

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

A G E N D A (SC 2004-12)

- 2004-12/1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2004-12/2 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "*Ring Out a Cheer*"
- 2004-12/3 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2004-12/4 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- 2004-12/5 PRESENTATIONS
- 2004-12/6 REPORTS
- 2004-12/6a Alex Abboud, Vice President (External)

Please see document SC 04-12.01
- 2004-12/7 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2004-12/7a **KOTOVYCH** – Question for any members of the Executive: the relationship between the Students' Union and students at Faculte 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?"
- 2004-12/7b **SMITH** - While I am sure that there is an exceptionally good reason that theStudents' 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?

ABBOUD - At the July 27th meeting of Students' Council, the question to which I was responding asked if there were any plans to take advantage of the government announcement about our province going debt-free. I commented that we were planning, in fact, on taking action, but our intention was that our actions would occur closer to the release of the "It's Your Future" survey, rather than immediately responding following the press conference, so as not to rain on the government's big parade. As I said at the time, the public mood was largely positive, and we were concerned that making an issue of it would result in a backlash against our efforts. The intent was always to attempt to capitalize on our debt-free status, just that our efforts would be timed closer to the actual survey and to the provincial election.

2004-12/7c

SMITH - The Vice President (External) was quoted in the September 9 issue of the Gateway as saying that he hoped to capitalize on the province's newly debt free status to apply public pressure for increased funding to post-secondary education. How does he reconcile this hope with his comments at the July 27 meeting of Council that the Students' Union did not attempt to make political hay out of the debt free announcement because "we didn't want to seem like we were raining on the government's big parade"?

2004-12/7d

SMITH - What, if anything, is the status of the website review initiated by former Vice President (Operations and Finance) Tyler Botten during his time in office?

LAW - The website review process was completed back around end of March, beginning of April and was brought to the stage of implementation before Tyler Botten left office. It was found that the current website provided a very unnatural method of navigation and was not appealing to students. The website was a huge entity, however, a lot of important relevant data was hidden away through very unnatural links. As such, it was found that a new structure to the website was needed. At that stage, development of the website was underway with designing through our marketing department and programming through Whitematter. After several months, work is nearing completion while finishing touches are made. The final draft of the website should be submitted for executive approval within the next few weeks.

2004-12/8

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2004-12/8a

MOTION BY LAW/ABBOUD, RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend that Students' Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$14,000.00 from the Contingency Reserve to replace the phone system in 2-900 SUB.

2004-12/8b

Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 04-12.02

2004-12/9

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2004-12/10

OLD BUSINESS

2004-12/10a

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.

- 2004-12/10b** **MOTION BY NICOL, ORDERED THAT** Students' Council direct the Executive Committee to eliminate any charges to replace french fries with a salad, when ordered as part of a meal at all Students' Union owned bars and restaurants within 10 working days of this motion being put into force.
- 2004-12/11** **LEGISLATION**
- 2004-12/11a** **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 (second reading).
- Please see back-up documentation from the August 10, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.
- 2004-12/11b** **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 (second reading).
- Please see back-up documentation from the August 10, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.
- 2004-12/11c** **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.
- 2004-12/11d** **Bill #16 – The Committee System Reform Bill**
(notice of motion/first reading)
- Please see document SC 04-12.03
- 2004-12/12** **NEW BUSINESS**
- 2004-12/12a** **MOTION BY KNISELY, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council delete the fifth paragraph and the words "and contribution to institutional revenues" from the seventh paragraph of the Board of Governors Political Policy Statement.
- Please bring supporting documentation from the September 14, 2004 meeting of Students' Council.
- 2004-12/12b** **MOTION BY BLATZ, RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council approve an additional meeting to be held on November 16, 2004 to allow a presentation by the University relating to their budget.
- 2004-12/13** **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2004-12/13a **Next Council Meeting**
- UPCOMING**
COUNCIL
MEETINGS
- October 12, 2004
November 2, 2004

Alex Abboud, Vice President External
Report to Students' Council
September 28th

Submitted September 23rd

Provincial Election Campaign

The Coalition met with A-Channel to discuss concepts for our Television advertising. We've come up with a concept and are working on finalizing it before production of the ad occurs in early October. We're in the process of arranging a meeting with the Corus Radio Network (who represents 630 CHED and QR77) to discuss production of our radio ads.

Mayoral Forum – Vote! Society of Alberta

We continue to finalize our involvement in this forum. The SU will largely be involved in the promotional end. We've been working with the LHSA and they will be hosting a "Democracy is Sexy" Ship Night to serve as the after-party for the event.

Advocacy

Jordan and I went to the Legislature and presented an invoice to a representative from the Minister of Learning's office. The invoice was for the amount of student debt owing over the past decade. Our Campus Campaigns Coordinator Hailey Pinto has been hard at work promoting the 'It's Your Future' Survey over the past week and has successfully run tables allowing students to fill a copy out.

Senate

I met with Derek Roy-Brenneis (Senate Executive Officer) and Senator Heike Juergens to identify the next steps in moving the Task Force on the Student Experience forward. We're hoping to finalize Committee membership and hold the first meeting by the end of October.

CAUS

CAUS will be presenting to the Student Finance Board on October 1st. We're also finalizing plans for our Mid-Year Review Conference, and are beginning to gather feedback for our Strategic Plan, which will be an on-going project for the rest of the year.

Meetings

- With Jordan, Collette Vine, VP Internal of the LHSA, to discuss the Mayoral Forum and hosting an after-party at Ship Night.
- Sheldon Smart from the Vote! Society to finalize plans for the forum.
- Matthew Hebert, Augustana Transitions Coordinator
- Amy Spady, VP Public Relations of the LHSA.
- Canadian Unity Council Luncheon, with the Hon. Peter Lougheed as guest speaker.
- Alan Cliff, Chair of the City of Edmonton Youth Council.

- With Jordan, Elizabeth Dekert, to discuss U of A involvement in the Universal Bus Pass project.

Upcoming

- General Faculties Council, (September 27th)
- Presentation to Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board (ETSAB) regarding the Universal Bus Pass, (September 27th)
- Meet and Greet with Stephen Mandel (September 27th)
- U of A AGM (September 28th)
- Fest For Knowledge (September 29th)
- External Affairs Board (September 30th)
- Vote! Society Red Lite Lounge Mayoral Forum (September 30th)
- Presentation to Student Finance Board (October 1st)
- Student-for-a-Day (October 1st)
- U of A Open House/Reunion Weekend (October 1-2) – Senate High School Recruitment Event, Students' Union Presentation during Open House, Reunion Weekend Dinner.
- U-Pass Steering Committee Meeting (October 4th)
- Budget Advisory Committee (October 7th)

Bill #16 - The Committee System Reform Bill

WHEREAS Students' Council carried a motion to charge the Committee for Council Reform and Progress to review and redesign where necessary the existing system of Students' Council committees,

NOW THEREFORE, the aforesaid Committee recommends that Students' Council enact as follows:

Part 1 Universal Provisions

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| Membership | 1. | (1) Only voting members of Students' Council may serve as voting members on a committee.

(2) Only Councillors may serve as voting members of the Audit Committee.

(3) Proxies are not permitted at committee meetings. |
| Chairs | 2. | (1) A committee shall be chaired by a Councillor elected by and from the committee.

(2) The chair of a committee shall be paid a salary of \$300 per year. |
| Size and classes of members | 3. | (1) The Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, University Policy Committee, Access Fund Committee, and Grant Allocation Committee shall each have seven voting members.

(2) The Audit Committee and Bylaw Committee shall each have five voting members.

(3) The membership of the Council Administration Committee shall be five permanent members and all voting members of Students' Council as voting members, and the Speaker as a non-voting member. |
| Quorum | 4. | (1) Where a committee has a voting membership of seven, quorum of the committee shall be four voting members.

(2) Where a committee has a voting membership of five, quorum of the committee shall be three voting members.

(3) The Council Administration Committee has a quorum of three |

permanent voting members.

(4) Committee meetings shall occur in person.

Administration 5. The Speaker, and through him committee chairs, will have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of the committee system.

Reports 6. (1) Where a committee has the authority to make a decision that commits the Students' Union to an action, the committee shall report any such decisions made to Students' Council.

(2) The chair of a committee shall submit a report to Students' Council outlining the operations of the committee after each meeting of the committee.

(3) Any reports made by the chair of a committee to Students' Council shall be included in the Votes and Proceedings of Students' Council

(4) Any standing orders or procedural rules adopted by a committee shall be reported to Students' Council.

Meetings 7. A committee shall set out a meeting schedule on a trimester basis.

Effect of the foregoing 8. This Part shall apply only to the committees under Part 2.

Part 2 Committees of Council

Council Administration Committee 9. (1) The Council Administration Committee shall

- (a) have the power to adopt, rescind and amend the Standing Orders once Standing Orders have been adopted by Students' Council;
- (b) conduct an ongoing review of the procedures, proceedings, and structure, including the legislative agenda, of Students' Council and suggest recommendations as needed; and
- (c) recommend appointments of the Chief Returning Officer, members of the Awards Selection Committee, and Councillors.

(2) The Chief Returning Officer and the Speaker shall be overseen by the Council Administration Committee.

(3) The Speaker shall be a non-voting member of the Council Administration Committee.

Budget and
Finance
Committee

10. The Budget and Finance Committee shall
- (a) recommend budgets to Students' Council as needed;
 - (b) have the power to authorize budget alterations no greater than \$2,500, transfers from the Project Reserve no greater than \$5,000, and loans no greater than \$4,000; and
 - (c) conduct an ongoing review of the finances and financial controls of the Students' Union and suggest recommendations as needed.

Audit
Committee

11. (1) The Audit Committee shall
- (a) conduct an ongoing review of the implementation of financial controls;
 - (b) oversee the affairs of internal dedicated fees;
 - (c) oversee the affairs of external dedicated fees; and
 - (d) oversee the usage of faculty membership fees and faculty association membership fees.
- (2) The Audit Committee shall continue to have the duties and powers presently set out in Bylaw 1400.

Bylaw
Committee

12. The Bylaw Committee shall
- (a) draft bylaws;
 - (b) review legislative subjects not subject to review by other committees; and
 - (c) have the power to make editorial changes to Students' Union legislation.

University
Policy
Committee

13. The University Policy Committee shall
- (a) recommend political policy regarding the University of

Alberta; and

(b) oversee the Executive Committee's University-based advocacy activities.

External
Policy
Committee

14. The External Policy Committee shall

(a) recommend political policy regarding the business of the municipal, provincial, federal and international governments, and on tuition; and

(b) oversee the Executive Committee's advocacy activities external to the University of Alberta.

Access Fund
Committee

15. The Access Fund Committee shall administer and disburse the Access Fund Reserve.

Grant
Allocation
Committee

16. (1) The Grant Allocation Committee shall administer and disburse the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, and grants to student groups.

(2) The membership of the Grant Allocation Committee shall include three members of the University Athletics Board when administering or granting the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund and three members of the Recreation Action Committee when administering or granting the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund.

(3) The members under subprinciple (2) are non-voting members.

Part 3 Other Provisions

Dissolution
of existing
committees

17. The following committees are delegislated:

(a) the Audit Committee,

(b) the Academic Affairs Board,

(c) the External Affairs Board,

(d) the Budget Committee,

(e) the Internal Review Board,

- (f) the Student Life Board,
- (g) the Nominating Committee,
- (h) the Access Fund Board,
- (i) the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee,
- (j) the Eugene L. Brody Committee,
- (k) the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund Committee,
- (l) the Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee,
- (m) the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Student Levy Subcommittee, and
- (n) the Student Groups Granting Committee.