University of Alberta Students’ Union

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

Tuesday July 26, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2005-07)

2005-07/1 CALL TO ORDER
2005-07/2 University of Alberta CHEER SONG “Ring Out a Cheer”
2005-07/3 SPEAKER’S BUSINESS
2005-07/3a Announcements – The next Students’ Council meeting will take place on August 9, 2005.
2005-07/4 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
2005-07/5 PRESENTATIONS
2005-07/6 NOMINATIONS
2005-07/7 REPORTS
2005-07/7a Graham Lettner, President
   Please see document SC 05-07.01
2005-07/7b Samantha Power, Vice President (External)
   Please see document SC 05-07.02
2005-07/7c Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations and Finance)
   Please see document SC 05-07.03
2005-07/7d Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)
   Please see document SC 05-07.04
2005-07/8 QUESTION PERIOD
2005-07/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
2005-07/9a Access Fund Committee – July 6, 2005
   Please see document SC 05-07.05
2005-07/9b  Bylaw Committee – July 19, 2005
Please see document SC 05-07.06

2005-07/9c  External Policy Committee – July 19, 2005
Please see document SC 05-07.07

2005-07/9d  Council Administration Committee – July 11, 2005
Please see document SC 05-07.08

2005-07/9e  Executive Committee – July 26, 2005
Please see document SC 05-07.09

2005-07/9f  Budget and Finance Committee – July 15, 2005
Please see document SC 05-07.10

TOBIAS MOVED THAT council approve the 2005/06 Capital and Operating Budgets as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.
Please see document SC 05-07.11

2005-07/10  GENERAL ORDERS

2005-07/10a  Bill #7 – Referenda (sponsor; PANDYA)
Principles (first reading)
1. Referenda will occur in conjunction with Councillor elections.

2005-07/10b  Bill #8 – Councillor/Executive Elections (sponsor; PANDYA)
Principles (first reading)
1. Councillor elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the second week following Reading Week. Executive elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the fourth week following Reading Week.

2005-07/11  INFORMATION ITEMS

Please see document SC 05-07.12

Please see document SC 05-07.13
President’s Report

Date: Tuesday, July 26th

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Most projects are progressing well. New projects have sprung up, and old issues have been dispensed with. Altogether, summer has been fruitful as of late—damn, we make a good team!

SPECIFICS:

1) Day with Indira
   a. Probably needs the most work out of any project. Sarah is meeting tomorrow with her committee—this should be fruitful and get us back up to speed. A proposal will be submitted soon to the President’s office requesting funding.

2) On Tap speaker series
   a. Topics have been chosen. Debate club will facilitate. The headhunting of professors is the next key step: I am more than up for badgering professors via phone for the rest of the summer.

3) SUB expansion money
   a. An agreement with Don Hickey and Doug Dawson has been reached: they will do work on our building for the matching amount of outstanding debt. This is pleasing to both sides. It is good to tie this issue up.

4) G-X
   a. This is the conference between the large students’ associations across Canada that I am planning. Feedback on the framework that Bill and I proposed has been good. I think we may need a conference call to seal the deal with the schools though a few more hurdles first need to be cleared.

5) PAC
   a. Bob Kinasewich has contacted me and relayed the fact that they are still working out a MoU for us to discuss. I will prod them a bit more, though they are currently very busy with the Master’s games.

6) U Pass
   a. Meeting coming up with the University—seeing what they are willing to contribute is the next step in the process.
7) Volunteer development & Community Service-Learning
   a. Chris Robb, Bill and I are discussing how to develop students as leaders and active members of campus in conjunction with the growth of CSL ideas across the US and Canada. Good ideas so far—definitely a big item to tie ideas together when talking with Indira and Carl late in August.

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Council Admin position: Based on concerns from last council meeting, Jason Tobias, Gregory Harlow, the Executive Assistant Catherine van de Braak and myself met to discuss options relating to the job description and reporting structure of the position. These options will be presented at the next CAC meeting. The position is now in budget 505, the council budget.

Campus Campaigns: We’ve done a lot of work on the campus campaigns up to this point. We’re working now on how the campaign will be marketed, we had many good suggestions from Marcus in the marketing department. We’re approaching campus groups and external organizations who want to be involved. The campaign is focused on engaging students to be citizens and aware of their political community. We have three main weeks highlighted, Political Action Week in September, the Affordability Review symposium in October and Tuition Week in January.

Communications Strategy: We’re expanding advocacy services to the student services we run. Our communications officer Colin Robertson, is working with student services to ensure that if there are events that deserve public attention, that they find the resources to do it. This will hopefully result in more attention to academic and student life concerns brought to public attention and show students to be the diverse group that they are.

Affordability Review: We gained two weeks to submit our documents, they’re now due Aug. 12th, we’re taking advantage of the time. We’re planning a media release around the document submission.

Online Student Loans: Advanced Education did a press release on the most mundane issue possible, they’ve now reformed the application process for student loans and moved it online. Somehow the media was interested, I did an interview with Global and French CBC radio. Graham’s quote in the Journal sums up our feelings around the issue: "We're not really gung-ho for heaping loans on students anyway, so I guess this just facilitates that process," Lettner said. "If they would announce there would be a new granting system that students could look up online, I think that would be more helpful."

Advocacy Director: Interviewing on Friday July 22, hopefully will have an update.
Residential Tax: Meeting with Kim Krushell, she’s working on the issue and discovered that property tax is charged to residences on all Alberta campuses. We’re now doing research into the problem across Canada. Our hope is to find research to propose Edmonton as a leader in removing the tax and for the rest of Alberta to follow.

Coming Up:
July 26th Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights Selection Committee
July 29th Dean Connor re: UPass
Aug 2nd Exec meeting w. APIRG
Aug 12th – 17th Vacation
Final Budget: The Final Operating and Capital Budgets are BFC ratified and included in your council package.

Some remarks on the final budget process:

I performed a detailed analysis of our performance over the past five years in all of our departments. Of primary concern was how well we had been meeting our budgeted targets. The following general trends were apparent:

• We tend to underestimate our revenues in our business activities.
• We tend to overestimate our expenditures in our service activities
• We tend to overestimate our revenues in the Powerplant.

Based on this information as well as updated numbers from year end, the following changes were made:

• Projected net revenues for Cram Dunk, L’Express, the Post Office, RATT and the Print Center were increased.
• Projected net revenues for the Powerplant and SUBmart were decreased.
• The majority of additional requests pertaining to services were rolled into the current budget structure with no bottom line change.
• The executive and council budgets were trimmed to account for decreases in duplicating costs.

This by no means an exhaustive list. The full budget is available on the VPOF website for viewing in excel format.

Questions, comments and rude remarks should be directed to the VPOF during question period.

Respectfully Submitted.
Follow-up on Past Projects

24/7 SUB: Short and sweet, there WILL be a meeting of the Strategic Initiatives group on August 9, where 24/7 SUB will be discussed, (they need to have this meeting they can’t postpone it this time). Again all of my discussions have been positive and I am 95% sure that SUB will be open 24/7 on September 7th onwards.

Update on Current Projects

program that the departments in the Faculty of science has put in place.

Academic Survey: the final report has been written. Everything is on track to have an extensive gateway supplement in September as planed.

Information on Upcoming Projects

USRI: I am in correspondence with a professor and leading expert on the topic from the University of Western Ontario about what deficiencies we have in our system and what possible improvements we could make to the system.

TA Orientation: I am involved in discussions with Science TAs about their experience with the TA orientation program at the U of A and the incentive
Order Paper (AFC 2005-02)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. Business Items
   i. Access Fund Committee Goals
   ii. Access Fund Policies
   iii. Access Fund Staff Position – update
   iv. Non-voting members of the Access Fund Committee
5. Next Meetings:
   Wednesday August 3rd, 2005
   Wednesday November 3rd, 2005
   Wednesday March 15th, 2005
   Wednesday April 5th, 2005
6. Adjournment
The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Access Fund Committee

6 July 2005 @ 17:30 - SUB 426

Order Paper (AFC 2005-02)

1. Called to Order at 5:40.
   Members present include Omer Yusuf (Chair), Jason Tobias, Sheena Aperocho, and
   Prem Eruvs. Suneil Khanna enters late at 6:00.

2. Tobias/Yusuf to amend the agenda to reorder business items i, ii, iii, iv to be addressed in
   the order of ii, iii, i, iv carried.
   Motion to approve the agenda by TOBIAS/ERUVS carried.

3. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by YUSUF/TOBIAS carried.

4. Business Items
   i. Access Fund Committee Goals
      Council directed the AFC “compile a report of their goals and submit the
      same to Students’ Council for the July 26th meeting, along with a brief
      rationale”
      Details of discussion compiled in the AFC report to council.

   ii. Access Fund Policies
      YUSUF/APEROCHO motion to adopt the changes to the Access Fund
      Policies.

   iii. Access Fund Staff Position – update
      AFC agreed that the Chair would be a suitable representative of the AFC
      during the interviewing process.

   iv. Non-voting members of the Access Fund Committee

5. Next Meetings:
   Wednesday August 3rd, 2005
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6. Adjournment
   Tobias Yusuf 6:59
   Unanimous
6 July 2005 @ 17:30 - SUB 426

Report to Council

The second meeting of AFC was called to order at 5:40. The chair felt mildly embarrassed that this meeting started 2 minutes later than the last meeting (5:38), feeling that this might be a step in the wrong direction. This was kept mostly to himself. Omer Yusuf (Chair), Jason Tobias, Sheena Aperocho, and Prem Eruvs were in attendance, as well as guest Clare Ard, Director of SFAIC. Though Suneil Khanna was not in attendance at 5:40, he did manage to attend at 6:00 (to his credit, Suneil thought the meeting was at 6:00, making him on time).

Being the good guy that he is, Jason Tobias amended the agenda so that Clare would be able to leave early. It’s definitely worth noting for future meetings (Jason being a good guy, and structuring meetings to allow SFAIC guests to leave early).

Following approval of the agenda and minutes, we jumped right into changing the Access Fund Policies. Rather than go through the rationale of each amendment, I’ll categorize all of them into 3 streams of thought. The first is a general update (AFB became AFC). The second set of amendments addressed common practices of AF that required updating. The third is to deprioritize the importance of the chair in the various subcommittees. This places more power on the general members of AFC, as well as make the role of the Chair clearer: as the administrative backbone of AFC, rather than its sovereign (Maharajah?). While this may have been acceptable in the past with the VP (Operations and Finance) as the Chair of AFB, it certainly goes against the current operation of the AFC. AFC in consequently 100x more awesome.

Clare updated the board regarding the AF position. After seeding through the applicants that failed to meet the necessary criteria, she was ready to begin interviewing, and was looking for a member of AFC to sit on a panel of interviewers. The committee was comfortable sending the Chair to review the applicants, and help in the decision. God help the applicants.

Finally, AFC addressed the Council directed order to “compile a report of their goals and submit the same to Students’ Council for the July 26th meeting, along with a brief rationale”. It was first recommended by the Chair that we limit discussion to the goals of the Access Fund Committee, and avoid applying this question to the Access Fund. It should be noted that these are two different bodies, and that AF is administered at many different levels. That being said, these are some of the conclusions reached by the board:

- Reviewing AFB polices to be more compatible to AFC. AFB was the old board/committee, whereas AFC is the new. Policies should reflect such.
- Making the AFC and Bylaw 4000 as compatible as possible. There are some details that still need ironing out between the two, and will be addressed at future meetings of AFC (then perhaps brought to Council).
- Working in such a way as to keep the AF sustainable. This is relevant, as it is the AFC that determines the guidelines which the AF disperses its funds. These are the students’ funds, and they should be dispersed appropriately.
- Declaring that AFC is a very mechanical board, one that tries to make sure everything is working up to code. Trying to be ambitious with the AF through the AFC could cause serious problems, particularly when the AF and its operations aren’t broken.
- Following the reasoning from the last point: that the day-to-day operations of the AF are
not to be reviewed by the AFC. AFC should be dealing with large-scale issues, and leave as much as possible to its subcommittees and to SFAIC.

With such resolutions, the members of AFC felt a new camaraderie and kinship. Together, they would be working to a more productive future (next meeting August 3rd).

The second meeting of AFC was sorrowfully adjourned at 6:59.
1. Formal Policies Concerning General Operations of the Fund

a) Access to application information

In the interest of preserving applicant confidentiality, and allowing the Selection Committee to make decisions without bias on any grounds, complete applications will be available only to the Associate Director and the interviewer, then filed appropriately. Application summaries will contain ID numbers and relevant budget, family size and program information and will be available to Selection Committee members. If an applicant presents a letter with the application, identifying information will be removed.

b) Appeals

Applicants who wish to appeal the committee decision may do so by first making an appointment to see the Director, Student Financial Aid Information Centre. This appointment will explain the committee’s decision in detail and allow the Director to explain other funding options if necessary. If the applicant still chooses to appeal, they must do so in writing to the Access Fund Appeals Selection Committee no later than the deadline posted at SFAIC (not more than two weeks after cheques are issued). The appeals will be brought to the Appeals Selection Committee and the decision of the Committee will be final. Students will be notified by mail or e-mail as to the Committee’s decision.

c) Appointments

For application interviews, due to the large number of applicants, applicants more than ten minutes late will need to reschedule their appointments. Applicants who miss an appointment without notification prior to the close of business on the day before their appointment, or without valid excuse will not be allowed to apply until the next application period at the interviewer’s discretion.

d) Deadlines

The Associate Director – Access Fund will establish a firm deadline for both Access Fund applications and opt outs before the end of the winter term. This deadline will be advertised for at least two weeks prior to the established deadline.

e) Funds not granted

Any money not granted in a given disbursement period will be carried over to the next disbursement period. At the end of the Access Fund year (August 31), any money not granted will be put into the Access Fund internal reserve.

f) Old Application Information

Hardcopy files that have been inactive for four years will be confidentially disposed of (shredded). Selective files should be retained for archival purposes.

g) Opt-out money

Opt-out money not picked up by the end of the semester for which the student has opted-out will be returned to the bursary fund. This date will be no later than the last business day of the final month of the respective term.

h) Past History
The Access Fund will have access to ALL data provided willingly by the applicant on their application for the current period as well as for previous periods. The Selection Committee will be able to consider all information provided in making a decision on the applicant including such items as award history, and any other data the Access Fund may have from current or previous applications.

**j) Selection committee composition** (11/09/96) Revised (06/07/05)
The Selection Committee must always be composed of two Access Fund Committee members, as well as the Associate Director as a non-voting member.

**j) Appeals selection committee composition** (21/11/02) Revised (06/07/05)
The Access Fund Appeals Selection Committee must be composed of at least two students not on the original Selection Committee in addition to the Director of Student Financial Aid Information Centre, as well as the Associate Director as a non-voting member.

**k) Spring/Summer Sessions** (2/04/96) Revised (06/07/05)
Students' Union Access Fund Bursaries will be available to students in the term in which they are registered so long as they have paid Access Fund fees for that term. As in all cases, students who do not meet the criteria may submit a letter explaining their exceptional circumstances. Students who received the maximum bursary approved by the Access Fund Committee in the previous semesters will not be eligible for additional funding during the spring and summer terms. Students enrolled in one of the spring or summer terms will be allowed a maximum bursary of $1500.00 per spring and summer terms. Access Fund Bursaries will be processed in May and in July.

**l) Statistics/dissemination or exchange of information** (11/09/96) Revised (06/07/05)
The Director of the Access Fund will respond to requests for information from University, Students' Union and governmental departments. The reason for and purpose of the request will be verified in all cases. Any requests for information that is not public knowledge must be approved through the Vice-President (External) and the Access Fund Committee. The Associate Director will exchange information with Student Financial Aid Information Centre and the University Bursary and Emergency Fund or any other University or government departments in order to verify any information contained on an application, including, but not limited to registration status, GPA, and outstanding amounts owing to the University or governmental agencies the student has indicated an outstanding balance with.

**m) Recall** (17/04/96) Revised (06/07/05)
During the selection process, the Committee may choose to have the Associate Director recall an applicant to verify information or to provide further details. A one-week period between Selection Committee meeting and ratification by the Access Fund Committee will allow for these recalls.

**n) Conflict of Interest** (9/11/04) Revised (06/07/05)
No individual who has received an Access Fund bursary during a given council year can sit on the Access Fund Committee in the council year. Access Fund Committee members are ineligible to receive Access Fund bursaries in the current council year during their term of service.
2. Formal Policies Concerning the Allocation of Bursaries

a) Allocation of Funds for the purpose of bursaries in each application period (07/08/03)
The funds available each year will be divided between the projected number of granting sessions upon the recommendation of the Access Fund Interviewers. The money available for granting in each year shall be divided into six portions for each competition.

b) Appeals (student loans) (11/12/96) Revised (17/04/96)&(29/11/03)
Applicants who have loan appeals in progress will not be considered for funding unless their appeal has been processed prior to the meeting of the Selection Committee.

c) Concerning information on application form/materials required for application

i. Allowable Income (08/01/98)
All income sources (CPP, Widow’s & Orphan’s benefit, GST, etc.) must be disclosed on application form.

ii. Application Form (07/08/03)
Applicants who have not completed an application form prior to their appointment will be considered to have missed their appointment.

iii. Books Supplies and Instrument Costs (08/01/98) Revised (21/11/02)
Applicants will be allowed expenses for books, supplies and instruments based on total prices quoted by their faculty for a full course load. Applicants who are not taking a full course load will be allowed the appropriate proportion of this total. Applications more than the maximum quoted by their faculty need to be supported by receipts. Under no circumstances will the Access Fund allow additional expenses for computers or computer-related expense.

iv. Certification/Entrance Exams (07/08/03)
Under no circumstances will the Access Fund cover the costs of Certification or Entrance Exams, or any exam preparation course for either certification or entrance exams.

v. Credit cards (17/4/96) Revised (08/09/04)
The Access Fund will allow Minimum Monthly Payments (MMPs) up to a limit of $40/month providing the student can demonstrate to the interviewer’s satisfaction that the debt was used to cover legitimate academic or living costs that have accrued while registered at the University of Alberta. Legitimacy will be determined by the interviewer.

vi. International Students (07/03/98) Revised (06/01/00)
Applicants who are international students must provide a letter with their application detailing how they had planned on financing their education and living costs and why their original plan is no longer sufficient as well as current bank statements from all accounts in their possession.

vii. Married/Common-law students (11/12/96) Revised (21/11/02)
The financial information, both income and expenses are to include all family members in the household. The full family shortfall, up to the yearly maximum of $3000 each will be recommended. If both spouses are U of A students, it is in their best interest to both apply. Separate applications should be filled out, but the financial information should be the same on both applications. Each applicant will be recommended one half of the family shortfall. In cases where loans or appeals are in progress, each applicant will receive one half of their living expenses for one month.

viii. Medical Costs (08/01/98) Revised (06/07/05)
Medical/Dental expenses other than Alberta Health Premiums, University of Alberta Health Insurance Plan and Blue Cross Coverage will require documentation (doctor’s note, prescription receipts) as proof for the Selection Committee. The Access Fund will allow Medical/Dental expenses up to a limit of $500 per individual in the applicant’s family per year.

ix. Parental Contributions
(07/08/03)
Applicants who are experiencing a shortfall due to a lack of expected parental contributions must submit either a letter from the applicant’s parents or guardians confirming that they are unable or unwilling to provide the expected contribution or a letter from a third party, if a parent or guardian is unable or unwilling to provide such documentation.

x. Required documentation
(07/08/03)
At the time of their interview, applicants are required to submit a completed application form, their student loan Notice of Assessment, their University of Alberta Tuition and Fees Assessment as issued by the Registrar's Office, their University of Alberta ONEcard, and a copy of a pay stub from each job held in the last twelve months. In addition, applicants who are international students are required to submit copies of their bank statements for at least the previous four months. Applicants who do not provide the required documentation may have their applications considered incomplete and may not be eligible for funding at the discretion of the interviewer.

xi. RRSPs
(08/01/98) Revised (21/11/02)
Applicants must report the full value of all RRSPs. A $2000 RRSP exemption will be allowed for each year out of high school. RRSPs must have been purchased before the commencement of post-secondary studies. For married and common-law applicants, if the applicant and their spouse are both in full-time studies, the total value of the RRSPs will be divided by two.

xii. Student Lines of Credit or Student Bank Loan payments (interest only)
(11/12/96) Revised (21/11/02)
The Selection Committee will allow additional expenses for student line of credit or student bank-loan interest payments. Applicants claiming Student Line of Credit interest payments must provide a copy of their most recent account statement.

xiii. Vehicles
(21/11/02)
Applicants should enter the full value of all vehicles, which includes leased vehicles and if married or living common-law, the value of the spouse’s vehicles. For single applicants, a $5,000 exemption will be allowed and a $10,000 exemption will be allowed for married or common-law applicants or applicants with dependants, but the Selection Committee will take anything over that amount into consideration.

xiv. Leased Vehicles
(21/11/02)
Applicants with leased vehicles must have taken out the lease on their vehicle prior to the commencement of full-time studies. They must document the amount of monthly payments on the vehicle and provide a copy of the lease agreement including information on the breakability of the lease. The Selection Committee will waive the value of the leased vehicle, providing the above criteria have been met, but the Committee will not take into consideration monthly lease payments above the Access Fund’s monthly expense guidelines.

xv. Allowed Monthly Expenses
(8/09/04)
Effective September 2004 the Access Fund living allowances will match those in the annual Canada Student Loans budget chart.

d) Concerning bursary amounts

i. Maximum bursary
(26/02/97) Revised (06/07/05)
The maximum bursary allowed per student is $3,000.00 per academic year (September 1 - August 31), to be reviewed on an annual basis by the Committee at the August meeting.

ii. Minimum Bursary (08/01/98) Revised (07/08/03)
No bursary under the amount of $100.00 will be granted by the Access Fund.

iii. Maximum Lifetime Limit (06/01/00) Revised (21/11/02)
The maximum lifetime limit allowed per student is $6,000.00.

iv. Maximum Limit for Students in non-degree/designation programs (29/11/03)
The maximum bursary granted to a student in a non-degree/designation program is not to exceed the cost of that student’s classes.

v. First and Second Year Students (07/08/03)
Applicants in the first or second year of a program who are applying to the Access Fund for reasons other than unexpected emergency expenses will have their bursary pro-rated based on the lifetime maximum allowed under Access Fund guidelines and the number of years remaining in the applicant’s program.

vi. Graduating Students (06/07/05)
Students who apply in the term in which they are graduating and who have reached the yearly maximum but not the lifetime maximum may be granted an amount up to the lesser of their assessed financial shortfall or the lifetime maximum, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

e) Concerning Eligibility

i. Audits (07/08/03)
Applicants being audited by the Students’ Finance Board must provide the Access Fund with documentation regarding the audit and steps that have been taken to comply with the auditor. An audit may be grounds for denying an applicant funding; however, the Access Fund Selection Committee will make decisions on these applications on a case-by-case basis and take individual circumstances under consideration.

ii. Concurrently enrolled students (07/08/03)
If courses being taken at other institutions are leading towards a degree from the University of Alberta, all living and educational costs will be taken into consideration by the Access Fund. If courses being taken at other institutions are leading towards a degree from another institution, the Access Fund will take into consideration all costs for courses taken through the University of Alberta.

iii. Defaults (17/04/96) Revised (26/07/00)&(21/11/02)
Applicants with previous student loan defaults must provide documentation describing the reasons why this default occurred and steps taken to remedy the situation. Technical defaults will not be held against the applicant. A previous student loan default may be grounds for denying an applicant funding; however, the Access Fund Selection Committee will make decisions on these applications on a case by case basis and take individual circumstances under consideration. In no circumstances will a student with a previous default on an Emergency Student Loan be granted a bursary.

iv. Differential Fee Faculties (07/08/03)
Students in differential fee faculties offering bursaries to students entering certain programs will be required to apply for and be notified of their faculty bursary status prior to submitting an application to the Access Fund.

iv. Student Contribution (07/08/03) Revised (06/07/05)
All applicants must have prior to the start of the school year, $1350 in savings, or must, during the course of the year be contributing at least $1350 towards their educational expenses through part-time work. This requirement may be waived for the following students:

(a) Those students studying in one of the following faculties or programs: Dentistry, Medicine or Rehabilitation Medicine;

(b) Those students with a dependant under the age of twelve (12) where the applicant is the primary care-giver of that dependant;

(c) Those students with medical circumstances that prevent them from working—including but not limited to: chronic/temporary illness, disability, or recovery from a medical procedure.

(d) Those students on or returning from a practicum or unpaid work experience at the discretion of the selection committee.

v. Students on exchange

Costs incurred in connection with academic exchanges above the costs that would have been incurred had the applicant not participated in the exchange will not be considered allowable expenses. Under no circumstances will the Access Fund cover debts incurred as the result of exchanges or study abroad experiences.

vi. Students who opted out

In all cases, students who opt out will not be eligible for an Access Fund bursary during the year in which they have opted out. This policy will be advertised widely to avoid confusion and misinformation. Students who are assessed for the whole year will be required to pay into the Access Fund for both terms.

3. Working Guidelines

a) International Students

International Students in severe financial need early in their program may be denied funding by the Access Fund. This guideline is based on consultation with the International Centre, which related the low probability of such students completing their program, and the fact that international students, prior to coming to study in Canada, must document ability to cover the cost of their program. However, in such cases, the Access Fund Selection Committee may decide to grant a bursary which is pro-rated over the remaining years of the program. This guideline may be waived for students who have high shortfalls due to emergency or unexpected expenses.

b) Students not living at home

Given that the Access Fund is a last resort bursary, the AFB expects student to have done all they can to reduce their expenses. If a student is not living at home to reduce their costs, they must provide a reasonable answer in response to the question of why they do not live at home. In the past, acceptable reasons have been:

• that their parents live out of town (although if the town is accessible by public transportation such as St. Albert and Sherwood Park this answer is not sufficient)
• abusive home environment
• student has child/spouse
• student has several siblings that make it a very difficult environment in which to study
• parents are divorced/separated and student cannot adapt to either one of the new residences
• student is a returning student who has been in the workforce for several years
• parent(s) do not want the child living with them anymore

The Associate Director must use his/her judgement in assessing whether the student could reasonably be expected to live with his/her parents to reduce living expenses. If the AD - AF is unsure of the adequacy of the reason given, he/she should request that the student include a short letter with their application, addressed to the Selection Committee, explaining why they have not chosen to live with their parents in order to reduce costs.

c) Trips home (passed as policy originally in 1996/1997? reaffirmed January 08, 1998)
Return trips home are not to be included in an applicant’s shortfall as expenses excepting for trips arising out of exceptional circumstances (ex. familial medical emergencies).

d) Financial Plan (29/11/03)
The Selection Committee may choose not to grant a bursary to an application if it believes there is little or no likelihood that the applicant will be able to secure funding to complete their program.

e) After degree or second-entry students (06/07/05)
After-degree or second-entry students who have no previous accumulated debt or no dependents will then be placed in an end of year consideration file
Bylaw Committee

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Tobias, Berghoff, Lewis, Harlow (guest), Thevenaz (7:40 p.m.)

OLD BUSINESS:
(a) The Committee determined that since no drafted legislation for Bill #6 was available, second reading of the Bill would put off until the next meeting of Bylaw Committee. The Committee then proceeded to discuss the merits of the Bill, and whether or not the committee should send a report to Council opposing the Bill in addition to second reading. A straw poll indicates BC opposes the Bill. The Chair will draft second reading, and Thevenaz will draft the report opposing Bill #6 for the next meeting of BC.
(b) Harlow presented his Legislative Reform ideas, and discussion of the best courses of action ensued. Tobias/Thevenaz moved that BC adopt the outline for Bylaw Reform.
(4-0-0)
There was discussion of how the workload would be divided among members. It was determined that separate Bills would be drafted for each outline heading. Outline headings were divided among members.
Discussion of process:
1. One member will draft each Bill prior to consultation.
2. The Committee will examine the first draft and suggest changes and parties to be consulted.
3. The member will solicit feedback from concerned parties.
4. The Committee approves 2nd draft for 1st reading.
Sections 1, 6, and 7 of the outline for Bylaw Reform are to be drafted into first draft Bill form for the next meeting of BC – August 2.
(c) i. The Chair will draft Committee’s Standing Orders for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Berghoff/Thevenaz move to adjourn.
(3-0-0)
Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.
By-laws of the University of Alberta Students Union

1. Students’ Council
   a. Bylaw 100 – Respecting Students Council
   b. Bylaw 400 – Legislation of the Students’ Union
   c. Bylaw 3100 – Conflicts of Interest
   d. Bylaw 4000 – Standing Committees
   e. Bylaw 8100 – Board of Governors Representative (mostly scrap)

2. Executive Committee of the Students’ Union
   a. Bylaw 1100 – Executive Committee of the Students’ Union

3. Judiciary of the Students’ Union
   a. Bylaw 1500 – Judiciary of the Students’ Union

4. Elections and Referenda Bylaw
   a. Bylaw 2100 – Nominations & Elections
   b. Bylaw 2200 – Elections to Students’ Council
   c. Bylaw 2400 – Plebiscites and Referenda
   d. Bylaw 2500 – Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff

5. Budget, Finance, and Operations Bylaw
   a. Bylaw 3000 – Students’ Union Finances
   b. Bylaw 3200 – Honorariums and Salaries
   c. Bylaw 3300 – General Manager (mostly scrap)
   d. Bylaw 5600 – Student Groups
   e. Bylaw 7000 – Student Services
   f. Bylaw 700 – Privileges of Students’ Union Members (mostly scrap)

6. Dedicated Fees Bylaw
   a. Bylaw 6000 – Dedicated Fee Reserves

7. Faculty Associations Bylaw
   a. Bylaw 8350 – Faculty Associations
   b. Bylaw 8400 – Student’s Union Faculty Membership Fees
   c. Bylaw 8451 – Faculty Association Membership Fees

8. Access to Information
   a. Bylaw 500 – Access to Students’ Union Information
External Policy Committee

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:51 p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Kawanami, Kustra, Crossman, Lewis

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (a) Report Of The Vice-President (External): No questions as the VPX was not present. (b) New Policies: No new policies were brought forward. (c) Review Of Existing Policies: i. Parental Contributions: The Chair was unable to meet with Claire Ard. (d) Other Business: i. Access fund: The VPX was not present to supplement her report on Institutional Opportunities Bursaries. ii. Affordable housing: The Chair had met with the VPSL and briefly discussed overlap among committees and portfolios. The Executive Committee is currently addressing the issue, specifically among VP portfolios. iii. Senate Nomination Committee: Kawanami outlined his vision for the Committee. Lewis/Kawanami moved that the External Policy Committee create a Senate Nomination Committee with five voting members: two former senators and three members of the External Policy Committee. (4-0-0) EPC accepted the fact that the July 26th deadline will not be met, and pushed nominations to the next meeting of EPC. The next meeting will be held by July 26th, at which the committee will be struck. The Chair will inquire into the status of open nominations. Kawanami was entrusted with contacting former senators. Kawanami/Crossman move the following content for Senate Applications: Resumé or Curriculum Vitae Cover Letter (4-0-0) The Committee agreed that August 5th should be the nomination deadline. iv. Kawanami briefly introduced the idea of a possible policy on student bankruptcy.
ADJOURNMENT: Crossman/Kawanami moved to adjourn.
(4-0-0)
Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.
July 11, 2005

Buenos Dias Council,

Sometimes, life is like a box of chocolates. But other times, it’s like Christmas morning with a million boxes of chocolates. Like those days when you get to read a lengthy yet highly entertaining CAC report. Take today, for example, you lucky lint-bunny….

Meeting Schedule:

So, in order to keep you folks on your toes, we have rearranged our meeting schedule for the summer. For those of you who had previously booked off all your Sundays, nix that – we’re now moving to a hipper, fresher day – Flyday! Here is the amended schedule, all meetings to be held in SUB 4-20 or 4-30:

- Friday, July 29th, 2005 @ 5PM
- Friday, August 5th, 2005 @ 5PM
- Friday, August 12th, 2005 @ 5PM
- Friday, August 26th, 2005 @ 5PM

CAC Standing Orders:

Sometimes, when things are done over and over and over again, it just makes sense to put them into standing orders – because the alternative would be to laugh cruelly at the new chair year after year as they struggle to figure out what the committee has done in the past. Hence, CAC has now Standing Ordered its CRO Selection Process, its annual Goals Compilation, and the Publication of its Minutes.

Elections Reform:

Much of our meeting was devoted to this issue, since the CRO was kind enough to attend. After much discussion, it was apparent that the most pressing issue within the entire Students’ Union organization was to increase the profile and public focus on the elections of its highest governing body, Students’ Council. The current system does not afford Council the profile or publicity it needs in order to augment its credibility in the eyes of students. In order achieve this, the committee moved three points of reform, as follows:

1. **Referenda will occur in conjunction with Councilor Elections**
   
   This is probably one of the simplest and easiest ideas to implement. Referenda mostly deal with issues directly affecting students, and consequently tend to generate a lot of student interest – especially in years where they are contentious – hence it makes sense to couple them with Councilor elections to increase the profile of the Councilor elections.

2. **Councilor Elections will precede the General Elections**
   
   There are three primary reasons for this decision. Firstly, it has become increasingly apparent that the student body tends to suffer an ‘election-burnout’ by the time the General Elections, with its glitzy posters and considerable media coverage have wrapped up – especially since the neither the budgets nor the media coverage are as extensive in the Councilor Elections. In that vein, it was secondly agreed that the first of any two elections will receive more notice and priority from the student body. Finally, this decision does not seem to act at the expense of the General Elections, as it seems that the campus cultural bias presently lends a great deal of importance, and hence attention, to the General Elections, thus the probability of a severely hindered General Election seems minimal.

3. **Candidate’s budgets will be increased for the Councilor Elections**
This is probably one of the most necessary courses of action if Councilors are ever to be viewed in the same light as other elected officials. The fact the Councilor candidates are given a $30.00 budget, on average, to run for a position on the highest governing body within the SU is illogical, especially when compared to the current candidates’ budgets for the General Elections - $500.00. For this reason, it is the opinion of the Council Administration Committee that the candidate expenditure limits be increased for the purposes of Councilor Elections.

The CRO also revealed other ideas for increasing the profile of both the Council and General elections, including the production of videos to be played in Smart classrooms and on SUB stage, increased Councilor involvement, garnering the attention of external media sources, and also spoke about combining By-Laws 2100 and 2200 to simplify Elections documentation. Finally, the committee extensively discussed a forth point of reform: directly electing the Executive from the Council body. However, because of the number of issues involved with this suggestion, such as the need to reformulate elections timelines, evaluate student opinion, examine the roles of the Executive officers, etc., the committee elected to discuss this further, and bring this to Council at a later date.

Recall Mechanisms:

This involved another super-lengthy discussion, in which CAC members discussed alternatives to what was currently proposed, and eventually expanded the debate to talk about the merits of recall, the pragmatic and theoretical pitfalls of instating such recall, and whether it was necessary in our system (i.e. are Councilors elected as trustees for the constituents, or on delegate authority). Several members pointed out that under the current system, constituents are free to approach DIE Board should they feel that their elected official is not adequately performing their duties (as outlined in By-Law 100), while others were quick to point out that recall is not about reprimanding, but allowing constituents to keep their elected officials on a tether: basically, if Councilors can be elected for any reason, then they should be allowed to be recalled for any reason. However, all CAC members agreed that recall was an ineffectual provision, and that any mechanism construed would be unfeasible if it were to be even remotely representative of the voting body. As such, CAC voted to defeat the bill. However, it was agreed that it was not clear whether Council had intended for CAC to merely come to a conclusion on the merits of Bill #1, or if it had been assigned to hash out the details of the Bill. In the end, CAC concluded that it would present its recommendation to defeat Bill #1, but would be open to re-examine the Bill and provide alternate solutions should Council so desire.

Upcoming Business:

Given the size and scope of our agenda, we still have a lot of leftover business to deal with in our upcoming meetings that we were unable to deal with this last meeting. For interest’s sake, here is our old business for upcoming meetings:

1. Council and Council-Related Business:
   i. Bill #3 – Member of Council Legitimacy Bill
   ii. Moving the submission of committee Goals Lists into Council Standing Orders
2. CAC Goals
   i. SCHNEIDER’s Efficiency Report
   ii. Reapportionment of the VPSL/VPA Portfolios
3. Updates on Projects
   i. Council/Committee Support Staff (PANDYA)
   ii. Councilor Offices (HARLOW)
   iii. Council Website Forums (PANDYA)
   iv. Councilor Remuneration (SCHNEIDER)
   v. Board Space in SUB (APERCHO)
The Chair’s Thwarted Attempt to Rename the Committee:

My attempt to move that CAC be renamed the Council Reform and Administration Committee, so that we could say we were on CRAC was ruled out of order by the Speaker, who has no real power on the committee, so I probably should have ignored him and acted on my own whims.

More reasons to come to CAC:

aka An Afternoon with Greg Harlow

“It would have died a quiet death – it would have been great!” – on Recall mechanisms

“I think I wrote, ‘This is stupid’ on my ballot.” – On Senate elections

“In the beginning, there was Students’ Council, and there was nothing else. Then they said, ‘let there be the Executive Committee’ and there was the Executive Committee. And then they saw it was bad.” – On Council legitimacy

“I’m being flippant, but not really.” – On elections reform

“Otherwise, we would have little boxes by our beds where we could vote on things every morning.” - On some sort of rant about something

“People! We’re not electing kings anymore! Those days are over.” – Greg, waxing nostalgic about the good old days

“The sky isn’t falling. The sky already fell. Right now, we are walking on itty-bitty little sky pieces. The question now is about putting the sky back.” – On his doomsday prophecies regarding Council legitimacy

So, Council, there you have it. As always, I welcome any questions you may have about anything C(R)AC-related – just contact me at shawnapandya@hotmail.com.
Arrivaderci amigos!

Shawna
Interim Chair, CAC
Hello Council,

Here is a brief recap of the goals we’ve sent to you a few meetings ago. This list is our tentative blueprint of how we want to deal with different projects, when we want to deal with them, and in certain cases, which CAC member will be spear-heading the project. Of these goals, the first heading has been dealt with by CAC – the Speaker announced a few Council meetings ago Councilors may act as interim chairs for portions of upcoming Council meetings, and CAC ultimately decided that there is no need to amend the non-disclosure agreement to outline specific punishments, or the power of DIE Board to act in case of violation of this agreement.

This leaves us to deal with the Exec/Council values issues in July, elections reform starting in August, Council Retreat in October/November, all the while plugging away at a Council Efficiency Audit and our own personal projects. For more detail, please see the attached goals list. And thus begins a busy but super-exciting year for the Council Administration committee.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can contact me at shawnapandya@hotmail.com.
That’s about it for now, but it won’t be long until next time,

Shawna
Interim Chair, CAC
CAC Goals for 2005-06

I. Almost Completely Dealt With
Interim chairs: *Dealt with*
Amend non-disclosure agreement: *Dealt with*

II. Council Efficiency: *Yearlong project, SCHNEIDER to spearhead Council efficiency audit, including but not limited to meeting structure, and processes of debate, bill passage and voting*
Get council to take itself seriously
Set efficiency expectations
Further reform Council with respect to efficiency and effectiveness

III. Council Resources and Support: *Yearlong project, individual CAC members to spearhead sub-projects*
Council/committee support staff: *Exec’s project, CAC Chair to request progress reports at Question Period*
Councilor offices: *HARLOW to begin research*
Council website forums/Webpage organization: *PANDYA to begin research*
Councilor remuneration: *SCHNEIDER to begin research*
Board space in SUB: *APERCHO to begin research*
→ Content: 1-way or 2-way?

IV. Exec & Council Values: *To be dealt with in the July meetings*
Revise Executive portfolios and duties: *CAC to examine apportionment of VPA/VPSL portfolios and reporting structures at July 10th and 31st meetings; CAC to recommend that Exec Committee update By-Law 1100 (Exec By-Law)*

V. Council and Exec Elections: *CAC’s major summer/fall project, to begin in August, and be completed by December, tentatively in time for 2006 elections; will examine Exec elections, followed by Council elections; Council composition to be examined in tandem with both issues.*
Exec elections reform
→ Elect from Council?
Councilor election reform
→ Increase visibility?
→ Amalgamate with General Elections?
→ Change Council composition:
→ Size?
→ Rep by faculty?
BOG Election Reform
→ Directly elect 2 undergraduate reps?

VI. Council Retreat: *CAC to delegate to sub-committee open to all Councilors, will deal with in October/November, probably over the course of 2-3 day-long meetings*
Food
→ Pizza?
Length
→ _day?
→ Multi-day camping trip?
→ Follow up sessions?
→ Provide time for networking?
Content
→ Outdoor activities?
→ Who should present?
→ More interesting presentation format?
→ More hands-on?
→ More time on organizational structure?
→ Outline staff-councilor dynamic?
→ Add “How to act” info into binder?

Timeline
→ Send Roberts’ Rules of Order and Standing Orders via e-mail beforehand so councillors can review beforehand?

→ More notice?
→ Before 1st meeting?

Who should attend
1. There were no motions were passed at the July 12, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.

2. There were no motions were passed at the July 14, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.

3. The following motions were at the July 19, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.
   a. LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the General Manager and VP Operations and Finance investigate the possibility of creating a process for the use of contra.
      VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0/ CARRIED

4. The following motions were passed at the July 21, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.
   a. LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the VP Academic investigate the possibility of an opt-out campus wide undergrad e-newsletter.
      VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0/ CARRIED
Budget and Finance Committee

Date: July 15, 2005

ATTENDANCE: LEWIS, PANDYA, CROSSMAN, TOBIAS

CALL TO ORDER: 1:31pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: TOBIAS/PANDYA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to approve

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: LEWIS/PANDYA moved that $28,000 be allocated to department 505 for the purpose of hiring a dedicated administrative assistant to Students’ Council. Passed 4/0/0
LEWIS/PANDYA moved that the 2005/2006 Final Operating and Capital Budgets be approved. (Please see attached) Passed 4/0/0

NEXT MEETING: No meeting was scheduled

ADJOURNMENT: LEWIS/CROSSMAN moved to adjourn at 1:38pm
### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION

#### 2005/06 OPERATING, CAPITAL & NON-DEDICATED RESERVES BUDGET – FINAL

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SUMMARY REPORT

2004 STUDENTS’ UNION GENERAL SURVEY

VOTING TENDENCIES
Executive and Councilor Yearly Elections

PRESENTED TO THE

University of Alberta Students’ Council

COMPILED BY THE

University Policy and Information Officer
Zita Dube
The following document is a summary all questions, results and analysis pertinent to voting tendencies, as gathered by the 2004 Students' Union General Survey. It is being presented in a condensed format, as requested by Students’ Council along with any information required in order to understand the data.

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The information contained herein may serve to understand and identify student opinions regarding Students’ Union Executive and Councilor elections. This document is by no means an exhaustive representation of the entirety of the Students’ Union General Survey Results and should be considered not as an individual item but rather as a detailed portrait in which various issues are intertwined. For this reason, it is recommended that this document be treated as a supplement to the Students’ Union General Survey Report as a whole, which will be released shortly.

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Background Information and Demographics

Background
In the summer of 2004, the Students' Union determined that there was a need to question the student population in order to gain insight on issues concerning them, as well as to understand the role that the Students’ Union should play in students’ day-to-day lives. The last survey of this type was conducted in 2001. Given the rapidly changing climate of the University of Alberta and the average four-year student turnover, this year appeared like the most appropriate time to conduct a new survey.

The survey was drafted and designed throughout the summer and conducted during the fall of 2004 at the University of Alberta by the University of Alberta Students’ Union and various University of Alberta departments, with assistance from the Academic Technologies for Learning (ATL). The survey was administered to 3,625 undergraduate students, with a total of 2,484 valid respondents, and focused primarily on determining student opinion regarding matters of student life and academics. In addition, the survey collected demographic information on respondents’ age, faculty, year of study, enrollment status, residential situation, usual mode of transportation, income level and debt load.

Methodology
In an effort to ensure the most accurate results possible, enrollment figures from the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar were obtained and employed to build a detailed sampling plan based on a quota system. Thus, the total number of students enrolled in each faculty and in each year of study was scaled in order to be proportionately representative of the population surveyed (approximately 2,800). Based on this information, the Students’ Union selected classes whose enrollment statistics would provide the closest match to the numbers determined by the sampling plan. 90 classes were surveyed, with a total enrollment of 3,625 students. There were 2,484 collected responses. A copy of the survey is provided with this report in the Appendix.

It is important to note that, due the particular method in which the sample size was determined, the results of the survey contain certain inherent biases, particularly regarding the year of study of the respondents. Year of study was deemed to be a significant component of the survey results, and the desire to accurately represent the student population is a priority in ensuring the applicability of the survey. As a result, the data contained
herein, unless otherwise indicated, has been slightly altered in order to more precisely represent the actual proportions of year of study. Therefore, the proportion of first and second year respondents has been weighted slightly more heavily than third and fourth year students.

As stated, total of 2, 484 undergraduate students responded to the survey and the overall results are said to be accurate 98 times out of 100, to within +/- 2%. Please note that unless a survey is drawn from a probability sample, it is not possible to make assumptions or inferences about a total population. As the sample population chosen to respond to this survey was not completely selected at random, the results are not consistent with a true probability survey. Consequently, the confidence intervals used above are not scientific. However, practical research typically uses statistical analysis and confidence ranges in non-probability survey samples. Since the main purpose of this survey is practical research and the results will not be used as scientific data but rather as indications of tendencies within the student population, the confidence intervals provide excellent guidelines for interpreting and sharing the results of the survey in a non-scientific capacity.

Demographics
Participant Profile
The participant profile section asked each student to answer the following question, and following sub-questions (each question has been reproduced as it appeared on the survey):

For each of the following questions, please fill in the circle that best describes you:

1. Age:
   - < 18
   - 18-21
   - 22-25
   - 26-30
   - > 30

   q1 Age (n=2832)
   1 Under 18  4.31
   2 18-21  65.56
   3 22-25  22.12
   4 26-30  4.7
   5 Over 30  3.3

The table above provides the raw data for the age breakdown of all survey respondents. More than 85% of respondents indicated that they were between the ages of 18 and 25 (66% were 18-21 and 22% were 22-25). As for the remainder, 4% of respondents were under the age of 18, 5% were
between the ages of 26 and 30 and 3% were over the age of 30.

2. Year of Study:

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<td>5th and above</td>
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As mentioned, the actual raw numbers for the year of study have been adjusted in order to more accurately represent the demographic determined by the original sampling plan. All graphs contained within the report use the altered numbers, allocating a heavier weight to first and second year students than to third and fourth year students.

As we can see, in the altered data, 24% of respondents were in their first year, 25% of respondents were in their second year, 24% were in their third
year, 22% were in their second year and the remaining 5% were in their fifth year or above.

![Year of Study Pie Chart](chart.png)

3. Enrollment Status:

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Respondents were asked to identify their status of enrollment at the University. Both full time and part time students’ undergraduate students are considered to be members of the Students’ Union and pay fees accordingly.

The vast majority of students surveyed indicated that they were enrolled as full time students (taking 9 or more credits - generally 3 or more classes - per
Fall and Winter term). Part time status refers to students who are enrolled in less than 9 credits per semester (generally less than 3 classes)

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4. Faculty:

- Ag/For/HE
- Arts
- Rec
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Law
- Med and Dent
- Med and Dent
- Open Studies
- Pharmacy
- Phys Ed and
- Native Studies
- Nursing
- Saint-Jean
- Science
- Rehab Med
- Science

The final question in the Participant Profile subsection asked each respondent to identify the faculty in which they were enrolled. The following table provides the breakdown of these numbers:
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q4 Faculty (n=2823)
1  Ag/For/HE  5.2
2  Arts       20.1
3  Business  7.1
4  Education  9.7
5  Engineering 15.2
6  Law       2.0
7  Med & Dent 3.9
8  Native Studies 0.4
9  Nursing  5.8
10  Open Studies 0.5
11  Pharmacy  1.6
12  Phys Ed & Rec 2.9
13  Rehab Med  1.4
14  F Saint-Jean 1.6
15  Science  22.4
Survey Responses- Student Government

Effectiveness of the Students’ Union

The final question in the Businesses and Services subsection, asked students to rate the effectiveness of the Students’ Union as a) a Service Provider, b) a Business Owner and c) a Student Advocate.

5. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1=very dissatisfied and 5=very satisfied, how satisfied are you with how well the Students’ Union is doing as a:

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<th>Very Dissatisfied</th>
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Overall, students felt satisfied with the Students’ Union in terms of its three primary roles. Respondents were more likely to rate their satisfaction as being highest with the Students’ Union as a Service Provider, with over 85% indicating that they were “somewhat satisfied” or higher. 77% of surveyed students indicated that they were “somewhat satisfied” or higher with the Students’ Union’s performance as a Business Owner. 73% of respondents rated the Students’ Union as being somewhat satisfying or higher in terms of its capacity as an advocate for student rights. These numbers are represented on the following graph:
Student Government
The Student Government subsection dealt primarily with the voting tendencies of students. Students who did not vote in the General Executive Elections or the General Student Councilor Elections were asked to identify the reasons behind their decision not to cast a ballot.

6. Each year the Students’ Union hold two sets of elections. In the SU Executive elections, candidates run for SU President, one of Four Vice-President positions, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative. In the SU Councilor elections, candidates run for a seat on Students’ Council, where they represent students in their faculty.

Please skip this question if you have voted in all SU elections to date

If you have ever missed voting in an SU Executive election, which one reason best describes why you did not vote?

- I have not yet been a U of A during SU Executive elections
- I was not aware of the elections
- I forgot to vote
- I did not have time to vote
- I did not like any of the candidates
- I did not have enough information to cast an informed vote
- I did not feel my vote would make any difference to the outcome
- I do not care about Su Executive Elections
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<td>Not yet been a student during SU Exec elections</td>
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<td>Not aware of the election</td>
<td>11.92%</td>
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<td>Forgot to vote</td>
<td>3.66%</td>
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<td>I did have time to vote</td>
<td>7.60%</td>
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<td>Did not like any of the candidates</td>
<td>2.21%</td>
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<td>Did not have enough information for an informed vote</td>
<td>11.92%</td>
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<td>Did not feel vote would make any difference in the outcome</td>
<td>1.75%</td>
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<td>Do not care about SU Exec. elections</td>
<td>18.14%</td>
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**Executive Elections**

The first half of this question (part a) examines the motives of respondents who did not cast a ballot in any of the General Elections, which are held annually every March. As the above indicate, the most common reason why students said they did not vote in the Executive election was that they did not have enough information to make an informed choice (29%). 26% of respondents indicated that they have not yet been a student during the SU Executive Election (which would include first year students and transfer students). 18% of respondents indicated that they do not care about the Students’ Union General Executive Elections, 12% indicated that they were unaware of the Elections, and 8% indicated that they did not have enough time to vote. The remainder, less than 4% indicated that they forgot to cast a ballot, or that they felt that their vote would not have made a difference in the outcome of the election.
q12a  Reason for Not Voting in SU Executive Elections (n=2283)

If you have ever missed voting in an SU Councilor election, which one reason best describes why you did not vote?

- I have not yet been a U of A during SU Councilor elections
- I was not aware of the elections
- I forgot to vote
- I did not have time to vote
- I did not like any of the candidates
- I did not have enough information to cast an informed vote
- I did not feel my vote would make any difference to the outcome
- I do not care about Su Councilor Elections
q12b  Reason for Not Voting in SU Councilor Elections  (n=2376)
1  Not yet been a student during SU Councilor elections  24.11244107
2  Not aware of the election  17.58701891
3  Forgot to vote  2.958307346
4  I did have time to vote  5.805111694
5  Did not like any of the candidates  1.476799503
6  Did not have enough information for an informed vote  25.61237118
7  Did not feel vote would make any difference in the outcome  1.703448428
8  Do not care about SU Councilor elections  20.74450188
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Councilor Elections
Like with the Students’ Union General Executive Election, the majority of students indicated that their principal reason for not voting in the Students’ Union Councilor Elections (part b) was that they “did not have enough information in order to cast an informed ballot” (26%). Around 24% of the respondents indicated that they do not care about the Students’ Union Councilor Elections, 21% had not yet been students during a Councilor Election, 17% was unaware of the election, 5% did not have time to vote, 3% forgot to vote, 2% did not feel their vote would make a difference to the outcome and 1% did not like any of the candidates.
If we examine the graph below, which displays the results for both the Executive and the Councilor elections, we see that more students indicated that students’ were more likely to choose the “Do not care about the elections” and “Not aware of the election” options in the Councilor Elections than in the General Executive Election. Conversely, “Did not have enough information to cast an informed vote” was a more likely choice in the General Executive Elections than in the Councilor Elections. In the other categories, the results were very similar for both elections.
In examining student opinion regarding our student government elections, it is evident that more information regarding both the General Executive Election and the Students Union Student Councilor Election must be made available. Student indicated that they felt largely uninformed and chose not to cast a ballot based due to this lack of information. Moreover, particularly in terms of councilor elections, more must be done in order to inform the average student of the role of Students’ Council and its importance in terms of the grand scheme of Students’ Union operations. We must continue to encourage new students, both those in their first year and those transferring from other schools, that their vote is important to our organization.
Pertinent Cross Tabulations

The following section includes the most pertinent cross sections that will be used in reporting survey data. Not all cross-tabulations have been included, since many are not statistically correlative or were not deemed necessary information.

For the purposes of this report, many of the cross-tabulations have been recoded in order to collapse some smaller categories into fewer, larger categories. These recoded categories appear throughout the section and are consistent from one tab to another.

Faculty:
Faculties have been separated into two principal groups. The Faculties of Arts, Science, Saint-Jean, Naïve Studies and Open Studies have been collapsed into what will be referred to as the Academic Faculties. The remaining faculties, Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, Business, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Education and Recreation, and Rehabilitation Medicine, will be referred to as the Professional Faculties.

Year of Study:
When examining the year of study, first and second year students will be referred to as the Introductory Level group. All students who are in their third year or above will be referred to as Senior Level students.

Residence Type:
Students will be separated into two groups of residence type: those living at home and those living away from home.

Living Situation:
Separate from the residence type, the living situation distinguishes between the types of residences that student living away from their family might have. Thus, there are three major categories: Those living on campus in residence, those living on their own and those living with family.
Student Government:

Executive and Councillor Elections
The options available for why respondents did not cast a vote in the Students’ Union Executive Elections and the Students’ Union Councillor Elections were identical. In every case, students who selected one option for the Executive elections were more likely to select the same option for the Councillor elections.

1- 95% of respondents that selected “I have not yet been a U of A student during SU Executive elections” also selected “I have not yet been a U of A student during the SU Councillor elections”.

2- 59% of respondents that selected “I was not aware of the election” for the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

3- 52% of respondents that selected “I forgot to vote” in the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

4- 75% of respondents that selected “I did not have time to vote” in the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

5- 71% of respondents that selected “I did not like any of the candidates” in the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

6- 86% of respondents that selected “I did not have enough information to cast an informed vote” in the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

7- 56% of respondents that selected “I did not feel that my vote would any difference to the outcome” in the Executive elections selected the same response for the Councillor elections.

8- 83% of respondents that selected “I do not care of the SU Executive elections” also selected “I do not care about the SU Councillor elections”.


Year of study (Executive elections):
1- Introductory level students were more likely to select the following choices:
   a. “I have not yet been a student during the SU Executive elections” (41% compared to 11%)
   b. “I was not aware of the election” (16% compared to 8%)

2- Senior level students were more likely to select the following choices:
   a. “I forgot to vote” (5% compared to 2%)
   b. “I did not like any of the candidates” (8% compared to 7%)
   c. “I did not have enough information to cast an informed ballot” (3% compared to 2%)
   d. “I did not feel my vote would make any difference to the outcome” (38% compared to 20%)
   e. “I do not care about the SU Executive elections” (24% compared to 12%).

Year of Study (Councillor):

Introductory level students were more likely to select the following choices for why they did not vote in the Students’ Union Councillor elections:

   a) “I have not yet been a U of A student during the SU Councillor election” (38% compared to 11%).

   b) “I was not aware of the election” (20% compared to 15%)

   c) “I did not like any of the candidates” (2% compared to 1%).

Senior level students were more likely to select the following choices for why they did not vote in the Students’ Union Councillor elections:

   a. “I forgot to vote” (4% compared to 2%)

   b. “I did not have time to vote” (6% compared to 2%)
      “I did not have enough information to cast an informed vote” (33% compared to 18%)

   c. “I did not feel my vote would make any difference to the outcome” (3% compared to 1%)
d. “I do not care about SU Councillor elections” (28% compared to 13%).

Analysis

Councilor vs. Executive elections: Respondents were very likely to select the same answer for not voting in the Councilor elections as they did for the Executive elections.

Year of Study: In general, Introductory students were more likely to unaware of the elections than Senior level students. Also, Senior level students tended to be more likely to state that they did not care about the elections than Introductory students. Introductory students were the most likely to indicate that they had not yet been students at the University of Alberta during elections season.

This is not surprising seeing as students in their first year would not yet have had an election, and many students in their second year may have transferred from other institutions.
Qualitative Data

Respondents were asked to voice any comments or concerns at the end of the survey. This qualitative data was coded into categories and common responses were summarized: the total number of responses in each category is shown in brackets and unique comments are listed as they appeared on each physical survey.

The following comments are those which are relevant to the discussion on voting tendency. These are not all the comments relevant to the Students’ Union in general—just those relating to the elections in particular.

Student Government/Elections (17)

- 616: To not force smaller campus groups to hold elections when there is little to no interest among student faculty population.
- 1783: The reason I don’t vote is because nurses are ignored on campus as far as candidates coming out and speaking to them.
- 2137: Last year, I was student-teaching during the SU elections. No attempt was made to make it easier for student-teachers to vote in the SU elections.
- 1456: SU counselors - nursing does not have its own rep as far as I know. Why?
- 187: For question 12, the Nursing faculty has not had anyone come forward to be voted for.
- 227: During election, they tend to forget to keep the nursing students well informed.
- 1008: SU counselor election forgot because it was very close to other elections. Didn’t realize it was difference.
- 541: I didn’t vote because I didn’t know where the polling station was closest to me.
- 1455: Is there a FSJ rep on the SU?
- 1925: Candidates for elections should come to the Faculty of Phys. Ed. More often.
- 2019: #12 I missed an election but I don’t know which kind.
- 1358: Spend more on effective advocacy. Increase awareness about your SU campaigns.
- 787: SU elections might matter more if they didn’t just seem like really good things to put on the candidates’ Med. school application and resumes.
- 1363: Ask for ID, Not just one card at vote times.
- 341: Councillor elections should be held in conjunction with executive elections.
CALL TO ORDER
The Speaker called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Announcements – Rachel Woynoroski mentioned upcoming elections and asked that any questions/concerns be addressed via email.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

TOBIAS/COOK MOVED TO approve the orders of the day.

PANDYA/WALLACE MOVED TO amend the order paper by adding item 10b, which is “PANDYA/BERGHOFF MOVED THAT Students’ Council, based on the recommendations of the Council Administration Committee, adopt the following principles (Bill #7):

1. Referenda will occur in conjunction with Councillor elections.
2. Councillor elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the second week following Reading Week. Executive elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the fourth week following Reading Week.
3. Candidate budgets will be increased for the Councillor elections.

Speaker’s List (amend): Pandya

Amendment to the Order Paper: CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION: CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS

Report by Graham Lettner, President on “Partnerships: Students & the University”.

REPORTS
2005-06/7a  Graham Lettner, President
2005-06/7b  Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)
2005-06/7c  Justin Kehoe, Vice President (Student Life)
2005-06/7d  Samantha Power, Vice President (External)
2005-06/7e  Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations and Finance)
2005-06/7f  Adam Cook, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

2005-06/8  QUESTION PERIOD
Point of Order: Wallace - “Sorry the whispering has become distracting”.
Speaker: Point of order well taken.

2005-06/9  BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
2005-06/9a  Grant Allocation Committee
2005-06/9b  Executive Committee
2005-06/9c  Access Fund Board
2005-06/9d  Council Administration Committee

2005-06/10  GENERAL ORDERS
2005-06/10a  Point of Order: Lewis - “I do believe it’s a board and committee report that Bill #7 that was added during our amendments to the agenda that should take precedence over this motion”.
Speaker: Point of order well taken.

2005-06-10b  PANDYA/LEWIS MOVED THAT Bill #7 be read a first time.
Speaker’s List (mm): Pandya
Point of Order: Henry – “Doesn’t Pandya have to direct to the Speaker?”
Speaker: Point of order well taken, comments are to be directed to the Speaker rather than other council members.

LEWIS/HENRY MOVED TO strike existing point #2 and replace it with “Councillor elections will occur in conjunction with Executive elections that take place on the Wednesday/Thursday of the second week following Reading Week.
Speaker’s List (amend): Lewis, Lau
Point of Order – Wallace: “I’m actually going to call decorum on this Mr. Speaker, this is the second time that business being done at the front of chambers distracted business being done in this chamber can we refrain from discussing things with the Speaker during business?”
Speaker: “Point of order well taken. Please recognize that I would have to stop the business of council to deal with this otherwise”.

LEWIS/HENRY WITHDRAW motion.

Amendment: Withdrawn.

CROSSMAN/JOHNSON MOVED TO decide the question, such that each principle will become a separate bill in of itself so there will be Bill 8 and Bill 9.

Speaker’s List (amend): Crossman

Point of Order: Lettner – “I apologize if this happened, was there a seconder for the proposed amendment?”

Speaker: Point of order not well taken. The Vice President Academic seconded the amendment.

Speaker’s List (amend): Woynoroski (CRO), Dube

Amendment: CARRIED.

PANDYA/LEWIS MOVED THAT Bill #7 be read a first time. Referenda will occur in conjunction with Councillor elections.

Speaker’s List (mm): Lettner, Patz, Wallace, Woynoroski (CRO), Khanna (Prusakowski, Gateway), Kawanami, Pandya

CROSSMAN/WALLACE MOVED TO postpone the motion.

Speaker’s List (pp): Crossman

Movement to postpone: CARRIED.

PANDYA/LEWIS MOVED THAT Bill #8 be read a first time. Councillor elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the second week following Reading Week. Executive elections will be held on the Wednesday/Thursday of the fourth week following Reading Week.

Speaker’s List (mm): Pandya, Woynoroski (CRO), Henry, Patz

JOHNSON/DUBE MOVED TO postpone Bill #8 to the next meeting of council.

Speaker’s List (pp): Johnson, Pandya, Woynoroski, Lettner, Wallace

Point of Order: A Councillor – “I’m wondering how this is relevant to the motion to the table?”

Speaker: Point of order well taken. Comments must be germane to the main motion.

Motion to postpone: CARRIED 12/7.

PANDYA/LEWIS MOVED THAT Bill #9 be read a first time. Candidate budgets will be increased for the Councillor elections.
LETTNER OBJECTS to consideration of the question.

Object to the consideration of the previous question: DEFEATED.

Speaker’s List (mm): Pandya

PANDYA/WALLACE MOVED TO refer Bill #9 to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Speaker’s List (ref): Pandya, Berghoff, Lettner, Colpitts

Motion to Refer: CARRIED 12/11

Point of Order: Lewis – “It’s 9 o’clock, you might want to check whose still kicking around”.

Speaker: Point of order well taken. I will take Roll Call.

2005-06/10a LETTNER/DUBE MOVED THAT Students’ Council direct the Bylaw Committee to draft a referendum question asking students if they would support a mandatory fee levied on students to aid the construction of expanding Van Vliet.

BERGHOFF MOVED TO object the consideration of the question.

Object to the consideration of the previous question: DEFEATED.

Speaker’s List (mm): Lettner

COOK/CROSSMAN MOVED TO postpone the motion.

Speaker’s List (pp): Cook, Lettner

Point of Order: Wallace – “I believe we’re debating whether or not we should postpone this, not the merits of the actual thing itself”.

Speaker: Point of order not well taken.

Point of Order: Wallace – “Isn’t he supposed to be against this motion?”

Speaker: Point of order well taken.

TOBIAS/DUBE MOVED the previous question.

Previous Question: CARRIED.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: CARRIED.

WALLACE/COLPITTS MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED.
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