University of Alberta Students’ Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday March 22, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2004-25)

2004-25/1 CALL TO ORDER
2004-25/2 University of Alberta CHEER SONG “Ring Out a Cheer”
2004-25/3 SPEAKER’S BUSINESS
2004-25/4 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
2004-25/5 PRESENTATIONS
2004-25/6 REPORTS
2004-25/7 QUESTION PERIOD
2004-25/7a SAMUEL – Question for the President: given that several selection committees have since been removed from the realm of legislation and placed into Executive purview, I was wondering what the new process for making hiring decisions and board selections is now going to be.

Please see document SC 04-25.01

2004-25/8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2004-25/8a MOTION BY TAYLOR/LAW, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, strike an ad hoc committee composed of: the President, the General Manager, VP Operations and Finance, Speaker of Students’ Council and two members of Students’ Council, selected by Students’ Council, to review Bylaw 500 and make recommendations regarding specific documents and files to be classified as ‘strictly confidential’.

Please see document SC 04-25.02

2004-25/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2004-25/10 OLD BUSINESS

2004-25/10a MOTION BY LAW, RESOLVED THAT Students' Council appoint Alisha Wennekamp to the vacant Student-at-Large seat CREFC for the remainder of the 2004-2005 year.
MOTION BY BLATZ, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council amend Standing Orders to include the following list of strictly confidential documents.

Please bring supporting documentation from the March 8, 2005 meeting of Students’ Council.

MOTION BY KIRKHAM/KELLY, ORDERED THAT Students’ Council direct the Executive Committee to make all Students’ Union owned and/or operated businesses non-smoking establishments no later than 1 April 2005.

MOTION BY KIRKHAM, ORDERED THAT the meeting schedule for the 2004/2005 academic year be amended as follows:

a. The 22 March 2005 meeting of Students’ Council be cancelled.

b. The 5 April 2005 meeting of Students’ Council be rescheduled for 29 March 2005.

c. The 26 April 2005 meeting of Students’ Council be rescheduled for 12 April 2005.

MOTION BY LEWIS, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council nominate members of Students’ Council to the following positions:

a. Two (2) members of the Budget Committee;

b. Two (2) members of the Audit Committee;

c. One (1) member to sit on the Access Fund Committee;

d. One (1) member to sit on the External Affairs Board;

e. One (1) member to sit on the Internal Review Board;

f. And one (1) member to sit on the Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors.

MOTION BY LAW, RESOLVED THAT the ‘Students’ Involvement Endowment Foundation’ Financial Statements for April 30, 2003 to April 30, 2004 be approved by Students’ Council as submitted by Watson Aberant.

Please bring backup documentation from the March 15, 2005 meeting of Students’ Council.

LEGALISATION

MOTION BY SMITH, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council repeal Article XIII of the Students’ Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring backup documentation from the February 8, 2005 meeting of Students Council.

MOTION BY LAW, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, rescind Article V of the Students’ Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring backup documentation from the March 8, 2005 meeting of Students Council.

MOTION BY LAW, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, rescind Article XVI of the Students’ Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring backup documentation from the March 8, 2005 meeting of Students Council.
2004-25/11d MOTION BY LAW, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council, rescind Article VIII of the Students’ Union Constitution (second reading).

Please bring backup documentation from the March 8, 2005 meeting of Students Council.

2004-25/11e Bill #24 – Recall (sponsor; SMITH)
Principles (first reading)
1. That any member of Students’ Council may be recalled by a petition to that effect bearing the names and student identification numbers of a majority of the students eligible to vote for that member’s position.
2. That any member of Students’ Council can be compelled to contest his/her seat in a by-election by a motion carried by a two thirds majority vote of Students’ Council at three consecutive meetings of Students’ Council.
3. That the Students’ Union will recommend that any Undergraduate Board of Governors representative who is removed from Students’ Council also be removed from the Board of Governors.
4. That the Students’ Union will recommend that any person removed from the position of President also be removed from the Board of Governors.

2004-25/11f Bill #25 – Dedicated Fees Reform (sponsor; LAW)
Principles (first reading)

Please bring backup documentation from the March 15, 2005 meeting of Students’ Council.

2004-25/12 NEW BUSINESS

2004-25/12a MOTION BY LAW/TAYLOR, RESOLVED THAT Students’ Council direct the President and Speaker of Students’ Council to make a recommendation to Students’ Council not later than the next meeting of Students’ Council on how to:
   a. ensure that Students’ Councillors are enrolled students in their faculty for the duration of their term in office
   b. ensure that elected Executive remain students for the duration of their term in office.

2004-25/13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2004-25/13a Next Council Meeting

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS
April 5, 2005
April 26, 2005

2004-25/14 INFORMATION ITEMS

2004-25/14a Proposed Recall Legislation

Please see document SC 04-25.03
Alvin Law’s Response to Councillor Samuel’s Question.

Thank you for your question Chris.

The process that will be undertaken this year to deal with selection for committee member positions and student staff are outlined in the operating policies that were submitted to Council at the March 8th meeting in the agenda package. As shown, there are changes in structure due to the decision by Council to de-legislate several committees.

I will briefly outline the new committees under Executive purview and outline the selection process for all positions.

Boards/Committees (Reporting to the Respective Executive Officer)
External Affairs & Advocacy Board
Academic Affairs Board
Student Life Advisory Committee
Programming Committee

Selection for these positions will be made by:
- Outgoing Executive of Respective Board
- Incoming Executive of Respective Board
- President (in the External Affairs & Advocacy Board only)

Executive Coordinators
Associate Vice President Academic
Associate Vice President External
Associate Vice President Student Life
University Policy and Information Officer

Selection for these positions will be made by:
- Outgoing Executive of Respective Board
- Incoming Executive of Respective Board
- Outgoing Coordinator of Respective Position

Student Service Directors
Director ECOS
Director Information Services
Director Safewalk
Director Student Distress Centre
Director Student Group Services
Director Ombudservice

Selection for these positions will be made by:
- Senior Manager of Student Services
- Outgoing Executive Member
- Incoming Executive Member
- Outgoing Director of Respective Service

Other Student Service Positions
ECOS Team Leader
Associate Director Administration, Info Serv
Associate Director Information, Info Serv
Associate Director Safewalk
SDC Team Leader
SDC Team Leader

Selection for these positions will be made by
- Senior Manager of Student Services
- Outgoing Director of Respective Service
- Incoming Director of Respective Service
- Incoming Executive Member

The Process

Much like as has been done in the past, the process this year will consist of 2 Gateway ads for each position before the application deadline. The applicants will then be shortlisted by the selection committee for the respective position, from this shortlist, interviews will be held with each applicant. After interviewing, deliberations will occur and a final selection will be made.
1. The following motion was passed at the March 14, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting.
   a. BLATZ/ABBoud MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to the incoming executive that the SU purchase cell phones and minutes for the use of the President and VP External.
   VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (TAYLOR)

2. The following recommendation was passed at the March 16, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting.
   a. TAYLOR/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Students’ Council, that an ad hoc committee composed of: the President, the General Manager, VP Operations and Finance, Speaker of Students’ Council and two members of Students’ Council selected by Students’ Council be struck. This committee will review Bylaw 500, and make recommendations regarding specific documents and files to be classified as ‘strictly confidential’.
   VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
Recall

1. That any member of Students’ Council may be recalled by a petition to that effect bearing the signatures and Student Identification numbers of a majority of the number of students who voted in the election for that member’s position.
2. That any member of Students’ Council may also be recalled by a 2/3 majority vote of Students’ Council at three consecutive meetings.
3. That the Students’ Union shall that, in the case where either the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative or the President of the Students’ Union is removed from office, recommend that this person is also removed from the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta.
4. That when a member is recalled, the vacated seat must be contested in a by-election, and not offered to a candidate from the previous election. Students’ Council may choose not to hold a by-election, or to offer a position to the winner of the relevant seat in the upcoming general election, or to leave the position vacant, if it is determined that a by-election cannot be held prior to February 1st of a given year.
5. That a member, once recalled, is free to contest the seat in a by-election.
6. That a member shall continue to hold office for five working days following the voting days, in order to provide a transition period. The winner of the by-election shall assume office six days following the voting days.

By-Election

7. That the Chief Returning Officer will set a date for a by-election that will be no later than six weeks after a member is recalled, unless a member is recalled outside of the Fall or Winter terms, in which case the election shall within the first three weeks of the Fall term.
8. That the nomination period for a by-election shall occur over no less than five working days.
9. That the campaign period for a by-election shall occur over no less than five working days.
10. That voting for a by-election shall occur over no less than two working days.