

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 1, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2005-14)

- 2005-14/1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2005-14/2 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2005-14/2a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on November 15, 2005.
- 2005-14/2a (i) Engineering Head Shave Invite
Please see document SC 05-14.01
- 2005-14/2b Opinion on the Referendum Process Used by the University of Alberta Students' Union.
Please see document SC 05-14.02
- 2005-14/2c Jason Tobias resigns from the Bylaw Committee
Please see document SC 05-14.03
- 2005-14/2d Students' Union Referenda and Plebiscite Process 2006
Please see document SC 05-14.04
- 2005-14/3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- 2005-14/4 PRESENTATIONS
- 2005-14/5 NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS
- 2005-14/5a **TOBIAS MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint a councillor to the Bylaw Committee.
- 2005-14/5b **JOHNSON/LETTNER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint 6 councillors to attend two meetings in November for the purpose of creating a report relating to U of A Vision that will be tabled at the December 6 Students' Council meeting and then forwarded to the University by December 8.

- 2005-14/5C** **LEWIS/APEROCHO ORDERED THAT** upon the recommendation of Council Administration Committee, Students' Council appoint James Montgomery to the Awards Committee.
- 2005-14/6** **REPORTS**
- 2005-14/6a** Graham Lettner – President
Please see document SC 05-14.05
- 2005-14/6b** Samantha Power, Vice President (External)
Please see document SC 05-14.06
- 2005-14/6c** Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)
Please see document SC 05-14.07
- 2005-14/7** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2005-14/7a** Executive Committee – October 27, 2005
Please see document SC 05-14.08
- 2005-14/7b** Bylaw Committee – October 25, 2005
Please see document SC 05-14.09
- 2005-14/7b (i)** The Bylaw Committee recommends that Bill #12 (*Council Reporting Structure*) **be read a second time.**
- Bill #12 – Administrative Assistant to Council Reporting Structure (sponsor; POWER)**
Principle (from first reading)
1. The Administrative Assistant to Students' Council report directly to the Executive Assistant, and that the President report to the Speaker with respect to all Council business.
- Drafting (second reading)
Bylaw 1100
President
6. n. Report to the Speaker of Students' Council for the purpose of all Council business.
- 2005-14/7b (ii)** The Bylaw Committee recommends that Bill #3 (*Members of Council Legitimacy*) **be read a second time.**
- Bill #3 – Members of Council Legitimacy (sponsor; KIRKHAM)**
Principles (from first reading)

1. The speaker will request a report from the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards on a semesterly basis that confirming that all student, those positions that require the individuals to be students, meet the necessary requirements to hold office.
2. The report from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Awards will be received by the President, and the Speaker.
3. The Speaker shall cause to be tabled with Students' Council a report outlining the Registrar's findings at his or her earliest convenience.

Drafting (second reading)

Bylaw 100

Eligibility Requirements

7.1 The Speaker will request a report from the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions that require them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in Bylaw.

- 2005-14/7b (iii)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support the elimination of the plebiscites and referenda process of the Students' Union?
- 2005-14/7b (iv)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support that the Students' Union only collects or approves fees distributed to a particular entity where the control of that entity corresponds to the financial contribution by students?
- 2005-14/7b (v)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support the elimination of all dedicated fees* currently levied by the Students' Union?
*Student Involvement Endowment Fund
Eugene L. Brody Fund
Access Fund
Refugee Student Fund
CJSR-FM Fund
Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund
Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund
Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund
Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund
Gateway Student Journalism Fund
- 2005-14/7b (vi)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support the establishment of a dedicated fee, levied by the Students' Union, subject to the following conditions?
a. The fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at \$10.00 per term.
b. The fees collected in that term will be awarded to one randomly selected undergraduate student.
- 2005-14/7b (vii)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support forbidding The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, from referring to itself by any name other than its full legal name?
- 2005-14/7b (viii)** **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
Do you support giving the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, the authority to examine and bring into compliance the legislation of The Students' Union, The University of

- 2005-14/7b (ix) Alberta with applicable provincial legislation?
LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support requiring that all contracts entered into by The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, be available for viewing by undergraduate students?
- 2005-14/7b (x) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support directly electing the two undergraduate student representatives to the Board of Governors for two-year terms that overlap by one year?
- 2005-14/7b (xi) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support implementing a mandatory hot lunch program to all undergraduate students at a cost of no more than \$60.00 per term?
- 2005-14/7b (xii) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support the establishment of a mandatory universal bus pass subject to the following conditions?
 a. A fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at no more than \$500 per term.
 b. Undergraduate students would be prohibited from arriving on campus by any means other than public transit.
 c. This program would only come into effect upon a "heads" result of a coin toss conducted by the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.
 d. The process in (3) would be repeated until a "heads" result occurs.
- 2005-14/7b (xiii) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support the establishment of a mandatory fee not to exceed one bicycle per day to provide hourly transportation to undergraduate students between Campus Saint-Jean and the Augustana campus?
- 2005-14/7b (xiv) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support establishing frisbeetarianism as the official religion of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, and implementing a mandatory tithe of 10% to support frisbeetarian activities, such levy to be substantiated by income tax records and collected as part of the Students' Union fee?
- 2005-14/7b (xv) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support a campus-wide tobacco ban at the University of Alberta subject to the following conditions?
 a. A ban on the sale of all tobacco products in any University-owned or leased building or on University property effective July 1, 2006.
 b. A ban on the use of all tobacco products in any University-owned or leased building or on University property, except property surrounding residences, effective July 1, 2006.
 c. A ban on the use of all tobacco products on all University property effective July 1, 2008.
 d. Exceptions may be made to accommodate the use of tobacco or related substances in connection with culturally significant celebrations.
- 2005-14/7b (xvi) **LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed petition question below:
 Do you support that Students' Union bars charge \$2.00 for all pints of beer effective May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007?

2005-14/7b (xvii) The Bylaw Committee recommends that Bill # 15 (*Critical Changes to Plebiscite and Referenda Process*) **be read a first time.**

**Bill #15 - Critical Change to Plebiscites and Referenda Petition Process
(sponsor; KIRKHAM)**

Principles (first reading)

1. A member shall submit a signed paper copy of the intent of a petition question to the Chief Returning Officer along with their name, faculty, and student identification number.
2. The member shall indicate whether or not their intent of this petition question is to be a plebiscite or referendum.
3. The intent of any petition question shall include a \$25.00 deposit.
4. Upon receipt of an intent of a petition question and collection of the deposit, the Chief Returning Officer shall immediately forward the question to the Bylaw Committee.
5. The Bylaw Committee shall draft and approve a question within fourteen (14) days of receiving the intent of a petition question from the Chief Returning Officer
6. Where a member submits a petition containing the signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the total membership of the Students' Union, then that member's deposit shall be refunded.
7. The term "Students' Union law" will be replaced with "Students' Union Bylaw" and the term "Federal or Provincial statute or regulation" will be replaced with "federal or provincial law" for clarification in Bylaw 2400 (4)(b).
8. Changes will be retroactive to any previously approved or currently outstanding petition questions with respect to collection of a deposit and declaration of a plebiscite or referendum.
9. Changes will come into effect immediately upon passage of second reading.

2005-14/7b (xviii) The Bylaw Committee recommends that Bill # 14 **be read a first time.**

Bill #14 Access to Students' Union Information Amendment Bill (sponsor; KIRKHAM)

Principles (1st Reading)

1. Every Students' Union document or record is strictly confidential that has been specifically designated as such in the Standing Orders of Students' Council.
2. Strictly confidential information is available to those individuals specifically designated in the Standing Orders of Students' Council
3. Signing a non-disclosure agreement will no longer be a requirement that must be completed prior to assuming office.
4. No member of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or a committee thereof may access confidential or strictly confidential information until they have signed a non-disclosure agreement.
5. The SU is forbidden from entering into any agreement that would require it to be strictly confidential.

2005-14/7c Audit Committee – October 18, 2005

Please see document SC 05-14.10

2005-14/7d External Policy Committee – October 25, 2005

Please see document SC 05-14.11

- 2005-14/7d (i) KUSTRA/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, Students' Council approve the amendments to the Political Policy "Board of Governors".
 WHEREAS student representation on the Board of Governors is not proportional to the contribution of students to institutional revenues in the form of tuition.
 WHEREAS the quality of education received by undergraduate students is directly impacted by decisions made by the Board of Governors.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, lobby the provincial government to increase undergraduate student representation on the Board of Governors to be proportional to students' contribution to institutional revenues.

Please see document SC 05-14.12

2005-14/8 QUESTION PERIOD

2005-14/9 GENERAL ORDERS

- 2005-14/9a MOTION BY KIRKHAM, ORDERED THAT** Students' Council rescind the "Tobacco Ban" political policy.

Please see document SC 05-14.13

2005-14/9b Bill #16 - Direct Democracy (sponsor; TOBIAS)

Principles (first reading)

1. Where a referendum or plebiscite question would cause Students' Council to be in breach of its fiduciary responsibility to the Students' Union, such a question may be ruled out of order.
2. Where a member attempts to abuse the direct democracy processes of the Students' Union, the questions proposed by that member will be ruled out of order.
3. Students' Council may reject a referendum or plebiscite question where in Council's opinion it would be detrimental to the Students' Union and its student members.
4. The principles of this bill will apply retroactively to all referenda or plebiscite proposed for the 2006 general election.

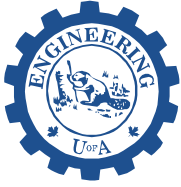
- 2005-14/9c JOHNSON MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the Political Policy "General Election Forum".

Please see document SC 05-14.14

2005-14/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2005-14/10a** Votes and Proceeding – October 18, 2005

Please see document SC 05-14.15



ENGINEERING STUDENTS' SOCIETY

of the University of Alberta

Engineering Students' Society
E2-040H ETLC
University of Alberta

October 21, 2005

Students' Council
Students' Union
University of Alberta

Dear Members of Students' Council,

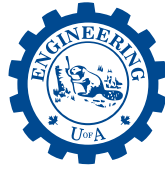
The Engineering Students' Society of the University of Alberta will be holding the 2nd Annual Engineering Head Shave on Friday, November 25th. This event brings together students, staff and alumni to help raise funds for the Alberta Cancer Foundation through the generous donations of our community, and the sacrifices of the participants.

Last year's Head Shave raised over \$13,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation, and featured nearly 50 students and faculty at the University. This event is not restricted to engineers; students, staff and alumni from every faculty and discipline are encouraged to get involved and help make a difference. We would be honoured if you were able to attend the event to show your support. Incidentally, if you or any one that you know of within your faculty are interested in shaving, we would be ennobled by your contribution. Last year, a number of councilors participated in the head shave.

The Engineering Head Shave will begin at 12:00 in the ETLC Solarium, and continue until all of the participants are bald. For more details on this event, please visit our website at www.ess.ualberta.ca/events/headshave, or contact headshave@ess.ualberta.ca.

Sincerely Yours,

Gary Wicentowich
President
Engineering Students' Society



The Engineering Students' Society of the University of Alberta Presents the 2nd Annual

Engineering Head Shave

At 12:00 on November 25, 2005, the Engineering Students' Society will be holding the **2nd Annual Engineering Head Shave**. This event brings students, staff, and alumni together to help raise funds for the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

Last year's Head Shave ended with 47 participants losing their hair, including 2 professors, and raised over **\$13,000** for the ACF. The event also featured a Wall of Tribute, to honour those who have fought or are fighting the battle with cancer. As well, gifts and prizes were given to both the participants and volunteers.



Engineering students get shaved.

This year's event will be even bigger!

We're looking for a bigger involvement from alumni and staff, and hope to raise \$15,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Even if you are not in engineering, we would be ecstatic if you want to get involved. Last year's event had a number of participants from the faculties of arts and science.



Wall of Tribute

As well, many of our participants go a step further to help out this good cause, by volunteering for the Engineering Hair Dye. For every set level of money raised, our volunteers will dye their hair a different colour. Last year, over \$700 was raised, and fifteen students and two staff dyed their hair (and in some cases, beards) bright pink to help raise awareness for the event.



Celebrating a good cause.

For more details on the Engineering Head Shave, please contact our Head Shave Coordinators at headshave@ess.ualberta.ca, or visit www.ess.ualberta.ca/events/headshave for more details.

SC 05-14.02

“Opinion on the Referendum Process Used by the University of Alberta Students’ Union”

There is no electronic copy of this letter. Please go to 2-900 and request a hard copy of this Order Paper.

Cam,

Please consider this notice of my resignation from Bylaw Committee effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Jason Tobias

Students' Union Referenda and Plebiscite Process 2006

Submitted by Rachel Woynorowski
October 26, 2005

During the past several weeks there has been a large number of petition requests submitted to the Students' Union, and while I'm not about to discuss the content of the questions, I feel it is important that Students' Council is aware of the effects that these questions could have on the operations of the election process.

Only two months into the Fall semester Bylaw Committee has already drafted fifteen (15) separate and unique questions that will become petitions. Each of these questions has the potential, once the proper number of signatures are collected, to appear on the ballot during the Executive and BoG elections as either plebiscite or referenda questions. While the additional of a single question, or even two questions does not greatly affect the way an election is planned or operated, the addition of fifteen questions creates a number of issues.

Budget and Logistics

The Elections budget (509) currently contains roughly \$60 000, the majority of which is spent during the executive election - as the Elections budget currently exists it can accommodate the added expense of running three, perhaps four questions on the Executive and BoG ballot in March.

The approval of fifteen questions comes the need to anticipate additional expenses as required under Bylaw 2400. There is a need to budget for fifteen "Yes" campaigns (\$1000 each), and fifteen "No" campaigns (\$1000 each), as well as Gateway ads to publicize the text of the question (\$600 per question). Under Bylaw 2400 Council must be prepared to provide minimal funding of \$2600 per question, for a total of \$39 000 to accommodate fifteen questions on the ballot.

Outside of bylaw additional funding is required as logic indicates that fifteen questions will not physically be able to fit on a single ballot. A referenda/plebiscite ballot will need to be produced so students can vote on fifteen questions (additional cost of \$5500+), with the cost for the referenda/plebiscite ballot being significantly more than that of the Exec. and BoG ballot due to the need for a new ballot design, and programming costs to facilitate counting (15hr+ @ \$75/hour).

Running fifteen referenda/plebiscite questions will more than double the work load of the CRO. Subsequently, I feel it is more than appropriate to double the pay of the CRO who will be faced with double the work (additional \$4000), as well as hire an additional DRO to assist in verifying signatures, material approval for up to thirty additional campaigns, and other related activities (additional \$1040).

The amount of funding outlined above is not excessive, and many smaller expenses have not been included. I feel that it is the bare minimum required is \$50 655.

Following Bylaw Committee's drafting of the questions I requested from the VP Op/Fi approximately \$45 000. This amount of money does not cover the minimal costs as outlined above, as there is a possibility not all questions will have a "Yes" and "No" campaign, and that not all campaigns will use the entirety of their allotted budget.

I'm reluctant to operate an election with less funding than the amount requested, as in the event that additional funds are required by candidates or the election office and are not available, Students' Council or the Executive would not be able to approve funding in a timely manner. This leaves the possibility that the elections office would have to violate the elections bylaws due to a lack of funds. This would result in a DIE Board complaint, and could possibly lead to the results of the election being invalid, and the need to rerun the entire process.

Some of the additional funding requested does not need to be transferred to the elections budget immediately, and the transfer of those funds can be delayed until January or February to allow the Students' Union additional time to find the money within its overall budget. However, certain items must be addressed within the next several weeks and require immediate funding.

1. DRO's (\$1040)

Deputy Returning Officers are hired midway through the Fall semester to assist the CRO with the planning and operation of the Main Executive and BoG Election and Councillor Elections in March. This year the DRO job description has already been posted, with ads appearing in the Gateway on November 1 & 3, and the deadline for application being November 8, 2005. The hiring committee for the DRO positions consists of the CRO and two members of DIE Board who then recommend individuals to Students' Council for final approval. In the event that a several petitions (more than one) are submitted to the CRO the Elections Office would not be able to verify the signatures submitted in a timely manner without additional staffing, and additional staff could not immediately be hired. If there is a possibility that 15 questions will appear on the ballot funding to hire an additional DRO must be approved by Council immediately.

2. Ballot Paper (\$2400)

After discussions with staff members at the University Bookstore they indicated that doubling the size of the order of optical scan paper normally required means that they would have to place an order themselves with the manufacturer. An order would take approximately 4-6 weeks to arrive, possibly longer due to increased workload and shipping times related with the Christmas holiday season. I am not comfortable placing this order any later than December 1, 2005. At that time the Elections Office must assume that all questions will end up on the ballot, and it would be unwise to plan for anything less and be caught unprepared. If there is a possibility that 15 questions will appear on the ballot funding for additional ballots must be approved by Council immediately. (In the event that additional ballots are ordered and not required they can be used for the elections in following years).

Immediate approval of \$3440 in additional funding is required immediately.

Intent and Due Diligence

At the time Bylaw 2400 was drafted Students' Council probably did not anticipate having fifteen requests for petition being submitted, or the possibility that there could be fifteen questions appearing on the Main Executive and BoG Election ballot. The submission of such a large number of questions has swamped the Bylaw Committee with work, to the point where it was nearly unable to draft several of the questions within the allotted time frame.

Firstly I'd like to thank the Bylaw Committee for the many hours of debate and consideration they invested in the drafting of the initial questions – they did their best to ensure not only that the intent of the member was being met by the question they drafted, but also that it was drafted in such a way that a normal student could understand the question, and the question

could only be interpreted to have a single meaning. Furthermore it was encouraging to see the members refer to past referenda/plebiscite questions to ensure that the way the question was worded and formatted was consistent with prior questions. After the final version of the question was drafted it was encouraging to see all members unanimously approve the question.

Secondly, I'd like to encourage Students' Council to carefully examine the latest questions that were drafted on October 25, 2005. Among the members of the committee there was much debate regarding the issue of whether the questions violated conditions set out in Bylaw 2400 (6)(a) and (6)(b), and as a result the questions were drafted as to leave them in their original form as much as possible. I would hope that when Students' Council debates the approval of these questions they hold the Bylaw Committee to a standard of consistency – the last petition request submitted should be drafted in the same manner, with the same diligence as the first question submitted.

Lastly, to what extent is Students' Council prepared to approve additional funding in the event that all fifteen petition questions drafted by the Bylaw Committee are approved by Council and in the coming months are submitted with the correct number of signatures? - And furthermore, to what extent is Students' Council prepared to approve funding for additional questions submitted between the current time and February 1, 2006?

Here is a quick report of what has been going on as of late:

- 1) An interview with Ann Dowsett-Johnston for Maclean's with Toks. All about the U of A and its future direction.
- 2) COSA meeting with Kehoe and others--PAC and the Senate Task Force on the student experience discussed. Nothing new here.
- 3) BAC meeting where more tuition political matters were discussed: conclusion? see attached email thread between Carl and I. (below)
- 4) Interview with Gateway about K-14 idea. CJSR planning for radio ads. Straight-forward here.
- 5) Meeting with Kehoe about AVPSL. Meeting with Mat about academic endeavour to submit student input to academic plan. One more meeting for upcoming Monday.
- 6) Found out that I get the treat of repaying my student loan starting 1 November unless interest relief pulls through.
- 7) Community & Government Relations meetings and Health, Safety and Environment meeting, both committees of the BoG. Not much of consequence: C&GR frustrating chair Doug Irwin and myself with its initial lack of coherence.
- 8) Rural tour follow up--planning for next foray around Edmonton and to Peace Country. Aiming for November and/or December. Trip to Fort McMurray in the plans as well.
- 9) Out of office visioning exercise for input to vision, mission, values & cornerstones of the University. Plans for eliciting Council's input as well.
- 10) City Hall Next Generation Task Force meeting--appointed to working group with Alexis Pepin. Task Force mandated to make Edmonton a city that attracts and retains youth. Ideas of what could be coming from cities like Austin, Texas or San Diego, California.

That captures to peaks of the waves, though questions are welcome if there are some.

COUNCIL REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2005
VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

A LEARNING ALBERTA: Documents for the symposium should be released this week for our review before going into the symposium. We're told they won't say much, and that the real decisions will be in Hancock's speech at the symposium. We're prepared communications wise for any eventuality, we really don't know what to expect after the K-14 announcement a few weeks ago.

The symposium is Nov. 1st and 2nd. CAUS has five invitations, Duncan Wojtaszek will be attending with CAUS.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGNS: Our last "Question Is" event was October 26th, the theme is Alberta. We had Kevin Taft, Dave Taylor and Ricardo Acuna come in to talk on the direction of the province.

On October 31st we have an event called "**Trick or Treat**" which will be used to highlight the provincial symposium on November 1st. We'll travel SUB handing out candy to students at lunch with paper attached saying whether it is a "trick" (30,000 debt, and deregulated tuition) or a "Treat" (free tuition). This will be used to highlight to students we don't know what we are getting out of the review, as well as the review itself.

There will be a **press conference** the morning of October 31st, with Public Interest Alberta, CAUS and other interested parties to highlight what we want out of the review.

I have been working on creating our tuition campaign and it's coming along swimmingly. In November we'll be starting information tables across campus, classroom speaking, and holding a couple forums. The slogan is "A Promise is a Promise: Roll it Back, Ralph!". January events have yet to be planned.

UPASS: Don held the meeting with Elizabeth Deschert, and has forwarded the university the combined concerns. The gist of it is, we're unhappy at the calculation of projected cost, and the fact that covering capital costs is "contribution" from the city, when they should cover it anyway. We'll be talking to Kim Krushell about the issue next week after the next UPass steering committee meeting.

Volunteer!!

Oct. 31st Trick or Treat action
Nov. 7th – Nov. 30th Classroom speaking
Nov. 7th – Information tables
Nov. 16th 5pm. – ESS forum
Nov. 16th 130pm – Come on down to the Legislature

UPCOMING:

OCT. 31 Trick or Treat action, PIA press conference
Nov 1/2 Advanced Education Review Symposium
Nov. 3 UPass Steering Committee
Nov. 4 Advocacy Retreat
Nov. 7 Projected Tuition campaign launch
Nov. 7-9 CAUS lobby conference
Nov. 16 ESS forum
Nov. 15 Legislature sits
Nov. 16 Students at Legislature
Nov. 25 High School Leadership Conference

Mathieu Johnson VP(Academic)
Report to Students' Council
November 1, 2005

Ongoing Projects

Cohort learning: The University Task force on cohort learning is continuing to research students thoughts and feeling on group learning, to be included on a final report to the provost and deans, that will influence the academic plan. If you are in AFHE, would like a free lunch and are willing to answer some questions from 12:30 to 1:50 on Tuesday, please contact me; also if you are in arts, same thing on Thursday.

Announcements:

I have decided not to attend the CART II Conference.

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council November 1, 2005

- 1. There were no motions passed at the October 25, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 2. The following motions were passed at the October 27, 2005 Executive Committee meeting:**
 - a. JOHNSON/LETTNER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend that Students' Council appoint 6 councilors to attend two meetings in November for the purpose of creating a report relating to U of A Vision that will be tabled at the December 6 Students' Council meeting and then forwarded to the University by December 8, 2005.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

MINUTES

2005-09

Bylaw Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:50
p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Thevenaz, Kirkham, Lewis, Tobias, Woynorowski (guest), Kelly
(guest), Harlow (guest), Prusakowski (guest)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (a) Jones's Petition Questions:
i. Do you support the elimination of the plebiscites and referenda
process of the Students' Union?
Thevenaz/Tobias
(4-0-0)
ii. Do you support that the Students' Union only collects or approves
fees distributed to a particular entity where the control of that entity
corresponds to the financial contribution by students?
Lewis/Thevenaz
(4-0-0)
iii. Do you support the elimination of all dedicated fees* currently
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Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund
Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund
Gateway Student Journalism Fund
Thevenaz/Kirkham
(4-0-0)
iv. Lewis/Kirkham move a vote on whether the question violates
Bylaw 2400(4)(b).
(2-2-0)
Do you support the establishment of a dedicated fee, levied the
Students' Union, subject to the following conditions?
1. The fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at
\$10.00 per term.
2. The fees collected in that term will be awarded to one randomly
selected undergraduate student.
Kirkham/Lewis
(2-1(Thevenaz)-1)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting dispersed at 10:10 p.m..

MINUTES

2005-10

Bylaw Committee

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:46
p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Kirkham, Tobias, Lewis, Berghoff, Woynorowski (guest), Jones
(guest), Harlow (guest), Kehoe (guest)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (a) Petition Questions:
i. Jones's Petition Questions
5.
Lewis/Berghoff
(1-0-2(Kirkham))
6.
Berghoff/Lewis
(2-0-1(Kirkham))
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Kirkham/Lewis
(2-0-1)
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Lewis/Berghoff
(1-0-1(Kirkham))

ii. Smoking Petition:

Kirkham/Tobias

(4-0-0)

iii. Do you support that Students' Union bars charge \$2.00 for all pints of beer effective May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007?

Lewis/Berghoff

(3-1-0)

The Chair was ordered to contact the members who submitted (ii) and (iii) and invite them to Students' Council on Tuesday.

(c) Legislation:

i. Bill #3:

Bylaw 100

Eligibility Requirements

7.1 The Speaker will request a report from the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions that require them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in Bylaw.

Tobias/Berghoff

(3-0-1)

ii. Bill #12:

Bylaw 1100

President

6. n. report to the Speaker of Students' Council for the purpose of all Council business.

Tobias/Kirkham

(4-0-0)

(e) Other Business:

i. Bill #15 (sponsor; KIRKHAM)

1. A member shall submit a signed paper copy of the intent of a petition question to the Chief Returning Officer along with their name, faculty, and student identification number.

2. The member shall indicate whether or not their intent of this petition question is to be a plebiscite or referendum.

3. The intent of any petition question shall include a \$25.00 deposit.

4. Upon receipt of an intent of a petition question and collection of the deposit, the Chief Returning Officer shall immediately forward the question to the Bylaw Committee.

5. The Bylaw Committee shall draft and approve a question within fourteen (14) days of receiving the intent of a petition question from the Chief Returning Officer

6. Where a member submits a petition containing the signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the total membership of the Students' Union, then that member's deposit shall be refunded.

7. The term "Students' Union law" will be replaced with "Students' Union Bylaw" and the term "Federal or Provincial statute or regulation" will be replaced with "federal or provincial law" for clarification in Bylaw 2400 (4)(b).

8. Changes will be retroactive to any previously approved or currently outstanding petition questions with respect to collection of a deposit and declaration of a plebiscite or referendum.

9. Changes will come into effect immediately upon passage of second reading.

Kirkham/Berghoff

(3-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

Kirkham/Berghoff moved to adjourn.

(3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m..

5. Do you support forbidding The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, from referring to itself by any name other than its full legal name?
6. Do you support giving the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, the authority to examine and bring into compliance the legislation of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta with applicable provincial legislation?
7. Do you support requiring that all contracts entered into by The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, be available for viewing by undergraduate students?
8. Do you support directly electing the two undergraduate student representatives to the Board of Governors for two-year terms that overlap by one year?
9. Do you support implementing a mandatory hot lunch program to all undergraduate students at a cost of no more than \$60.00 per term?
10. Do you support the establishment of a mandatory universal bus pass subject to the following conditions?
 1. A fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at no more than \$500 per term.
 2. Undergraduate students would be prohibited from arriving on campus by any means other than public transit.
 3. This program would only come into effect upon a "heads" result of a coin toss conducted by the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.
 4. The process in (3) would be repeated until a "heads" result occurs.
11. Do you support the establishment of a mandatory fee not to exceed one bicycle per day to provide hourly transportation to undergraduate students between Campus Saint-Jean and the Augustana campus?
12. Do you support establishing frisbeetarianism as the official religion of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, and implementing a mandatory tithe of 10% to support frisbeetarian activities, such levy to be substantiated by income tax records and collected as part of the Students' Union fee?

Do you support a campus-wide tobacco ban at the University of Alberta subject to the following conditions?

1. A ban on the sale of all tobacco products in any University-owned or leased building or on University property effective July 1, 2006.
2. A ban on the use of all tobacco products in any University-owned or leased building or on University property, except property surrounding residences, effective July 1, 2006.
3. A ban on the use of all tobacco products on all University property effective July 1, 2008.
4. Exceptions may be made to accommodate the use of tobacco or related substances in connection with culturally significant celebrations.

MINUTES

2005-**

Audit Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Kustra, Lewis, Eruvs, Young

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: a) GSJS DFU:
The audit committee reviewed the GSJS budget. Though the actual budget differed somewhat from the projected budget, the committee was satisfied with the explanation the GSJS Business Manager provided.

Kustra/Lewis move to approved the GSJS DFU.
(4-0-0)

b) WoW Audit
The committee reviewed interim financial statements from WoW.

Lewis/Young motion to request the presence of the VP Student Life at the next meeting of Audit Committee.
(4-0-0)

c) Credit Card Statements Review
Delayed until a subsequent meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 1 at 12:30 pm in SUB, room TBA

ADJOURNMENT: Kustra/Eruvs moved to adjourn
(4-0-0)
Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

MINUTES

2005-07

External Policy Committee

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:03
p.m..

ATTENDANCE: Crossman, Power, Berghoff, Kawanami, Kustra, Lewis

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (a) Report Of The Vice-President (External):
Power presented her recent activities in a report. Questions were asked of the VPX.
b. New Policies:
No new policies were brought forward.
c. Review Of Existing Policies:
i. Board Of Governors Policy:
Kawanami introduced his draft of the policy. Discussion ensued.

WHEREAS student representation on the Board of Governors is not proportional to the contribution of students to institutional revenues in the form of tuition.

WHEREAS the quality of education received by undergraduate students is directly impacted by decisions made by the Board of Governors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, lobby the provincial government to increase undergraduate student representation on the Board of Governors to be proportional to students' contribution to institutional revenues.

Kustra/Kawanami moved to recommend the new Board of Governors Political Policy to Students' Council.

(6-0-0)

ii. Tuition Policy:

Crossman outlined ways to approach changing the policy. The new CAUS Tuition Policy was discussed. There was discussion of the links between funding and tuition. The Committee reached a consensus that there should be two policies, one for the provincial government, one intended for the University administration. Members were instructed to bring principles and what they think should go in the policies for the next meeting.

d. Other Business:

Crossman/Kustra moved that the Chair put all expiring policy in a spreadsheet and send the spreadsheet to the members of the Committee.

(6-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

Crossman/Power moved to adjourn.

(6-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

WHEREAS student representation on the Board of Governors is not proportional to the contribution of students to institutional revenues in the form of tuition

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Students' Union, The University of Alberta, lobby the provincial government to increase undergraduate student representation on the Board of Governors to be in line with students' share of contribution to institutional revenues.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<i>Effective Date:</i> September 23, 2003	<i>Page</i> 1 <i>of</i> 1
	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2007	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Student Life Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i>	
	- <i>Topic:</i> Tobacco Ban	

WHEREAS smoking is currently prohibited in all campus buildings except in licensed establishments;

WHEREAS tobacco products are extremely physically addictive;

WHEREAS tobacco users are therefore likely to smoke on areas near campus placing strain on the University's relationship with it's neighbours;

WHEREAS tobacco users who do go entire days without smoking just because it is banned on campus may experience severely depressed morale;

WHEREAS students who live in campus residences will be required to compromise their safety by leaving their residence home to engage in tobacco product use;

WHEREAS tobacco users are unlikely to cease buying tobacco products because it is banned on campus therefore driving profits off-campus;

WHEREAS a full ban of smoking on campus would be enforceable only at considerable expense to the University, which is largely funded by direct student fees;

WHEREAS there is little or no proven health benefit to be derived from a campus wide tobacco ban;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union oppose a campus-wide ban of smoking and/or tobacco products.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	September 23, 2003	Students' Council	September 23, 2003

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number:

Effective Date:

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Expiration Date: April 30, 2009

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - Category:

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

General Election Forum

- *Topic:*

Class Consideration

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on informed voters making the correct choice of representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that "One outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is a commuter campus where the only available time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS in 2006 there are approximately 9000 students attending class from 12:00-1:00 on Mondays, yet the Horowitz theatre only seats 720 students;

WHEREAS it is unfair that over 9000 students are refused instruction so that 720 may go to the general election forum;

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-3:00;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union not support cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 1:00 for the purposes of students attending the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process by which a student is not penalized for attending the forum from 12:00 – 3:00 and not class;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between being involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is the best attended and most recognizable part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-1:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the continued cancellation of classes from 12:00-1:00 for the purpose of students attending the general election forum.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Board/Committee

**Date of Council
Approval**

Created

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES & PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday October 18, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC 2005-13)

- 2005-13/1 **CALL TO ORDER**
- The Speaker call the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2005-13/2 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2005-13/2a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will be on November 1, 2005.
- 2005-13/2b Please email your blurb's for the web page to jenn.serafin@su.ualberta.ca. Remember they are due by October 21, 2005 and she has only received 1 so far.
- 2005-13/2c Councillor Trevor Panas resigns his positions as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee, member of the Student Affairs Committee and member of Students' Council.
- 2005-13/2d Report of the 2004-2005 Chief Returning Officer (Dane Bullerwell)
- 2005-13/3 **APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED TO** approve the orders of the day.
- LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED TO** make item 9a a special order.
- Amendment to the order paper: CARRIED**
- KIRKHAM MOVED TO** move item 9b (late additions) to the order paper and a special order.
- Speaker: declares this motion out of order.
- KIRKHAM/THEVENAZ CHALLENGE** the decision of the chair.
- Order of the Chair: SUSTAINED**
- Main Motion: CARRIED**

2005-13/4 PRESENTATIONS**2005-13/5 NOMINATIONS**

KUSTRA MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate and appoint one member to the Audit Committee, one member to the Student Affairs Committee and one member to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Audit Committee Nominations:

Lettner nominates Cook: Cook declines
 Lettner nominates Blais: Blais declines
 Chapman nominates herself.
 Lettner nominates Ceelen: Ceelen declines

Councillor Chapman appointed to the Audit Committee.

Student Affairs Committee Nominations:

Lettner nominates Blais: Blais declines
 Johnson nominates Payne: Payne declines
 Lettner nominates Le: Le declines
 Aperocho nominates Chandler: Chandler accepts

Councillor Chandler appointed to the Student Affairs Committee.

Budget and Finance Committee Nominations:

Cook nominates Lettner: Lettner accepts

President Lettner appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

2005-13/6 REPORTS

2005-13/6a Graham Lettner, President

2005-13/6b Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)

2005-13/6c Jason Tobias, Vice President (Operations and Finance)

2005-13/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2005-13/9a **LETTNER/TOBIAS RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council amend the budget by approving the Dewey's Project Budget and have it taken from Budget Line 912 (Special Projects Reserve)

Speaker's List (mm): Lettner

Main Motion: CARRIED

2005-13/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2005-13/7a Executive Committee Report

2005-13/7b Audit Committee Report

2005-13/7c

External Policy Committee Report

2005-13/7d

Bylaw Committee Report

2005-13/7d (i)

KIRKHAM/THEVENAZ MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed plebiscite question as shown below:

Do you support the establishment of a non-instructional fee, levied by the University of Alberta, subject to the following conditions?

1. The fee would be dedicated to the construction of a new Physical Activity Complex (PAC) as well as concurrent upgrades to the Van Vliet Physical Education and Recreation Centre.
2. The fee would be assessed to each undergraduate student at
 - a) \$20.00 per Fall or Winter term;
 - b) \$10.00 per Spring or Summer term, to
 - c) a maximum of \$40.00 in a twelve-month period.
3. The fee would provide unrestricted use of the Fitness and Lifestyle Centre* during its hours of operation to each undergraduate student who
 - a) is currently paying the fee; or
 - b) has already paid the fee for eight consecutive months within the twelve-month period.
4. The fee would be assessed
 - a) once the Fitness and Lifestyle Centre* is fully operational; and
 - b) for 30 years or until the costs incurred in (1) have been recovered, whichever occurs first.
5. Undergraduate students would be unable to alter or rescind the fee.

* Fitness and Lifestyle Centre would contain fitness equipment including cardiovascular equipment, free weights, and resistance training machines.

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham

Point of Order: Kirkham – " Point of Information is out of order"

Speaker: Point of order not well taken.

KIRKHAM MOVED TO strike the word "plebiscite" and replace it with the word "petition".

Motion deemed: FRIENDLY

KIRKHAM MOVED TO add the words "As shown below as pursuant to Section 6 of Bylaw 2400".

Motion deemed: FRIENDLY

Speaker's List (mm): Kirkham (Chad Fletcher), Lettner

Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent

2005-13/7d (ii)

THEVENAZ/KELLY MOVED THAT Bill #11 be read a second time.

Bill #11 – DIE Board Reform (sponsor; THEVENAZ)

Principles (second reading)

1. Initial Tribune appointments will be made between January and April of each year.
2. The number of Associate Chief Tribunes is increased from one to two.
3. The number of general Tribunes is changed to a minimum of five and a maximum of 11.
4. The specific potential penalties are removed.
5. The Chief Tribune will have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical requirements of DIE Board.

Speaker's List (mm) Thevenaz

KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED TO amend Bylaw 1500 old section 19, new section 13 (i) by striking the word "Holding" from the section heading and replace with the words "Scheduling a".

Speaker's List (am): Kirkham

Amendment: CARRIED**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2005-13/7d (iii) **TOBIAS/BLAIS MOVED THAT** Bill #13 be read a second time.

Bill #13 – Grant Allocation (sponsor; TOBIAS)

Principles (second reading)

1. Implementation of GAC policy may be delegated to any body deemed fit by the Grant Allocation Committee.

Speaker's List (mm): Tobias

Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent.

2005-13/7d (iv) The Bylaw Committee recommends that Bill # 14 **be read a first time.**

Bill #14 Access to Students' Union Information Amendment BillPrinciples (1st Reading)

1. Every Students' Union document or record is strictly confidential that has been specifically designated as such in the Standing Orders of Students' Council.
2. Strictly confidential information is available to those individuals specifically designated in the Standing Orders of Students' Council
3. Signing a non-disclosure agreement will no longer be a requirement that must be completed prior to assuming office.
4. No member of Students' Council, the Executive Committee, The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, or a committee thereof may access confidential or strictly confidential information until they have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

TOBIAS/PAYNE MOVED TO postpone item 7d (iv) to the next Students' Council meeting.

Motion to postpone: CARRIED

2005-13/8

QUESTION PERIOD

KIRKHAM/PAYNE MOVED TO adjourn.

The meeting of Students' Council was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (SC 2005-13)

Faculty/Position	Name	1 st Roll Call	2 nd Roll Call
President	Graham Lettner	√	
VP Academic	Mathieu Johnson	√	
VP External	Samantha Power		
VP Finance	Jason Tobias	√	
VP Student Life	Justin Kehoe		
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Adam Cook	√	
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Miranda Baniulis		
Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics	Amanda Rajotte		
Arts	Catrin Berghoff		
Arts	John Chandler		
Arts	Michelle Kelly	√	
Arts	Bryce Kustra	√	
Arts	Cameron Lewis		
Arts	Tim Schneider	√	
Arts	Shad Thevenaz	√	
Arts	Heather Wallace		
Augustana	Jonathan Friesen		
Business	Chris Young	√	
Business	Ryan Payne	√	
Education	Lillian Patz		
Engineering	Brian Ceelen	√	
Engineering	James Crossman		
Engineering	Prem Eruvs	√	
Engineering	Jamaal Montasser	√	

Law	Kyle Kawanami	√	
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Suneil Khanna	√	
Native Studies	Matt Wildcat		
Nursing	Nadia Ickert		
Faculté Saint-Jean	Joseph Blais	√	
Open Studies	Sabine Stephan	√	
Physical Education and Recreation	Philip Goebel		
Science	Sheena Aperocho	√	
Science	Jack Gordon		
Science	Abbeir Hussein		
Science	Stephen Kirkham	√	
Science	Sylvia Shamanna	√	
Science	Omer Yusuf	√	
Science	Yuan Hao		
Science	Chris Le	√	
Science	Theresa Chapman	√	
General Manager	Bill Smith		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√	

Guests of Council:

Position	Name
Chair, RAC	Chad Fletcher
Canadian University Press, The Gateway	Ross Prusakowski