**Revolutionary Speaker Series:** Spent some time discussing upcoming speakers and where we would like to see the series head towards in the upcoming year. We've formulated a list of desired big name speakers who we are looking into the possibility of getting.

**Bar Revitalization Task Force:** Have had quite a few meetings to discuss and plot out our actions in order to redevelop our campus bars. Our project coordinator Tony Johanson, is doing a wonderful job of keeping everything together. We are looking at going through a selection process to find an appropriate DJ, so if any of you have people who would be interested in applying, please send them to see me. Also I will be sending out a survey soon so keep your eyes open for that and please do respond, we want to hear peoples' opinions and factor them into our plans.

**Budget:** Been spending a lot of time going through budgets and meeting with various departments to discuss their finances. Countless hours have been spent so far in front of Excel working on numbers, which I will keep you posted about in the near future. I would like to thank the members of the Budget Committee for staying for our 4 hour long meetings which are happening 2-3 times a week.

## CONFERENCE REPORT Vice President Operations & Finance 2004-2005

CCSA 2004 Winnipeg, Manitoba  
May 26, 2004 – May 31, 2004

### Overview

This conference, being at the beginning of my year in office, has provided me with a plethora of knowledge and contacts with counterparts across the country; which I hope to draw upon throughout this year. In addition to the expected sessions on finances, I also found many sessions with engaging discussions. These discussion periods provided a great medium to exchange ideas on issues and to share knowledge. I obtained a great gauge on where each student association stands in terms of size and operational complexity which gives me a great perspective on where to direct questions in the future. The personal contacts made during the conference will undoubtedly be very valuable throughout the year as I will now be able to communicate and connect on a more personal level with many of my counterparts, rather than only knowing them as a name on a piece of paper.

This trip also provided me with an opportunity to attend the annual general meeting of Campus Advantage, of which we are shareholders. Attendance at this meeting allowed the opportunity for me to run as a student director on the Board of Governors of this business. I am glad to announce that I was elected as one of the four student representatives on the board, which will undoubtedly provide the UASU with a great opportunity to ensure that our viewpoints are represented.

Although there were immature individuals who based their reactions on school and political affiliations, overall, the conference was valuable. Not only in making friends across the country, but also in obtaining new ideas, experiences, and building reputations.

The following are diaries of each day that I was away:

#### Day 1:

Arriving at Edmonton Intl. Airport at 8:40am, I was surprised to find very short lines and almost no travelers at all. I was quite impressed as I passed through check-in and security in less than 10 minutes! Within the terminal, I met up with the other execs who had been waiting and were wandering around. At approximately 9:40am, we boarded our flight, WestJet 41 to Winnipeg with a stopover at Saskatoon. The flight, piloted by Captain Jim, was rather uneventful and after about 40 minutes, we were in the good ol Saskatoon airport. After a 30min stopover, we proceeded to Winnipeg with a captain who was apt to entertain Duncan. The 1:02 hour flight experienced had some bumpy moments but was otherwise much like the first.

After arriving at the hotel, Alex and myself waited over an hour for a room because the hotel didn't have any available. When a room finally freed up, it was about 5:00pm and

we rushed off to register for the conference and find somewhere to eat. After dinner, we went back to the conference hotel and proceeded to the meet and greet session. This evening was a very useful time for us to meet other delegates and talk freely about our schools and plans for the year. This was one of the most useful times since it allowed us to network and get a feel for where our school stands within this nation. We met delegates from major schools such as Waterloo, Toronto and Western, to much smaller schools such as Kwantlen University College in BC. A lot of superficial knowledge was gathered at this time as I had quick talks with numerous people regarding financial issues and how they operated. Deploying my tentacles allowed me to quickly maximize my time and find delegates who I could gain the most from and contribute the most to. I met several individuals from well respected organizations such as Freddy from Brock, Umair from McMaster, and Raveel from Waterloo. From these people I received valuable ideas such as the idea of having removable stand-up bars for the Powerplant rather than permanent fixtures. We spent hours upon hours mingling and engaged in discussion before heading back to the hotel for the night.

Day 2:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day brought about several sessions relating to finances. My first session was “Financial Statements”, presented by Karen Jackson, the comptroller for University of Western Ontario. This session provided useful examples for examining the finances of Student Association businesses. We analyzed the statements of “Spoke” and “Pitstop”, two businesses run by the University of Western Ontario’s Students’ Association. We reviewed the structure of financial statements and examined what factors affected the performance of the two businesses. Karen emphasized the essence of understanding your operations before making decisions by showing the profound effect that timing could have on profit and loss statements for each month. We reviewed the use of variance reports and were taught ways to understand and possibly explain differences before we react too prematurely. This session gave me a lot of information on analysis of financial statements which will hopefully make me more effective at catching problems before they become too damaging.

The second Moneycon session I attended this day was “Tendering, Buying, Purchasing, and Internal Procedure” presented by Ron Gourlay, the General Manager for Brock University. This session concentrated mainly on the tendering process, something that is well encrusted into student organizations. The tendering process was detailed and procedures were suggested that would streamline work and allow for a smooth process. Ron outlined the content that is needed in a proposal and the format of an RFP. The most useful thing I received from the session was the connection I developed with Ron after the session. Ron works at Brock, home of the Campus Advantage office. This relationship is a very important one since we are one of the founding schools of CA, and our General Manager has been chair of this organization for the past 3 years.

Day 3:

The first session we had this day was “Student Centre Renovations and Design” presented by Brandon Larry, the President of Brock University Students’ Union. Brandon outlined their experience with their renovations as well as the important aspects in the

timeline of the project. This session provided a look at both a good and bad experience and the usefulness of using a Construction Management Group vs. General Contracting. The information I received from this presentation will hopefully allow me to deal with contractors and architects if they are needed for redeveloping the Powerplant.

“Relationship Building Strategies” was a very interesting session that provided me with an interesting look at human behavior. The presentation entered a heated debate as the presenter was questioned on the purpose of bringing up stereotypical differences between the genders. It was interesting to note how several vocal strongly voiced people quickly hijacked the discussion and put up a shield. They were very protective of their viewpoints and were very unwilling to even begin to understand what the other person was saying. Although a considerable time was wasted with the arguments, the session reconfirmed the need to manage myself and take the time to think and observe rather than speak from emotions unnecessarily.

The next session I attended was a very well presented and organized presentation. It covered stress and time management skills. From this session, the importance of proper scheduling was reinforced. We were introduced to methods of prioritizing and refocusing our tasks daily so that we are not bogged down by small unimportant menial tasks such as answering email. Our attention was focused on the fact that often, 20% of our time is spent on tasks that produce 80% of the value, whereas also often 80% of our time is spent on tasks that only produce 20% of the value. Thus, don't worry about a lot of the urgent but unimportant tasks.

The last session of the day was spent as a discussion, facilitated by Darryl Smith & Todd Buchanan. This session was one of the more useful as it provided us with a chance to gauge where other student associations stand, what challenges they face, and what businesses they run. It was a chance for the UASU to share its knowledge and gain knowledge from other institutions. This session was very useful in supplementing the meet and greet session, as it promoted discussion on what other institutions were embarking on and who to contact for information regarding certain issues.

Day 4:

This day started out with a session on “The Art of Negotiating,” presented by Rob Nagai. Rob outlined the several types of contracts and what to avoid on them. The presentation focused on how to prepare for negotiations and how to facilitate them. Some ideas presented for talks include having a set outline for the negotiating table stating what you want, what is negotiable, and what will break negotiations so that both parties know where the lines are drawn. The presentation also touched on some legal issues such as the fact that if your bylaws are attached to an RFP, the business that wins the contract can be found guilty if they violate your bylaws at a later date.

The next session was a round table on how to deal with senior managers, facilitated by Amanda Aziz, the president of the University of Manitoba Students' Union. A rather useful time quickly turned into a period of General Manager bashing mainly led by a specific individual. This individual spent a good portion of the session letting the other

members know that their exec was not happy with their GM and had relieved that person of their duties. As such, they were looking for solutions on where to draw the line on GM involvement. It was interesting to note that for the entire session, only 3 or 4 people engaged in the discussion while the other executives were looking at each other thinking is this useful to us? In the end, I found this session to be a blatant waste of time as I am sure many other patrons of the session will agree. Talking later with some of the people afterwards, there was a general consensus that we could not even perceive why this school had allowed a situation to escalate to the point where they were without a General Manager.

Day 5:

After getting up nice and early I headed out for the Campus Advantage Annual General Meeting. This was my first chance to sit with all those involved with CA. Some important decisions were made at this meeting; including the business plan for the next year, as well as positions on the Campus Advantage Board of Directors. I am proud to announce that Acadia, Alberta, Brock, and Western all have students that sit as directors on the board. I look forward to a productive year of growth for this organization as we compile this new group of people chaired by Ron Gourley of Brock University. As the meeting was nearing it's end, I quickly left to catch a cab and rush to the airport for our flight home.

# Prisoner of Azkabogg

**BOG Rep Report to Council – June 15, 2004**

For anyone who might be interested, this was my submission for the Presidential Search Committee. - Roman

## SUBMISSION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

### INTRODUCTION

The search for a new U of A President takes place during a period of tremendous change. We will have a new President, Chancellor and (relatively new) Provost, along with large turnover on the Board of Governors. There are elections and ideological debates at all levels of government, the centennial of our province and our city, and the greatest period of growth in the history of this campus. As much as this is a process to fill a specific role within the University administration, this is really a broader consideration of the direction of the institution itself. Dr. Fraser has helped craft one of the top Universities in this country, and we need to carefully consider how to build on that growth. Please note that this document is a general perspective on priorities, and is in no way a comment on Dr. Fraser or any other individuals in the University community.

### FISCAL PRUDENCE

We spend a lot of time focusing on the government funding decreases that have led to a decade of problems with deferred maintenance, a tight operating budget, and rising tuition rates. While this is certainly true, it does not absolve the University from proper fiscal management. The University simply cannot act the same way in a fiscally prudent political environment as it might want to were its coffers overflowing. Families, governments, students and corporations all have to adjust to their financial situations, and the University is no different. If we have a \$26M revenue gap, we have to consider if our growth, although desirable and reflective of our population, is sustainable in our political climate. What that means is not overextending ourselves by pursuing projects that are not fiscally sustainable in the long run, that are merely flavours-of-the-month, or that do not fit within the strategic plans of our faculties. Under Dr. Fraser, we have achieved excellence in many areas on this campus. We can afford to be selective in what we choose to pursue, and we can't afford not to be.

## UNIVERSITY VISION

The University of Alberta has been pursuing a vision of being indisputably recognized internationally in teaching and research. We have built vital connections with institutions across the globe, and now need to reflect. Quality begins at home, and recognition ultimately flows from the development of an institution's strengths. The law school at U of T isn't a prized destination merely through marketing, it's because prospective students recognize the quality of the school. Great institutions foster the quality of the research and programs that makes them great. Our engineering and medical sectors attract attention because we sell our strength, not because we seek recognition. Our president will have to work closely with the Provost and Board of Governors to consider how the University has grown, will have to promote the areas of strength we have established, and will need to carefully develop new areas.

The most important aspect of internationalism is in the concept of "leaders of tomorrow": giving Albertans the opportunity to access strong undergraduate and graduate programs that will allow them to succeed internationally. While the President's role in selling our University remains vital, we can't overlook that it is ultimately equally important to focus on developing the strength and quality of that which we wish to sell.

## INTERNAL PRESENCE

The University President needs to be a representative for the University not only to the public, the media and the international community, but also to the stakeholders on campus. It's important for all busy members of the University administration, from the President to Chairs of departments, to always remember that the University is a community, and not merely a list of budget items, or an intangible concept to be marketed. I've seen examples of this effort, from Dr. Fraser walking around the Clubs Fair during Week of Welcome, to Dean David Percy serving pancakes at a Law Students' Association function, to the administration's participation in the Wellness Week Ultimate Frisbee game. The University needs a president who, at the least, recognizes the importance of maintaining a visible presence on campus. Some would say that the Provost has inherited more of an internal focus, that community responsibilities fall to the Chancellor, and that the President represents to the public at large. As CEO of the University, the President needs to maintain visibility, be it attending preeminent events put on by our stakeholder groups or even, as some have suggested, dropping in on a class. Even to the extent that the President is busy and has other duties, this is a mentality that recognizes the importance of the community aspect of our school – everything from fraternity life to enjoyment of green space - and it will reap benefits in the establishment of a satisfied alumni base.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF EDMONTON

We've seen the results of fostering positive relationships with Capital Health, international Universities, and the business community. The University cannot overlook the importance of maintaining our relationship with the City of Edmonton, and shouldn't overlook potential relationships with groups such as the arts community. Community relationships have been greatly fostered under Chancellors Lois Hole and John Ferguson.



The University needs a President who recognizes that the U of A is not an island, that a positive relationship with the city can be mutually beneficial, and who can work closely with the Chancellor in this regard.

## PROVINCIAL LOBBYING

The University persistently finds itself in an unenviable position. We need to promote our strengths and growth to attract bright students and faculty, and to show ourselves as being a wise investment for the government and potential donors. At the same time, hiding the existence of crucial fiscal challenges from those who need to hear it ultimately hurts us. There is a certain truth to the maxim “the squeaky wheel gets the grease”. From my perspective as a visitor, Toronto’s campaign for public transportation funding was an example of a confident and vocal approach that demonstrated a need, and explained the benefits to the relevant parties who would commit to addressing that need. The University needs a President who can build positive relationships with those in business, academia, and all levels of government. However, he or she must also recognize the need to sometimes be vocal in raising the concerns of this University and the important place it occupies in the growth and prominence of Alberta. The public needs to be engaged if PSE is to grow as a provincial priority. This is something that Dr. Fraser committed to with his rural tours, and the Board of Governors will be seeing a Rural Engagement Strategy in the fall. The President should be committed to continuing with such efforts, and should be open to additional strategies: working with the Students’ Union in this regard, and utilizing both the media and members of the Senate to reach out to greater numbers than he or she can possibly do alone.

All of the political parties have jumped on the “innovation” buzz word in their platforms, yet fail to recognize that the innovators will largely be graduates from our colleges, technical schools and Universities. PSE can be sold to the government in the context of showing initiatives that benefit constituents and, in my somewhat cynical view, pushing for the strongest post-secondary system in the country in a debt-free Alberta to make ourselves that much better than Ontario. In general, the President must be willing to speak up for both the strengths and valid concerns of our institution. At a broader level, we need to solve the greatest problem: figuring out how to get an Albertan with no intention of ever attending this institution to care about its funding problems.

## CULTURE OF CONSULTATION

The University prides itself on the (generally) positive relationship between its constituent groups, on its transparent budgeting process, and its governance structure. Given that the budget is largely driven from two directions, that is top-down by the University’s strategic plan and bottom-up through faculty-driven priorities, the University under the stewardship of the President and Provost needs to be committed to a culture of consultation at all levels. This means recognizing the importance of consultation at the faculty level with student faculty associations, and constructive student involvement in such bodies as the Executive Planning Committee. This should not be something for the administration to fear. Consultation ultimately benefits the University by accounting for the concerns of all affected groups, which in turn leads to better decisions and continued positive relationships. A strong focus on transparency, consultation, and proper internal

control mechanisms will also ultimately benefit our attempts to secure greater funding from the province. Such administrative concerns should not be merely left to the Provost since they often reflect both a desire for, and reaction to, specific University initiatives in which the President plays a role.

## QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION

The President must be committed to the quality of education at the undergraduate level. To put a different spin on the standard “teaching vs. research” debate, it’s important to remember how a focus on teaching can benefit research, and how this relates to the issue of innovation mentioned earlier: strength in research and innovation is ultimately rooted in a quality undergraduate experience that cultivates within students an interest for further academic pursuits. Developing performance indicators for our quality of teaching Key Strategic Initiative is an important step in this regard.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

A colleague of mine has put forward some perspectives that are worth mentioning. These involve the teaching-research debate, interdisciplinary studies, and fundraising strategies. The issue of teaching and research tends to get polarized into two camps: those who see the two as complementary, and those who see the two as conflicting. The issue is more subtle and often depends on the nature of the subject matter and course in question: sometimes it’s more important to have a qualified researcher who understands a new and dynamic field, while other subject matters are more rudimentary and simply require a strong lecturer. The work currently being done in the VP Research portfolio will hopefully positively impact the relationship between these two pillars of our University. Secondly, the University of Alberta has a strong unified character, in contrast to faculties at other Canadian universities who market themselves independently (e.g. Osgoode Hall). This culture has influenced the collaborative spirit of our interdisciplinary teaching and research initiatives. This is a major strength of the U of A that should be strategically cultivated. Interdisciplinary studies are also reflective of the growing complexity of the world, and of the diverse challenges our graduates will face. Lastly, on the issue of fundraising, the University should closely examine the fundraising strategies of successful faculties (e.g. Engineering) and schools (eg. University of Toronto) to determine the factors that contribute to their success. This is particularly important in the area of alumni donations.

## CONCLUSION

The President does not exist in a vacuum. Taking on the important issues of the University will require a collaborative effort between the Board, the President, the Chancellor, the Senate, the Administration, our governance bodies, and representatives of the various constituent groups on this campus. At the same time, the President’s vision and voice carries significant sway. The President, first and foremost, must be committed to the precepts of our University, to the quality and integrity of our teaching and research, and the autonomy of our institution. He or she should put forth a vision for campus growth, Campus Alberta, and strategies for sustainability in the constraints of our fiscal climate. The President has to recognize the importance of campus community: in

governance, in quality of campus life, and in the contributions of all our stakeholders. He or she should recognize the necessary balance between the pursuit of a vision for the institution and responsiveness to the needs of the Alberta public. Ultimately, we need a President who will understand the University's past, recognize where it stands today, and embody what we wish it to become.

Respectfully submitted,

**Roman Kotovych**

Board of Governors Undergraduate Representative, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005

## **Executive Committee Report to Students' Council June15, 2004**

- 1. The following motion were passed at the June 2, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting**
  - a. BLATZ/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support in principle the NODA Conference request.  
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
  - b. LAW/McLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support the President and VP External going on a rural tour June 3 and 4 to St. Paul, Bonneville and Cold Lake.  
VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/2 CARRIED
- 2. The following motions were passed at the June 7, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting**
  - a. BLATZ/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the Executive committee authorize the University of Alberta Students' Union to incur expenses for a campaign to encourage voter awareness of post-secondary education issues and to encourage young people to vote in the June 28, 2004 federal election.  
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- 3. The following motions were passed at the June 9, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting**
  - a. BLATZ/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve Cineplex Odeon's ticket sales proposal at Students' Union Information desks and instruct the Vice President Student Life to investigate the feasibility of such a program.  
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

## **Standing Orders of the University of Alberta Students' Council**

### **1. Order of Business**

The Order of Business for the Students' Council shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. University of Alberta Cheer Song - "Ring out a Cheer..."
3. Speaker's Business
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Presentations and Discussions
6. Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President Academic
  - c. Vice-President External
  - d. Vice-President Operations & Finance
  - e. Vice-President Student Life
  - f. Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
7. Question Period
8. Approval of Executive Committee Report
9. Approval of Students' Union Boards and Committees Reports
10. Old Business
11. Legislation
  - a. Constitutional
    - Second Reading
    - First Reading
  - b. By-laws
    - Second Reading
    - First Reading
    - Notice of Motion
  - c. Political Policies
  - d. Standing Orders
12. New Business
13. Announcements

#### **1.1 First Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

At the first meeting of the year two additional orders of business will be added under Speakers' Business:

- 3.1 Installation of new members
- 3.2 Inaugural addresses of the:
  - 3.2.1 President, Vice-Presidents, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

**1.2 Last Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

At the last meeting of the year four additional orders will be added under Speakers' Business:

- 3.1 Nominating Committee Report
- 3.2 Presentation and tabling of the election report by the President, as compiled by the CRO
- 3.2 President's Farewell Address

**2. Call to Order**

The Speaker shall call each meeting of Students' Council to order at 6:00 p.m. or the time set in the orders of the day.

**4. Singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song**

The Speaker shall select a member of Students' Council to lead in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

**5. Speaker's Business**

The Speaker shall at this time address all resignations, appointments, suspensions, expulsions, guests of council, and any other day-to-day regulatory concerns.

**6. Guests of Council**

Any person may become a Guest of Council by writing their name on the Guest of Council List provided by the Speaker at each meeting of Students' Council.

**7. Guest of Council Debate Privileges**

The Speaker will only recognize guests 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 Guest of Council their speaking privileges.

**8. Orders of the Day**

Orders of the day shall be submitted to the Speaker by 12:00 PM on the third business day prior to the day of a Students' Council meeting.

**9. Speaker to arrange the Orders of the Day**

The Speaker will set the sequence in which the Orders of the Day will be considered by Students' Council within the confines of the Orders of Business.

**10. Special Orders**

Standing Order 1 notwithstanding, the Speaker or Council may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

**11. Right of submission**

Any voting member of Students' Council may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by Students' Council.

**12. Late Additions**

Late additions to the orders of the day may at the Speaker's discretion be added at the meeting if the said items of business cannot be postponed to a further meeting of Students' Council for resolution without risking serious and detrimental consequences to the Students' Union.

**13. Publishing of the Orders of the Day**

The agenda package shall be published by no later than 4:30 p.m. on the second business day prior to the day of a Students' Council meeting.

**14. Minutes of Students' Council**

1. Where feasible an audio record of Students' Council will be recorded from which a record of votes and proceedings will be created.
2. Where not feasible minutes of the meetings will be taken.

**15. Approval of Minutes**

The audio recording and record of votes and proceedings are considered approved as transcribed.

**16. Members may Clarify Comments**

Whenever minutes have been taken personal comments of members recorded in the minutes may be amended in accordance with the member's wishes prior to a time limit set by the Speaker.

**17. Documents Distributed in Council Chambers**

Only official Students' Council documents may be distributed to members of Council within the Chamber. The dissemination in Council Chambers of material of any external organization is prohibited.

**18. Note Paper**

Council will be provided with recycled or reused paper for notes passed between members.

**19. Question Period**

Question Period shall be 15 minutes in duration.

**20. Extension of Question Period**

Question Period may be extended by up to fifteen minutes with the consent of five members of the Students' Council for the first extension. Further extensions require a two-thirds majority vote.

**21. Written Questions**

Written questions may be submitted for inclusion with the Orders of the Day.

**22. Priority of Written Questions**

Written questions may be responded to orally, or by tabling a written response.

**23. Executive Committee Reports**

The President will compile (or cause to be compiled) a brief report on the actions of the Executive Committee listing the issues discussed and the formal motions approved by the committee.

**24. Adoption of Executive Committee Reports**

Acceptance of the Executive Committee Report by Students' Council shall, in accordance with Article VII of the Students' Union Constitution, be considered the same as Students' Council adopting the report.

**25. Legislative Process**



- a. Both notice of motion and readings must be a minimum of one week apart with the exception of notice of motion and first reading which will be combined if a motion moved to this effect is carried by a 2/3 majority vote.
- b. Notice of Motion
  - i. The motion is placed on the order paper
  - ii. The motion is read in Council for information
  - iii. The motion is presented in the following format:
    1. The principles and/or objectives are listed;
    2. Specific wording of legislation is not permitted.
  - iv. Debate is limited to a single introduction by the mover of the motion
  - v. The motion is automatically approved for First Reading after appearing on the order paper for one meeting.
- c. First Reading
  - i. The motion is presented as it was in the notice of motion.
  - ii. Debate is limited to general principles and objectives.
  - iii. If approved the motion is referred to the Internal Review Board.
- d. Committee Stage
  - i. The committee identifies the relevant legislation that requires amendment and/or drafts new legislation on the basis of the principles passed in first reading.
  - ii. The committee will not recommend to council draft legislation that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading.
- e. Second Reading
  - i. Members debate and vote on the changes to legislation.
  - ii. Debate is confined to technical merits, and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in first reading and appropriately drafted the legislation.
  - iii. The motion will be presented in the following format:
    1. the bylaw(s) that will be changed by passage of the motion as it exists (if any);
    2. The bylaw(s) as it/they will read if passed or amended.
- f. In Force
  - i. Unless otherwise specified, the motion will take effect upon adjournment of the meeting at which it was approved.

## **26. Length of Introduction**

Members having obtained the floor to introduce a debatable motion can speak no longer than eight minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

**27. Length of Speeches**

Members having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending can speak no longer than six minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

**29. Speaker may Limit Debate**

The Speaker may limit debate at any time on any Order of the Day.

**30. Nominations**

A motion to have Students' Council perform a nomination will be considered approved and the floor immediately opened to nominations unless a member requests a vote on the motion to nominate.

**32. Moving the Previous Question**

A member of Students' Council may not move the previous question at the same time as he/she speaks to the motion.

**33. Speaker may disallow a Motion for the Previous Question**

The Speaker may disallow the moving of the previous question if, in the opinion of the Speaker, the issue has not been sufficiently debated.

**34. Electronic Voting**

When considering any main motion, or amendment to the main motion falling under legislation, old business, or new business, Council shall vote electronically.

**36. Roll Call Votes**

A roll call vote will be taken if requested by five voting members of Students' Council.

**37. Speaker may refuse a Division**

The Speaker may refuse a dilatory request for a division except on substantive items of business disposing of main motions.

**38. Speaker may Discipline**

The Speaker may discipline a member for breaches of decorum as the Speaker deems

reasonable including, but not limited to, revoking privileges and exclusions from a session of Students' Council.

### **39. Style of Executive Officer Reports**

Executive Officer reports shall be presented in written form and may be accompanied by a two minute oral report.

### **40. Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative Report**

The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative will report to Students' Council at a minimum following each Board of Governor meeting, which may be accompanied by a two minute oral report.

### **41. Announcements**

All members of Students' Council are entitled to make a brief announcement during the appropriate time in the Order of Business.

### **42. Attendance Roll Call**

The Speaker, shall conduct a roll call prior to adjournment or three (3) hours after the Call to Order, whichever is earlier in order to track the attendance of members. Any departure of a member of council before this roll call will constitute an absence, unless the Chair grants an exemption.

### **43. Recess and Reassembly**

Council will automatically take a fifteen minute recess at 10:00 PM, and will then reassemble at a location designated by the Speaker.

### **44. Recess**

Council will automatically take a fifteen minute recess immediately after the first Order of the Day or Item of Business disposed of ninety minutes after the Call to Order.

### **45. Rules of Order**

1. Except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders or Bylaws *Robert's Rules of Order* will be observed at all meetings of Council.
2. Where the Standing Orders, Bylaws, or *Robert's Rules* make no rule or procedure the Speaker may rule accordingly.

**46. Public Meetings**

Students' Council meetings will be open to any member of the Students' Union, however Council retains the right to move in-camera in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

**47. Meeting Schedule**

Council will set its meeting schedule at its first meeting each year.

**47.5 Frequency of Meetings**

Council will not normally hold less than one meeting per month, with regular meetings to be held every two weeks unless otherwise deemed advisable by Council, the Executive Committee or the Speaker of Students' Council.

**48. Additional and Moved Meetings**

The President or Executive may call Council together for additional meetings or change the date and time of existing meetings as it deems necessary.

**49. Council Orientation**

An Orientation for Student's Council members shall be held prior to June each year.

**50. Joke Motions**

At the Changeover meeting, the Speaker may designate a motion as a "joke" motion; if said motion is carried, it will have no effect.

## **Standing Orders of Students' Council**

### **Rules of Order**

#### **1. Robert's Rules of Order**

*Robert's Rules of Order* will be observed at all meetings of Council except where they are inconsistent with the bylaws or standing orders of Council.

#### **2. Speaker to decide where rules are silent**

Where the bylaws, standing orders, and *Robert's Rules of Order* fail to provide direction with respect to procedure, the Speaker will decide.

### **Structure of Sessions**

#### **3. Order of Business**

The Order of Business for the Students' Council will be as follows:

- a. Call to Order
- b. University of Alberta Cheer Song – “Ring out a Cheer...”
- c. Speaker's Business
- d. Approval of the Orders of the Day
- e. Presentations
- f. Reports
- g. Question Period
- h. Executive Committee Report
- i. Board and Committee Reports
- j. Old Business
- k. Legislation
  - i. Constitutional
    1. Second Reading
    2. First Reading
  - ii. Bylaws
    1. Second Reading
    2. First Reading
    3. Notice of Motion
- l. New Business
- m. Announcements

#### **4. First Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

At the first meeting of the year the following orders of the day will be added to Speakers' Business.

- a. Installation of new members
- b. Inaugural addresses of Executive Officers and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.

#### **5. Last Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

At the last meeting of the year the following orders of the day will be added to Speaker's Business:

- a. Presentation and tabling of the election report as compiled by the Chief Returning Officer
- b. President's Farewell Address

#### **6. Meeting Schedule**

Council will set its meeting schedule of dates and times at its first meeting each year.

**Standing Orders of Students' Council**

**7. Additional and Moved Meetings**

The Speaker, Executive Committee or Students' Council may call, or cancel meetings of Council.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**8. Singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song**

The Speaker will select a member of Students' Council to lead in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

**Speaker's Business**

**9. Speaker's Business**

The Speaker will at this time address all day to day regulatory concerns of Council including but not limited to:

- a. Resignations
- b. Suspensions
- c. Appeals
- d. Expulsions
- e. Appointments
- f. Guests of Council

**10. Guests of Council**

Any person may become a Guest of Council by writing his/her name on the Guest of Council List provided by the Speaker at each meeting of Students' Council.

**11. Guest of Council Debate Privileges**

The Speaker will only recognize guests if no member entitled to obtain the floor wishes to do so, except where a guest has information particularly pertinent to the debate, or where a councilor having obtained the floor extends to a Guest of Council her/his speaking privileges.

**12. Audio Record of Students' Council**

Where feasible, an audio record of Students' Council proceedings will be recorded.

**13. Approval of Audio Record**

The audio recording is considered approved as recorded.

**14. Minutes of Students' Council**

Where an audio record is not possible, minutes of Council proceedings will be recorded.

**15. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes are considered approved as transcribed.

**16. Members may Clarify Comments in Minutes**

**Standing Orders of Students' Council**

Whenever minutes are transcribed, a member's comments may be amended in accordance with the member's wishes prior to a time limit set by the Speaker.

**17. Record of Votes and Proceedings**

A record styled 'Votes and Proceedings' will be compiled from the audio record or minutes of Council consisting of:

- a. All motions moved, and
- b. Any event having legal consequences extending beyond the adjournment of that meeting.

**18. Approval of Votes and Proceedings**

The record of votes and proceedings is considered approved as transcribed.

**Orders of the Day****19. Deadline for Submission**

Orders of the Day must be submitted to the Speaker by noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day prior to a Council meeting.

**20. Late Additions**

Late additions to the Orders of the Day may, at Council's discretion, be added at the meeting if the items of business cannot be postponed to a further meeting of Council for resolution without risking serious and detrimental consequences to the Students' Union.

**21. Right of submission**

Any voting member of Council may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by Council.

**22. Speaker to Arrange**

The Speaker will set the initial sequence in which the Orders of the Day will be considered by Council within the confines of the Order of Business.

**23. Special Orders**

The Order of Business notwithstanding, the Speaker or Council may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

**24. Deadline for Publishing**

The agenda package will be published no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day prior to a Council meeting.

**25. Publishing Format**

The agenda package will be published in the following manner:

- a. Paper copies will be created and made available in the Students' Union Executive/Administrative Offices, and
- b. An electronic version will be placed on the Students' Union web page.

**Reports**

**Standing Orders of Students' Council**

**26. Style of Executive Officer Reports**

Executive Officer reports will be presented in written form and may be accompanied by a two-minute oral report.

**27. Style of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative's Report**

The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative will report to Council in written form at a minimum following each Board meeting, which may be accompanied by a two-minute oral report. Failure to provide a written report will not preclude an oral report.

**Question Period**

**28. Question Period**

Question period will be 15 minutes in duration.

**29. Extension of Question Period**

Question period will be extended once for 15 minutes upon the request of five voting members of Council. Further extensions require a two-thirds majority vote.

**30. Written Questions**

Written questions may be submitted for inclusion with the Orders of the Day.

**31. Priority of Written Questions**

Written questions may be responded to in writing or orally, and will have priority over questions posed orally.

**Executive Committee Report**

**32. Executive Committee Reports**

The President will compile a report on the actions of the Executive Committee listing, at minimum, formal motions approved by the committee.

**33. Adoption of Executive Committee Reports**

The Executive Committee Report is approved as tabled upon adjournment unless, during its consideration motions to the contrary are adopted.

**34. Limit on Amendments**

Amendments to the Executive Committee Report are not in order with the exception of amendments that remove one or more entire motions contained in the report.

**Legislative Process**

**35. Legislative Process for Bylaws**

- a. Time Between Consideration
  - i. Both notice of motion and readings must be a minimum of one week apart with the exception of notice of motion and first reading, which will be combined if a motion to this effect is carried by a 2/3 majority vote.



## Standing Orders of Students' Council

- b. Notice of Motion
  - i. The motion is placed on the order paper;
  - ii. The motion is read in Council for information;
  - iii. The motion is presented in the following format:
    - 1. The principles and/or objectives are listed; and
    - 2. Specific wording of legislation is not permitted; and
  - iv. Debate is limited to a single introduction by the mover of the motion; and
  - v. The motion is automatically approved for First Reading after appearing on the order paper for one meeting.
- c. First Reading
  - i. The motion is presented as it was in the notice of motion; and
  - ii. Debate is limited to general principles and objectives; and
  - iii. If approved the motion is referred to the Internal Review Board.
- d. Committee Stage
  - i. The committee identifies the relevant legislation that requires amendment and/or drafts new legislation on the basis of the principles passed in first reading.
  - ii. The committee will not recommend to Council draft legislation that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading.
- e. Second Reading
  - i. The motion will be presented in the following format:
    - 1. The entire by-law will be presented (may be waived by the Speaker); and
    - 2. Deletions to existing bylaw will be shown by using a strike through font; and
    - 3. Additions to the existing will be shown by using an underline font.
  - ii. Debate is confined to technical merits and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in first.
- f. In Force
  - i. Unless otherwise specified, the motion will take effect upon adjournment of the meeting at which it was approved.

### Nominations

#### 36. Nominations

A motion to nominate will be considered approved, and the floor open to nominations, unless a member requests a vote on the motion.

### Announcements

#### 37. Announcements

Each member of Council is entitled to make announcements during the appropriate time in the Order of Business.

### Modified Rules of Debate

#### 38. Length of Introduction

Members having obtained the floor to introduce a motion can speak no longer than eight minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

#### 39. Length of Speeches

**Standing Orders of Students' Council**

Members having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending can speak no longer than six minutes unless they obtain the consent of the assembly.

**40. Speaker may Limit Debate**

The Speaker may limit debate at any time on any Order of the Day.

**41. Moving the Previous Question**

A member of Council may not move the previous question at the same time as he/she speaks to the motion.

**42. Speaker may Disallow a Motion for the Previous Question**

The Speaker may disallow the moving of the previous question if, in the opinion of the Speaker, the motion has not been sufficiently debated.

**Voting****43. Electronic Voting**

When considering any main motion or amendment to a main motion falling under legislation, old business or new business, Council shall vote electronically when requested by a member and when feasible.

**44. Division**

A roll call vote will be taken if requested by five voting members of Council.

**45. Speaker may Refuse a Division**

The Speaker may refuse a dilatory request for a division except on items of business disposing of main motions.

**Recess/Reassembly****46. Recess**

Council will recess for 15 minutes immediately after the first order of the day disposed of at least 90 minutes after the call to order.

**47. Recess and Reassembly**

Council will recess for 15 minutes at 10 p.m. and reconvene at a location designated by the Speaker.

**Attendance Requirements****48. Attendance Roll Call**

The Speaker will conduct a roll call immediately prior to adjournment or 3 hours after the call to order, whichever is earlier, to record the attendance of members.

**49. Early Departure**

**Standing Orders of Students' Council**

Departure from Council prior to the attendance roll call will constitute an absence unless the Speaker grants an exception.

**Discipline**

**50. Speaker May Discipline**

The Speaker may discipline a member of Council for breaches of Standing Orders.

**Miscellaneous**

**51. Public Meetings**

Meetings of Council are open to the public, unless Council moves *in camera*.

**52. Only Official Documents Allowed**

Only official Council documents may be distributed to members of Council within the Chamber.

**53. Note Paper**

Council will be provided with paper for notes passed between members.

**54. Council Orientation**

An orientation for Council members will be held in May of each year.

**55. Joke Motions**

At the last meeting of the year the Speaker may declare any motion to be a "joke motion," such a motion having no effect if carried.

Background for Third party election status.

Here is some information regarding why the SU needs to register as a third party with Elections Canada, and a proposal for the resolution that council needs to pass, to be discussed in Exec.

According to Elections Canada, the phrase on our posters urging people to "vote for post-secondary education" means that we are participating in "election advertising". I have spoken with Elections Canada directly on this matter and they've told me that even though all parties are presumably in favor of accessible post-secondary education, we are attempting to influence the way people vote and that's what qualifies us as a third party.

All it means is that we need to register as a third party with Elections Canada. The registration form requires us to include an official copy of the resolution passed by our governing body authorizing us to incur election advertising expenses. There is no additional cost to registering. After the election, we will need to file a report of all of our expenses with Elections Canada.

I would therefore ask that the following resolution be put to Council

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## Votes and Proceedings

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

### A G E N D A (SC 2004-03)

2004-03/1

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Speaker at 6:00 p.m.

2004-03/4

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

TAYLOR(VPSL)/KIRKHAM MOVED TO approve the agenda.

KNISELY MOVED TO amend the agenda by adding item 12e to the Late Additions.

MOTION BY KNISELY, RESOLVED THAT Students' Council nominate two councilors to sit on the Internal Review Board (IRB).

Amendment: CARRIED

KOTOVYCH/BAZIN MOVED TO strike item 10c from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

BAZIN/LAW MOVED THAT the Late Additions be added to the agenda package.

Amendment: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2004-03/9

#### APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

2004-03/9a

MOTION BY TAYLOR(VPSL)/KIRKHAM, ORDERED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress and order the same to undertake the following and report back to Students' Council on the follow items of business no later than the end of August.

1. A housekeeping refinement of Standing Orders.
2. Replacement of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress with a Standing Committee styled a "House Committee"
3. Review and redesign where necessary of the existing system of Students' Council committees.

4. Replenishment of Students' Council.

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2004-03/8

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINUTES)**

**BLATZ/KNISELY MOVED TO** strike item 1c from the Executive Committee Report.

**FRIENDLY**

Speaker declares the Executive Committee Report approved.

2004-03/10

**OLD BUSINESS**

2004-03/10a

**MOTION BY BLATZ/KOTOVYCH, ORDERED THAT**, the goals of Students' Council be referred to the various committees of Students' Council as outlined and:

- a) that the committees/officer report back no later than June 15 with respect to the goals they consider desirable to implement in the 2004-2005 academic year; and,
- b) that the committees/officer reports back by August 24 with an interim report; and,
- c) that the committees/officer report back by December 7 with final recommendations and implementation strategies.

**Main Motion: DEFEATED**

2004-03/10b

**MOTION BY TAYLOR, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council direct the Student Life Board to investigate the implications, feasibility and desirability of the implementation of an Undergraduate Student Health Care Plan. The committee is to present an interim report no later than September 18 and a final report no later than December 7.

**Main Motion: CARRIED – unanimous**

2004-03/11

**LEGISLATION**

2004-03/11a

**Bill #3 IRB Amendment Motion (sponsor; BLATZ)**

Part 1 (second reading)

1. that two councilors be added to the composition of IRB.
2. that all Students-at-large be removed from the Internal Review Board.

**BAZIN/KIRKHAM MOVED THAT** Bill #3 be read for a second time.

**NICOL/SMITH MOVED TO** retain items 4f, 4h, and 6b.

**DEBENHAM/KIRKHAM MOVED** the previous question.

**CARRIED**

**Amendment: DEFEATED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED - unanimous**

**SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT** items 12b – 12e be made special orders.

**CARRIED**

**2004-03/12b** **MOTION BY LAW/TAYLOR, RESOLVED THAT** Eric Loo and Suzanne Cunningham be appointed as Student at Large members and Katherine King be appointed as the Community at Large member on the Access Fund Board for the 2004-2005 academic year.

**Main Motion: CARRIED - unanimous**

**2004-03/12c** **MOTION BY BARON, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council nominate one Councilor to serve on the APIRG Board of Directors.

**Nominations for the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Board of Directors (APIRG):**

LAW nominates LAU: LAU accepts.

TAYLOR(VPSL) nominates DEBENHAM: DEBENHAM declines.

BAZIN nominates KIRKHAM: KIRKHAM declines.

TAYLOR(VPSL) nominates KNISELY: KNISELY declines.

KOWANAMI nominates SMITH: SMITH declines.

TAYLOR(VPSL) nominates KOTOVYCH: KOTOVYCH declines.

**Members Acclaimed:**

Councilor Lau

**2004-03/12d** **MOTION BY BLATZ/ABBOUD, ORDERED** that Students' Council appoint one member of Students' Council to sit on the Vargo Chair Selections Committee that will be meeting on Thursday June 17 from 2:00-3:30 in 2-11 U Hall.

**Nominations for the Vargo Chair Selections Committee:**

BAZIN nominates KIRKHAM: KIRKHAM declines.

TAYLOR nominates YUSUF: YUSUF accepts.

KIRKHAM nominates BAZIN: BAZIN declines.

ABBOUD nominates THOMPSON: KOWANAMI accepts – withdrawn.

PANDYA nominates SMITH: SMITH declines.

**Members Acclaimed:**

Councilor Yusuf

**2004-03/12e** **MOTION BY KNISELY, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council nominate two councilors to sit on the Internal Review Board (IRB).

**KNISELY MOVED TO** amend the motion to add the words "should two additional seats become available".

**FRIENDLY**

**Nominations for the Internal Review Board (IRB):**

BAZIN nominates LEWIS: LEWIS declines.  
 SMITH nominates NICOL: NICOL declines.  
 ABBOUD nominates KIRKHAM: KIRKHAM declines.  
 BAZIN nominates KEHOE: KEHOE declines.  
 WICENTOWICH nominates KNISELY: KNISELY accepts.  
 TAYLOR(VPSL) nominates SKOPAC: SKOPAC declines:  
 YUSUF nominates MONTASSER: MONTASSER declines.  
 KEHOE nominates PANDYA: PANDYA accepts – withdrawn.  
 KOTOVYCH nominates LETTNER: LETTNER accepts.  
 TAYLOR(VPSL) nominates BARON: BARON declines.  
 LEWIS nominates LAU: LAU declines.

**Members Acclaimed:**

Councilor Lettner  
 Councilor Knisely

2004-03/11b

**Bill #4 Attendance Enforcement Amendment Motion (sponsor; PANDYA)**

Part 1 (first reading)

1. The existing sanctions respecting councilors in violation of attendance provisions are rescinded.
2. When a councilor is in violation of attendance provisions, Council will in a campus wide publication, advertise both:
  - a) the violation; and
  - b) the procedure by which a constituent may remove the Councilor.
3. The offending Councilor will be removed from Students' Council following the submission of a petition to Council demanding the resignation of the said Councilor.
4. The petition to remove a Councilor must carry a minimum of 50 of the Councilor's constituents' signatures.

**PANDYA/DEBENHAM MOVED THAT** Bill #4 be read for a first time.

**SMITH/KNISELY MOVED TO** strike items 2, 3, and 4 from item 11b.

**LEWIS/LARTER MOVED** the previous question.

**DEFEATED**

**KIRKHAM/LARTER MOVED TO** limit debate on the entire bill to an additional 20 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Speaker ended debate on the amendment and called the question on the amendment.

**Amendment: CARRIED (19/12/00)**

**Main Motion: CARRIED (18/13/00)**

Noted Opposed: ABBOUD, PANDYA, KOWANAMI, BAZIN, YUSUF, LAU, BLATZ, LAW, KOTOVYCH.

2004-03/12

**NEW BUSINESS**



2004-03/12a

**MOTION BY BLATZ/McLAUGHLIN, RESOLVED THAT** the Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$14030.00 from the Special Project Reserve for the Open-Air Concert in quad.

**BAZIN/KNISELY MOVED TO adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE (SC 2004-03)**

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Jordan Blatz	√
VP Academic	Lisa McLaughlin	√
VP External	Alex Abboud	√
VP Finance	Alvin Law	√
VP Student Life	Duncan Taylor	√
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	√
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Leah Bennett	X
Arts	Catrin Bergoff	√
Arts	Gabrielle Donnelly	PROXY
Arts	Aaron Johnson	√
Arts	Adam Knisely	√
Arts	Tamara Larter	√
Arts	Chris Laver	X
Arts	Cameron Lewis	√
Arts	Anand Sharma	PROXY
Business	Chelsea Baron	√
Business	Steve Smith	√
Business	Nandini Somayaji	√
Education	Sean Clovechok	√

Education	Trevor Panas	X
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√
Engineering	Graham Lettner	√
Engineering	Jamaal Montasser	√
Engineering	Gary Wicentowich	√
Law	Tara Thompson	√
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Brock Debenham	√
Native Studies (School of)	Matthew Wildcat	X
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	√
Science	Justin Kehoe	√
Science	Stephen Kirkham	√
Science	Darren Lau	√
Science	Scott Nicol	√
Science	Shawna Pandya	√
Science	Chris Samuel	√
Science	Kelli Taylor	√
Science	Omer Yusuf	√
General Manager	Bill Smith	X
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√