**University of Alberta Students’ Union**

**STUDENTS’ COUNCIL**

**LATE ADDITIONS**

Tuesday September 28, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

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KOTOVYCH – Question for any members of the Executive: the relationship between the Students’ Union and students at Faculté St. Jean tends to come up every year during election time. These issues range from Exec/SU presence on the Fac campus, to transportation issues, to cross-promotion of social events between the Fac and main campus. To the extent that it might be relevant to your portfolio or the Exec/SU as a whole, have any Fac-specific issues been looked at in the last little while, and are there any goals in mind for the remainder of the year?"

LAW - While my portfolio is fairly internal based, I have had limited contact with Scott Scambler, the Vice-president finance for the Association des universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean to discuss the disbursement of FSJ fees. Other than that, I have not personally looked at any FSJ related issues directly in the last little while. However, I do plan to make several trips to the Fac later in the year to have a visible presence and meet the Association des universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean executives.

TAYLOR (VPSL) - I talked with Reps from FSJ fairly early in my term about the possibility of holding a WoW event at Fac, or at least expand WoW out to Fac in some way SHAPE/FORM. Unfortunately, I didn't receive notice regarding what they had in mind wrt an event (BBQ and Bands) until too late to make it feasible, so the sum of "Fac Involvement at WoW" was through our "Fac rep" on WPC (and new FAC councilor) Sarah Colpitts and sending busses out to Fac to provide transport to and from events. I will be now working on trying to make an AntiFreeze event out there. We'll see how that goes.

SMITH - While I am sure that there is an exceptionally good reason that the Students’ Union chose to take out a full back page ad (retail price: $1250) for the purpose of advertising the fact that RATT has cheap wings "Every Oiler’s [sic] Game" on exactly the same day that the long-anticipated NHL lockout was announced, I am, I am ashamed to admit, at a loss to predict what this reason might be. Would some member of the Executive Committee care to enlighten me?

TAYLOR (VPSL) - In short - bad luck and bad timing. We booked adds quite a while ago and had done up an add plan as well. Unfortunately, timing worked against us as we wanted to use the Oilers to help cement RATT as the 'sports bar' early in the year (not just Bears and Pandas, but all sports). The adds still work in trying to hit people over the head with the whole 'Sports Bar' image and the 'Oilers night' thing still applies to whatever season will be had or future seasons.

KEHOE - Mr. Kotovych. I notice that you are making libelous statements about Mr. Wicentowich, specifically about the mistreatment of women. Is this an attempt to sabotage a potential opponent to your Presidential campaign?
KOTOVYCH - Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Hirji for his question (as submitted through Councilor Kehoe) regarding my last report to Council. My reference to Council Wicentowich as a "stone-cold pimp" was clearly made in a tone of admiration and jest. It surprises me that Mr. Hirji, himself something of a jocular ladies' man, would miss this. As for the reference to presidential campaigns, defamation is quite unnecessary for electoral success: the tried-and-true techniques of poster-ripping, vote-buying, and all-out lying, tend to suffice.

2004-12/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
2004-12/9a Committee for Council Reform and Progress on Committee System Reform Report

Please see document LA 04-12.07

2004-12/11 LEGISLATION
2004-12/11e Bill #17 - Student Groups Committee Loan Granting Privileges (SPONSOR; DEBENHAM):
Principles (notice of motion/first reading)
1. The Student Groups Committee shall have the power to issue loans to student groups under $1500 from the Student Groups granting fund.

2004-12/12 NEW BUSINESS
2004-12/12c MOTION BY DEBENHAM, RESOLVED THAT Students' Council elect one Councillor to the Student Groups Committee.

2004-12/12d MOTION BY MCLAUGHLIN, RESOLVED THAT Students' Council approve an expenditure not to exceed $1200 from department 519 (Academic Affairs) for the Vice-President (Academic) to attend the Canadian Academic Round Table (CART) II conference in Ottawa, Ontario from October 29-31, 2004.

2004-12/12e MOTION BY LAW/TAYLOR, RESOLVED THAT Students' Council approve a $21 000 loan to the Forest Society for the purpose of selling Christmas trees, as stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed October 2002.

2004-12/14 INFORMATION ITEMS

Please see document LA 04-12.08
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| From:    | Dane Bullerwell  
 |          | Chief Returning Officer, Students’ Union |
| Subject: | Students’ Council By-Election Winners |
| Date:    | Monday, September 27, 2004 |

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Students’ Union Councillor By-Election held on September 23 and 24, 2004. The following students were elected to serve on Students’ Council as Councillors for their respective faculties:

- Chelsy Shillington (Agriculture, Forestry, & Home Economics)
- John Chandler (Arts)
- Lillian Patz (Education)
- Sarah Colpitts (Faculté St. Jean)
- Keith Vandersluis (Science)

More information about the election, including voting breakdowns, is available on the by-election website: http://www.su.ualberta.ca/election05/by-election/.

Sincerely,

Dane Bullerwell  
Chief Returning Officer
Reconceiving a Committee System

The recommendations of the Committee for Council Reform And Progress

Problems with the Status Quo

• Committee/Council Disconnect
• Mixed Mandates
• Overlap and Holes
• Lack of Administrative Support
• Empire Building
• Uneven Workloads
• No Expertise
CCRAP’s Mandate

• not the Executive Committee
• not Committees that fulfill “executive functions”
• not D.I.E. Board
• not the Tribune Selection Committee
• only those committees that are subordinate directly to Council and fulfill roles that would otherwise be fulfilled by Council

What are Council’s Functions?

• setting the organization’s internal structure
• setting the organization’s budget
• setting the organization’s political policy
• oversight of Exec, CRO, and Speaker
• making appointments
• providing for Council’s standing orders
• overseeing dedicated fees
• granting funds
How to Divide Workload?

- seek synergies
- prevent any committee from becoming overburdened
- ensure that each committee has enough to do
- avoid empires
- simplicity

Why Not Students-at-Large?

- most SALs are not “ordinary students”
- many SALs lack legislative competence
- SALs are not elected
- under the status quo, it is easier for non-Councillors to get on committees than it is for Councillors to do so
- SALs add to the disconnect between committees and Council
- SALs can become pawns of unscrupulous Exec
Why Elected Chairs?

• the chair is the servant of the committee
• the chair is the voice of the committee
• the chair is not necessarily the person who brings business to the committee
• sometimes Exec are just lousy chairs

Why Not Executive Chairs?

• in many cases, there is a conflict of interest
• Exec members have heavy workloads
• Exec chairmanship would concentrate power in Exec offices for committees of Council
• Exec time comes at a significant opportunity-cost
• Exec chairs control committees
The Council Administration Committee (CAC)

- dynamic membership, static quorum
- power to amend standing orders
- mandate to review and make recommendations on structure of Council and committees
- mandate to make recommendations on appointments
- oversight of Speaker and CRO

Budget and Finance Committee (BFC)

- essentially identical in function to existing Budget Committee
Audit Committee (Audit Comm)

- essentially identical in function to existing Audit Committee
- additional responsibilities: oversight of dedicated fees and granting

Bylaw Committee (Bylaw Comm)

- essentially identical in function to existing Internal Review Board
- narrower focus with regards to internal structural review
Policy Committees (EPC and UPC)

- responsible for development of political policy
- responsible for oversight of implementation of political policy
- tuition to be exclusive domain of EPC

Access Fund Committee (AFC)

- identical in function to present Access Fund Board
Grant Allocation Committee (GAC)

- responsible for making student groups grants, CREF grants, Legacy Fund grants, and Eugene Brody grants
- prevention of overlap
- “appendage” membership

A Note on the Awards Committee

- not slated to change
- composed of SALs
- chaired by VPA or designate
- often awards awards to Councillors, so there’s a need to avoid conflict-of-interest
- Conquest lawsuit
Logistical Concerns

• chairs to paid salaries
• access to resources via Speaker
• reporting requirements
• requirement to set meeting schedules in advance

Points of Information?
Good evening Council,

The following is a list of things that I have been working on since last meeting:

1. **Universal Bus Pass** – Alex and I met with Elizabeth Dechert, representing the U of A administration to get her up to speed on the U-Pass and the project charter. Our next meeting with ETS will be on October 4th, where we will be finding out the detail of their price calculations and talking about the project charter.

2. **Municipal Election** – Alex and I met with Sheldon Smart from the VOTE! Society and Colette Vine, Vice President Internal of the Lister Hall Students’ Association to discuss the mayoral forum at Tin Palace and a ‘Democracy is Sexy’ Ship Night. Both events will be happening on Thursday, September 30th. At the Ship Night, the SU will be handing out information on how to vote in the municipal and provincial elections, with specific instructions for students living in residence.

3. **Provincial Election Strategy** – I have spent a lot of time over the past few weeks working on a lawn sign campaign. I pitched the idea to the University and they will be helping us to fund some of the signs. The signs will have a symbol that says ‘I love Alberta Education’, with a grad cap symbolizing education. The signs will also have a tagline that says, ‘Alberta’s Universities matter to me’. People will be able to put a sign on their lawn to show their family, friends, and neighbours that post-secondary education is one of the, if not the most important issues to them in the provincial election. We have ordered 5000 lawn signs and we hope to be able to launch them on Wednesday at Fest For Knowledge. Come out and check them out and when the event ends, take a sign home and put it on your lawn. We also planned and implemented our first action for the provincial election. This involved the SU invoicing the provincial government for all outstanding student debt in the province. Unfortunately, we only had a couple of media outlets cover the event, however, I still believe the event was a success and a great learning experience.

4. **Fest for Knowledge, a celebration of PSE** – I have spent a lot of time working on the celebration over the past few weeks. Everything has come together nicely for FFK and as long as the weather cooperates, the event should be a huge success. We have had volunteers sitting at tables, handing out handbills, and classroom speaking. The sponsorship for the event is currently at $7000. Thank you to the Alumni Association, the Provost, the Dean of Students, and Travel CUTS for their sponsorship. I would like to inform council of an unexpected expense that came up, we will be spending $500 to have interpreters at the event for any people with hearing impairments. Other than that, we should be coming in on budget, if not a little below. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered and I hope to see you all there tomorrow night.
5. **Budget Advisory Committee** – Alex and I attended the first meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee. We reviewed the budget principles, some of the figures from the 03/04 budget, and talked about the process as we move forward. If you would like to ask me a question about the BAC, please do so in-camera for this meeting. Thanks.

6. **Other meetings/events:**
   - Numerous interviews with the Gateway and Express News
   - Athletics Sponsorship Dinner
   - Canadian Unity Council Luncheon
   - Community and Government Relations
   - Alumni Council Orientation
   - BoG Orientation
   - Career Day
   - APC
   - Bears Alumni Golf Tournament
   - GFC and reception
   - U of A AGM

   That is all for now.
Transition: U of A Students' Union/Augustana Students’ Association
Update #1
September 23, 2004

Introduction
These updates will serve to keep officials and stakeholders related to the Augustana Students’ Association (ASA) and the University of Alberta Students’ Union (SU) on the progress of the transition between the ASA and SU.

Background
This transition process arises as result of the merger between Augustana University College and the University of Alberta. Resulting from the merger is the creation of the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta. One aspect of the merger that needs to be defined is the implications it has on the student organizations of both institutions.

Both organizations are committed to developing the relationship that arises from the merger and have determined that during the course of this academic year a range of solutions and frameworks can be proposed and recognized to guide the working relationship of the SU and ASA over the long-term.

Process
The SU has hired an ‘Augustana Transition Coordinator’ to oversee the transition process. Over the next month the Transition Coordinator will be speaking with officials at the ASA and SU to determine their expectations of the transition process.

In early October the SU executive and management are proposing to visit the Augustana Campus to meet with the ASA executive and staff and Augustana Faculty officials.

It is intended by late October that a transition framework will be developed to guide the remainder of the transition process. This document will be presented to the student councils of both organizations.

Key areas
The process will focus on number of identified key areas.

These areas are:
- Service delivery
- Communication
- Representation
- Constitutional fit
- Funding, budgeting and financial considerations
- Staff role definition, supervision and relationships
PROJECTS:

**Academic Survey**

Met with Carl Betke, Director of Strategic Analysis, to discuss U of A’s strategic planning process, the National Survey on Student Engagement, and my concept for an academic issues survey. Also met with representatives from Academic Technologies for Learning (ATL) to discuss a potential process for the survey. Next steps: meet with key administrators to obtain buy-in to purpose and process of the survey, as well as to potential interest in helping to finance the survey; meet with Vice-Provost (Info Technology) and Special Projects Officer from Office of the VP (Research) to discuss their interest in certain topics (research, e-learning, WebCT, etc.); develop list of topics to address with focus groups; meet with ATL again to develop template for focus groups.

**Mid-term Course Evaluations**

The UPIO is currently researching teaching evaluation systems (both mid-term and/or online) at other Canadian universities, particularly the “G-10” (our major competitors). She is arranging for us to have a live demonstration of the U of Calgary’s still-being-developed online course evaluation system. A potential concern has arisen, as the mid-term system was originally conceptualized to be on-line (via WebCT), but the recent change to WebCT Vista has resulted in numerous problems that make my confidence is using this program a little weaker. Alternatives will be explored.

**Students' Union Undergraduate Survey 2004**

Okay - the survey has been piloted, changes are almost done, we got a letter of support from the Provost to send to instructors when we seek permission to survey their classes, and it is about ready to be sent in for final ethics approval and off to CNS to be laid out and printed for administration. We are about 1-2 weeks behind our planned timeline, but that shouldn’t have any negative effects. Surveys will likely be administered for 3 weeks beginning the week of October 11 or 18.

**VP ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:**

**General Faculties Council Student Caucus Orientation and Meeting** - Sept 25, 2004

Ellen Schoeck gave an excellent Governance 101 session and then we spent the afternoon going through the GFC agenda, explaining various committees, rules, processes, etc. as we went. Eight new GFC reps were elected Sept 24-25, although there are still 11 vacant seats. See the “Announcements” section of this report for details. Attendance at this event was 17 (out of 29 currently filled appointed student seats) - not bad! Thanks to Samantha for working hard to compile the GFCSC manuals and to Ellen and her team at the Secretariat for putting together a ton of pretty tabbed GOV 101 binders!
Academic Affairs Board - Sept 20, 2004

Discussed: a) mandate of AAB (re: Bylaw 4100); b) potential projects (Student Guide to Academic Success and reporting on a current issue, such as transitions programming); c) CNS modem pool; d) study space; e) University proposal to require students with < 70% in English 30 to take a writing course.

❖ ISSUES:

CNS Modem Pool

Met with Marika Bourque, Director of CNS, and two other people from CNS to discuss issue of modem pool discontinuation. Worked out a plan to discontinue service to staff and faculty as of October 1, 2004 but continue free for students until January 1, 2005, at which time students will be required to pay a fee to access the modem pool. CNS needs to operate this service on a cost recovery basis due to budget re-allocations and the need to maintain critical core services. A letter has been sent to “regular” users of the CNS modem pool and has been posted on the SU homepage. It is also my understanding that advertisements would be placed in the Gateway.

Bear Scat

Still working with Stephen Kirkham, Bill Smith, and Todd Anderson (Director of the U of A Bookstore) to resolve some outstanding issues surrounding access to the textbook list and Bear Scat’s new textbook price comparison feature. Discussion will take place at an upcoming meeting of the Bookstore Task Force and more information will be provided to Council as soon as it is available, likely at either the Oct 12 or Nov 2 Council meeting.

❖ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

CLE subcommittee on the First Year Learning Experience

Further discussion of the committee’s mandate and goals ensued. A discussion will occur at the larger CLE meeting to get feedback and direction.

GFC Executive

One issue of interest arose in response to a request from a Psychiatry graduate student to access all student e-mail addresses for the purpose of research. An ad hoc committee was struck to discuss the frequency with which U of A students should be subjected to e-mail requests to participate in research, and for what purposes?

Convocation Committee

Discussed plans for Fall 2004 Convocation.

GFC ASC
Approved a lot of changes to admission and academic standing requirements. Oh joy. Also discussed a policy revision to the Calendar policy about medical notes for missed term work and exams.

❖ EVENTS:

Celebration of Teaching and Learning - Sept 10
Afternoon Tea at Augustana Faculty - Sept 12
Welcome to Science @ Dinwoodie Lounge - Sept 15
Bears vs. UBC Thunderbirds football - Sept 18
Youth Leaders Dialogue Series - Sept 20
Orientation/WOW Volunteer Appreciation Party - Sept 24

❖ MEDIA:

Gateway interview w/ Janet Lo re: VP goals
Gateway interview re: Campus Security Textbook Identification Program

❖ UPCOMING:

Fest for Knowledge - Sept 29
Alumni Recognition Awards Ceremony and Dinner - Sept 30
Senate High School Student Recruitment Pizza Night and Pancake Breakfast - Oct 1 & 2
Alumni Reunion Weekend Dinner - Oct 2
COFA meeting - Oct 2 @ 4-04 SUB from 12-3 pm
Run for the Cure - Oct 3 @ Commonwealth Stadium
GFC Executive - Oct 4
GFC CLE - Oct 6
AISSC - Oct 7
AAB - Oct 7 @ LLMR SUB

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Academic Deadlines:

Thursday, September 30 - Fee payment deadline
Friday, October 8 - 50% refund deadline

General Faculties Council

The following faculties still have vacancies for undergraduate students on GFC:

- Arts - 2
- Education - 3
- Faculté St. Jean - 1
- Native Studies - 1
- Nursing - 2
- Phys Ed and Rec - 1
- Rehab Med - 1
- Native Studies - 1

I will be discussing with the CRO and the Secretariat about the best way to fill these vacant seats. We will likely accept applications and select students via a nomination process.
WoW: Worked with Tyler to put the finishing touches on the party. It went off well, and once again, thanks to Tyler, the WoW coordinators and all the volunteers who made WoW happen. Am now starting to brainstorm for Anti-Freeze and Wellness Week. W00t.

Sponsorship: Still recovering from the fallout to the Molson debacle. Gave interviews to Gateway, Silhouette (McMaster) and Gazette (Western Ontario) about this. Still trying to finalize what prizing we get for the year from these guys to make sure that Orientation gets theirs for the voucher exchange and that PC has stuff for their events.

Programming: New Music Mondays, RATT Karaoke, Ship Night, Crush on Fridays have started up and are going well. Managed to pop by all the aforementioned events. And they look to be going well. Movie night starts tonight.


OVC: Interviewed for Orientation Volunteer Coordinator.

Survey: Back on this project. Lisa brought me up to date and we will be sending out final draft to ethics soon.

WPHAC: Workplace Health Advisory Committee. Talked about a ‘Workplace Health conference’ That is looking to be hosted at the UofA (with a student stream) and focused our answers to the Senate Task force from our summer retreat

Engg Week: Met with some ‘concerned engineers’ about the possibility of holding Engg Week on campus again.

Tuchdowns for Tuition: Met with UAB rep to discuss possibility of doing this event again this year, costs, and possibility of getting legacy fund funding.

Social Norms: Meeting of “Social Norms” Committee. Talked about recent campaign wrt Student Drinking on campus and where the campaign will go in the future.

WUSC meeting: Quick meeting to discuss some issues about increasing the number of students brought in each year by WUSC. Talked about barriers to this possibility and possible solutions

Up and Coming!
Hosting Friday for Senate Open House
WUSC Meeting
UAB Meeting
CB

We can’t go on together, with suspicious minds and we can’t build our dreams on suspicious minds.
Report to Students’ Council
September 28, 2004
Alvin Law – Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Things I have been up to:

**Dedicated Fee Unit Committee:** We had our second meeting of the DFU Committee. This was a short meeting where we discussed whether the committee should seek another legal opinion, which external organizations the committee should seek input on, where the committee should head in the next few weeks and discussion on the letter being sent to all DFU’s seeking input. Also discussed was a superficial outline of the differences between each DFU and how they are managed and run.

**Engineering Students’ Society:** Duncan Taylor and I met with several executives from the Engineering Students’ Society to discuss the future of Engineering Week. There were concerns over the demise of Engineering Week due to it being held off campus the past several years. We will be in contact with the ESS to determine what possibilities to embark on in the future.

**Forest Society:** Met with Eckehart Marenholtz to discuss the loan agreement that was signed in October 2002. The meeting allowed both of us to familiarize ourselves with the current agreement and make sure we were both on the same page. The preexisting agreement states that the SU shall provide the Forest Society with a loan up to $25,000 each year for the purpose of holding a Christmas tree sale. Repayment of the loan shall be made by January 31 of each year. This year, the society is seeking $21,000. The motion regarding this loan is presented to you in the agenda package.

**Gateway Interview:** Met with Janet Lo and James Leung of The Gateway for an interview. We discussed the job in general and what was planned for the next year. This provided a good chance to reassess the year thus far and get grounded again on why I was in this job and what progress has been like.

**Student Financial Aid and Information Centre:** Met with Clare Ard and Jessica Lamb from SFAIC to discuss the effects of a strike action by Saskatchewan government workers. Due to the strike, many student loans have not been signed and likely will not be processed until after our tuition payment deadline. Due to students not having student loans processed, Access Fund is not able to make assessments and make granting decisions without knowing this information. It was decided that in
the event that a Saskatchewan student affected by the strike comes into the office, Clare Ard would assess the students on an individual basis through the Saskatchewan model and Access Fund would judge based on this assessment. To date, we have not encountered one of these cases, however, we are prepared if we do.

**Student Groups Granting:** We had the second granting session of the year for student groups. Most of the decisions during this session were unanimous and not controversial.

**Coming Up:**
- Apirg BOD Meeting
- Fest for Knowledge
- Gateway AGM
- Senate High School Recruitment
- University Open House
Report of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress on Committee System Reform

Introduction
In accordance with the directions of Students’ Council, the Committee for Council Reform and Progress had tabled today with Students’ Council its recommendations with respect to reform of the Council Committee system. The changes are fairly extensive and mark a significant departure from our current system.

Acknowledgements
It is only through the extensive effort of many people, both members of Council and the campus community that the committee was able to fulfill Council’s directives. Primary thanks goes to Committee members Councillors Pandya, Smith, Lettner, Kirkham and Vice-President (Student Life) Taylor. Special thanks must also be accorded to Councillors Knisley and Kehoe who attended and participated throughout the process and provided comments integral to the development of the recommendation. Finally the committee gratefully acknowledges the submissions made in accordance with the committee’s requests for feedback, especially that of Mr. M. Hirji whose submission was both thorough and extensive. All the submissions are available on the SU web board and a summary has been included with this report.

Process
The Committee for Council Reform and Progress invested considerable time and effort into these recommendations. A brief overview of the process is as follows:
- **June 3:** CCRAP completed the recommendations for the Administrative Committee and considered the process that must be undertaken for considering reforms to the Council Committee system.
- **June 18:** CCRAP determined areas in which external input was desired and formulates questions to be posed. These questions were then sent out to all members of Council and everyone on its committees both for the current academic year and the academic year immediately preceding the current one. Essentially one month was provided for submission to be returned.
- **August 16:** The chair compiled the responses (summary attached) and the committee reviewed the information. The committee determined the order in which the questions and information collected would be considered by CCRAP.
- **August 25/26:** CCRAP met for two days straight to consider the majority of the major questions that needed to be considered. Most of the discussion centered on breaking down the functional areas of Council into groupings that could then be assigned to a committee. More than ten hours went into these meetings alone.
- **September 11:** CCRAP still needed one more meeting to complete consideration of the questions that needed to be addressed. At the conclusion of this meeting the Chair created a summary of the committee’s work to date. This meeting was over 8 h in duration.
- **September 15:** CCRAP met again to review the 1st reading proposal drafted by Councillor Knisley based primarily on the summary document (the principles are included below) created by the Chair. The proposal was refined and left opened for refinement over e-mail for a few days. It was decided that one last meeting was required to incorporate the last concerns identified over e-mail.
- **September 21:** CCRAP meets after Council to put the finishing touches on the 1st reading proposal and approved the existing proposal with unanimous consent.

In short, the committee met on many occasions, investing over 30h and possibly upwards of 40h into the development of the recommendations, not including consideration given to the proposal outside the meetings. The meetings were spread out over four months giving ample opportunity for the members to consider and reflect upon the submissions made to the committee as well as their own ideas. The majority of the core members working on the proposal were constant and present throughout the process.

Principles:
As the committee considered the recommendations several major principles emerged that guided the committee’s recommendations throughout the process. They are listed below:
1. No change shall be made to the Executive Committee or the Judicial Committee (i.e. D.I.E. Board & Tribune Selection Committee).
2. The functions of council will be determined and sorted into broad functional areas. Each area will become the responsibility of one committee.
3. Council will only constitute committees that serve Council functions. In the reformulation of committees, executive and judicial functions will be removed from committee mandates where they are found to exist.
4. The Executive Committee may create any committee for any purpose in any form that it deems required in operating policy in order to enhance the functioning of the Executive committee or its members.
5. When possible, existing committees with like purposes will be combined for efficiency subject to workload limitations.
6. Only voting members of Council may serve as voting members on committees.
7. The voting membership of committees will maximize Student Council representation except where the committee is primarily conferring benefits on voting members of Students’ Council.
8. Committees will be chaired by Councillors.
9. Committee Chairs will be elected by the Committee.
10. Committees will have 5 or 7 voting members.
11. A majority of a committee’s voting membership will constitute a quorum.
12. The Speaker and through him committee chairs will have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of the committee system.
13. All Committees to whom final decision making authority is delegated must submit their decisions (including regulations and committee procedure) to Council to be included in the Council Votes & Proceedings but they will be considered legally binding from time of passage.
14. Committee chairs must submit a report outlining the operations of their committee after each meeting of that committee for inclusion in the Council Votes and Proceedings.
15. Meeting schedules for the year must be decided upon by the committee on a trimesterly basis.
16. Committee chairs will receive an honorarium.

Conclusion
If adopted, the recommendations of the committee will move a long way toward rationalizing the legislative and overview functions of committees of council vis-à-vis the role of the executive and judicial arms of the organization. It complements the constitutional amendments currently on the agenda that will delegate a significant degree of authority and decision making power to the executive committee by clarifying and enhancing the role of Councillors and committees of Council within the functional areas of Students’ Council. Freeing up both the Executive and Committees of Council from overlapping jurisdictions and enhancing their authority in their respective areas should allow for a greater opportunity for ideas and actions to be considered and acted upon thereby making the Students’ Union more responsive to student concerns and serving them in ways which meet their needs.
CALL TO ORDER

Speaker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Point of Order: Knisely – Standing Order # 48 requires taking attendance before approving the orders of the day.

Speaker - Point of Order well taken.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

YUSUF/YUSUF MOVED TO approve the orders of the day.

BAZIN/SMITH MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 12g from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

THOMPSON/LAU MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by making item 12a a special order.

Amendment: CARRIED

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking items 10b, 10c, 10d, 12b, and 12f from the agenda.

BAZIN/KNISELY MOVED TO divide the amendment.

Motion to Divide: CARRIED

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 10b from the agenda.

Amendment: DEFEATED
LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 10c from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 10d from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 11j from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 12b from the agenda.

Knisely requested an electronic vote.

Amendment: DEFEATED 12/13/2

LEWIS/SHARMA MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by striking item 12f from the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED

MOTION BY LAW/TAYLOR (VPSL), MOVED TO amend the orders of the day by adding: MOTION BY LAW/TAYLOR (VPSL), RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council approve an expenditure not to exceed $4,500.00 from the Contingency Reserve, department 911, for the purpose of replacing a broken ice machine in department 838, Powerplant.

Point of Order: Knisely – Given that the executive Committee has a regularly scheduled meeting tomorrow morning, would it be in order for items that are perhaps not as pressing to be added to the agenda such as that, because I believe that it is a requirement for Late Additions to have a pressing nature.

Speaker - Point of Order not well taken. The proposed amendment requires a 2/3 majority vote of Council to approve and is of a pressing nature.

Speaker ordered that the motion be added to the Executive Committee Report.

Amendment: CARRIED unanimous

BLATZ/LEWIS MOVED TO amend the agenda by making item 10a a special order.

Amendment: CARRIED

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO amend the agenda by adding item 9d to the agenda.

Amendment: CARRIED
**KNISELY/LAU MOVED TO** amend the agenda by adding item 12h to the agenda.

Point of Order: Samuel – My impression was that once a motion was moved it couldn’t be moved a second time regardless of circumstances.

Point of Order withdrawn

**Amendment: CARRIED**

Speaker orders that item 5a be made a special order.

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

2004-11/5


Point of Order: Bazin – Aren’t special orders supposed to go in the order in which we made them special orders.

Speaker - Point of Order not well taken. Special orders are taken up in the order they appear in the Orders of the Day unless otherwise specified.

Point of Canada: Abboud – We beat Finland three to two and are the World Champions of Hockey.

Speaker - Point of Canada not well taken. The outcome of the game was never in doubt.

2004-11/10a **MOTION BY ABOUD/BLATZ, RESOLVED THAT** Students’ Council create an ad-hoc working group, named the Advocacy Consultation and Development Committee (ACDC), which will:

a) Be responsible for consulting with students and stakeholder groups on campus regarding the Advocacy efforts of the Students’ Union, particularly those relating to tuition.

b) Work in conjunction with the Academic Affairs Board, External Affairs Board, and Executive Committee to achieve the goal set out in a)

c) To submit a report of its findings to the Executive Committee, and to Students’ Council no later than October 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2004.

d) Be composed of The President (Chair), Vice President External, One Student Councilor (as selected by Students’ Council), One Student at Large member of the Academic Affairs Board (as selected by the Academic Affairs Board), one Student at Large member of the External Affairs Board (as selected by the External Affairs Board), and one term employee of the Students’ Union (non-voting).

e) This motion will expire on April 30, 2005.

Speakers List(mm): Blatz

Point of Order: Lettner – I think debate is generally facilitated a bit better when all the comments are directed through the speaker a little more formally. I was wondering, Mr. Speaker, are you planning on enforcing that a little more stringently?
Speaker - Point of Order well taken. Robert’s Rules of Order require that all comments be directed to the chair.

**SMITH MOVED TO** amend the motion by replacing it with “MOTION BY ABBOUD/BLATZ, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council appoint one Student Counsellor to an Executive created advocacy committee”.

Speakers List(am): Sharma, Knisely, Panis.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

Point of Order: Knisely – Would it not be in order to now appoint a position?

Speaker - Point of Order well taken. Standing Order #36 states that once a motion to nominate is approved the floor will immediately be open to nominations.

**Nominations for the Executive created advocacy committee:**

SMITH nominates SHARMA: SHARMA accepts.
DEBENHAM nominates KNISELY: KNISELY declines.
BAZIN nominates YUSUF: YUSUF declines.
TAYLOR (VPSL) nominates KEHOE: KEHOE declines.
KNISELY nominates SAMUEL: SAMUEL declines.
McLAUGHLIN nominates PANIS: PANIS declines.
ABBOUD nominates LETTNER: LETTNER accepts.
BAZIN nominates KIRKHAM: KIRKHAM declines.
PANDYA nominates SMITH: SMITH declines.
BAZIN nominates THOMPSON: THOMPSON declines.
McLAUGHLIN nominates MONTASSER: MONTASSER accepts.
KNISELY nominates SKOPAC: SKOPAC accepts.

**Member Elected:**

Councillor Montasser

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2004-11/12a  
MOTION BY LAW/BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT the composition of the ad-hoc committee established by Students’ Council in motion 2004-09/11a be changed to include one ex-officio (non-voting) representative of each dedicated fund unit.

Speakers List(mm): Law, Knisely, Taylor (VPSL), Lewis, Thompson, Kowanami, Smith.

**SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding the words “and to establish a quorum for the committee of three voting members”.

**Amendment: FRIENDLY**

**KNISELY/DEBENHAM MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding the words “who shall not be privy to in camera discussions of the committee”.

Speakers List(am): Panis, Bazin, Lettner.
Amendment: CARRIED

BLATZ/DEBENHAM MOVED the previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Revised Motion: MOTION BY LAW/BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT the composition of the ad-hoc committee established by Students’ Council in motion 2004-09/11a be changed to include one ex-officio (non-voting) representative of each dedicated fund unit who shall not be privy to in camera discussions of the committee, and to establish a quorum for the committee of three voting members.

Speaker orders that the Executive Committee Report be made a special order.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

BAZIN/PANIS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee Report.

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

QUESTION PERIOD

KNISELY/LAU MOVED THAT when this meeting adjourns it adjourns to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 21 in 2-1 University Hall.

Point of Order: Samuel – Can you move motions in question period?

Speaker - Point of Order not well taken. Robert’s Rules of Order state that a motion to “Fix the time to adjourn” is a privileged motion that takes precedence over any other business.

Motion: CARRIED

SMITH/BLATZ MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

Speaker calls the meeting to order on September 21, 2004 in room 2-1 University Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Point of Privilege: Knisely – What is the ability of people who are currently seeking seats on this body in an election to serve as proxies?

Speaker – Point of Privilege is not well taken. There is no rule to disbar candidates running in Students’ Union elections from serving as proxies for members of Council.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
MOTION BY KNISELY/SMITH, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, order the employees of the Students’ Union to not enter the Students’ Union into any obligation subsisting or extending beyond April 30, 2005 or commit to perform any action at a time after April 30, 2005 without forwarding the nature and, if publishable, particulars of any such proposed obligation or commitment, as the case may be, to Students’ Council before the obligation or commitment, as the case may be, is undertaken.

Speakers List(mm): Smith, Law, Knisely, Duncan, Smith, Panis.

Point of Order: Bazin – Is that a point of information? Is he asking a question or not?

Speaker - Point of Order not well taken. A Point of Information can be used to insert new information into debate as long as it in the form of a question.

Speakers List(mm): Taylor (VPSL)

SHARMA/TAYLOR (VPSL) MOVED the previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: DEFEATED

MOTION BY KNISELY/SMITH, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, rescind the Policy Dispersal Political Policy Statement.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely.

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

MOTION BY LAW/BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee adopt the September 13, 2004 Budget Committee Report.

Speakers List(mm): Law.

Main Motion: CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION BY KNISELY/LEWIS, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council append Standing Order 44 with the following: “and shall take precedence over any other method of voting.”

Speakers List(mm): Knisely.

BLATZ MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous
2004-11/11 LEGISLATION

2004-11/11a MOTION BY SMITH/BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board repeal Article VII (Matters of Executive or Non-Executive Character) of the Students’ Union Constitution (first reading).

Speakers List(mm): Smith.

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

Item 11a is automatically made a special order with the passage of item 11a.

2004-11/11g Bill #12 – Powers of Executive Committee (sponsor; SMITH/BAZIN)
Principles (first reading)
1. The Executive Committee will be responsible for all aspects of the operation of the Students’ Union not provided for in Bylaw;
2. The Executive Committee will have the power to take such measures as it may consider appropriate to discharge this responsibility subject to the limits prescribed in Students’ Union legislation;
3. The Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers, duties, or functions as it sees fit, and prescribe conditions governing the exercise of any delegated power, duty of function, including the power of sub delegation.

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Bill #12 be read for a first time.

Speakers List(mm): Smith, Kotovych, Knisely, Smith.

BLATZ MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

2004-11/11b MOTION BY SMITH/BAZIN, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board repeal Article XII (Elections) of the Students’ Union Constitution (first reading).

Speakers List(mm): Smith.

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

Item 11b is automatically made a special order with the passage of item 11b.

2004-11/11h Bill #13 – Term Length and Right to Vote (sponsor; SMITH/BAZIN)
Principles (first reading)
1. All voting members of Students’ Council hold office for a term of not more than one year;
2. Any person is entitled to vote who is an undergraduate student enrolled in at least one course for credit;
   a) During the fall term for an election occurring in September, October, November, or December;
   b) During the Winter term for an election occurring in January, February, March, or April;
   c) No elections may occur during May, June, July, or August.
SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Bill #13 be read for a first time.

Speakers List(mm): Smith, Knisely, Lewis.

KNISELY/THOMPSON MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking the words in section one “not more than one year” and insert the words “beyond April 30, 2005”.

Speakers List(am): Knisely.

SMITH MOVED TO amend the amendment by striking “2005”.

Speakers List(am am): Blatz, Knisely.

Amendment to the Amendment: FRIENDLY

KNISLEY MOVED TO amend the amendment to the amendment by striking “2005” and replacing it with “to the end of the Council year”.

Amendment to the Amendment: FRIENDLY

Amendment: FRIENDLY

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

2004-11/11c Bill #6 - Student Groups and Student Groups Committee Update Motion (Sponsor; TAYLOR(VPSL)) (second reading)

TAYLOR (VPSL)/SMITH MOVED THAT Bill #6 be read for a second time.

Speakers List(mm): Taylor (VPSL).

Main Motion: CARRIED

2004-11/11d Bill #7 – Administrative Committee Motion (sponsor; PANDYA/KEHOE)

Principles (first reading)
1. Relieve Council from having to consider routine, day to day housekeeping motions.
2. Work with the Speaker to develop and manage Council’s budget.
3. Provide oversight of SU employees who report directly to Council.
4. Reduce the number of vacant seats on Council.
5. Review the structure and operations of Council and its committees (not the organization as a whole) and make recommendations as to how they can be improved.
6. Work with Councilors to develop Council goals and oversee their implementation.

B. Duties
1. Approval of any record of council happenings (including in camera minutes) (Mandate #1)
2. Overview of staff: (Mandate #3)
   a. Speaker
      i. Including budgeting (outreach) (Mandate #2)
   b. Chief Returning Officer
3. Recruitment of students’ to fill seats through the election process. (Mandate #4)
4. Review of Standing Orders and recommendation of changes to Council. (Mandate #5)
5. Review and recommend changes to legislation regarding Students’ Council. (Mandate #5)
6. Gather goals from Councilors and aid in the development of an implementation strategy. (Mandate #6)

C. Composition
1. Seven voting members of Students’ Council elected by Council, one of whom will be elected by the committee
2. The Speaker, as a non-voting member
3. All voting members of Students’ Council as ex-officio voting members

D. Quorum
1. One half of the voting, permanent members.

PANDYA/KEHOE MOVED THAT Bill #7 be read a first time.

Speakers List from previous debate: Bazin, Pandya, Abboud, Smith, Lettner, Samuel.

KOTOVYCH/BAZIN MOVED TO amend Bill #7 by striking from item C3 “voting member” and replacing the words with “non-voting members”.

Amendment: CARRIED

KEHOE MOVED TO amend Bill #7 by adding he words “as chair” to section C1.

Point of Order: Knisely – I believe it already was chair in the first place and it’s an administrative error.

Speaker – Point of Order not well taken. An amendment will resolve any ambiguity.

Amendment: FRIENDLY

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous

2004-11/11e Bill #10 – Quorum of Students’ Council (sponsor; KNISELY)
Principle (first reading)
1. Quorum of Students’ Council shall be twenty-three members thereof.

KNISELY/SMITH MOVED THAT Bill #10 be read for a first time.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely, Smith.

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO amend Bill #10 by inserting the word “voting” after the words “twenty-three” in section 1.

Speakers List(am): Knisely.

Amendment: CARRIED

BAZIN/PANDYA MOVED TO amend Bill #10 by replacing the words “twenty-three” with the words “one half”.

Point of Order: Smith – Would this amendment, if passed, not make the main motion meaningless?
Speaker - Point of Order not well taken.

Speakers List(am): Bazin, Pandya.

**PANDYA MOVED TO** amend Bill #10 by adding the word “active” in front of the word “voting”.

Speaker - Ruled out of Order. There is still another amendment on the table.

**KNISELY/PANIS MOVED TO** amend the amendment by striking “one half” and replacing the words with the number “18”.

Speakers List(am am): Knisely, Sharma, Taylor (VPSL).

Point of Order: Knisely – When considering an amendment to the amendment is it not proper to keep the comments confined to improving the original amendment?

Speaker - Point of Order not well taken. The amendment and comments are germane.

Speakers List(am am): Knisely, Panis.

**Amendment to the Amendment: WITHDRAWN**

**Amendment: DEFEATED**

**SMITH/SHARMA MOVED TO** amend Bill #10 by striking “twenty-three” and replacing the words with “twenty-five”.

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

Point of Order: McLaughlin – It’s after 7:30 p.m. Recess?

Speaker - Point of Order well taken. Standing Order #46 requires a recess at this time.

**2004-11/11f** Bill #11 - Student Group Membership Privileges Amendment (sponsor; DEBENHAM)

Part 1: General Principles (first reading)
1. A member of the Students’ Union shall have the privilege to be a member of any Student Group or Students’ Union Club, subject to section.
2. Where a Student Group is a Faculty Association recognized by the Students’ Union, the Faculty Association may limit membership to students enrolled in the faculty to which the Faculty Association relates.

**KNISELY/SMITH MOVED THAT** Bill #11 be postponed to the next meeting of Students’ Council.

Motion to Postpone: CARRIED unanimous

**2004-11/11i** Bill #14 – Office Holding Restrictions (sponsor; KNISELY)

Principle (notice of motion/first reading)
1. No employee of the Students' Union other than a voting member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for office as a voting member of Students' Council, or as a proxy therefore.

KNISELY/WICENTOWICH MOVED TO withdrawn Bill #14.

Motion to Withdraw: CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY KNISELY/PANIS, RESOLVED THAT the Internal Review Board investigate the merits of the presently-employed method of nominating the two undergraduate Governors of the University of Alberta and report to Students' Council with recommendations on that subject not later than January 11, 2005.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely, Abboud.

ABBOUD/BAZIN MOVED TO postpone the main motion indefinitely.

Speakers List: Abboud, Knisely, Bazin.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely: DEFEATED

Main Motion: DEFEATED

MOTION BY KNISELY/KIRKHAM, RESOLVED THAT the Student Life Board reconsider the political policy statement opposing the campus-wide ban of smoking and tobacco products and report to Students Council with recommendations on that subject not later than January 11, 2005.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely, Blatz.

Point of Order: Knisely – Is the President speaking to the motion or to the merits of the Student Life Board’s investigation being proposed?

Speaker - Point of Order well taken. Comments must be limited to the question of ordering an investigation.

Speakers List(mm): Kirkham, Smith, Knisely, Panis.

Main Motion: DEFEATED

MOTION BY KNISELY/LEWIS, RESOLVED THAT the Academic Affairs Board reconsider, in light of the current academic schedule published by the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards, the political policy statement concerning the appropriate period for the add-drop deadline and report to Students Council with recommendations on that subject not later than January 11, 2005.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely.

BLATZ/PANIS MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED unanimous
MOTION BY KNISELY, ORDERED THAT the Executive Committee halt the sale of tobacco products in all Students' Union owned and/or operated businesses as of July 1, 2005.

KNISELY/PANDYA MOVED TO postpone to the next meeting of Students’ Council.

Motion to Postpone: CARRIED

MOTION BY KNISELY, RESOLVED THAT the Tribune Selection Committee report to Students’ Council nominations of tribunes to serve on the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board not later than September 28, 2004.

Speakers List(mm): Knisely.

KNISELY MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking “September 28” and replacing the date with “October 12”.

Amendment: FRIENDLY

Speakers List(mm): Smith, Knisely.

KNISELY MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking “October 12” and replacing it with the word “forthwith”.

Amendment: FRIENDLY

BLATZ/KNISELY MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to Move the Previous Question: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

LEWIS MOVED TO adjourn.

Ruled Out of Order

Point of Order: Lewis – Roll call?

Speaker - Point of Order well taken. Standing order #48 requires a roll call.

LEWIS/VANDERSLOOSE MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED – 8:35 p.m.

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