

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 15, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2005-15)

- 2005-15/1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2005-15/2 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2005-15/2a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on November 29, 2005.
- 2005-15/2a (i) New Councillor Orientation on November 21, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 6-06 SUB. An information session on the procedures of Council. If you are interested in attending please contact aasc@su.ualberta.ca.
- 2005-15/3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
- 2005-15/4 PRESENTATIONS
- 2005-15/4a Presentation on the Students' Union Budget given by General Manager Bill Smith and Vice President Operations and Finance, Jason Tobias.
- 2005-15/5 NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS
- 2005-15/6 REPORTS
- 2005-15/6a Graham Lettner – President
Please see document SC 05-15.01
- 2005-15/6b Mathieu Johnson, Vice President (Academic)
Please see document SC 05-15.02
- 2005-15/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2005-15/7a Executive Committee – November 10, 2005
Please see document SC 05-15.03
- 2005-15/7b Bylaw Committee
- 2005-15/7b (i) 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.

2005-15/7c

External Policy Committee – October 25, 2005

Please see document SC 05-15.04

2005-15/7c (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 05-15.05

2005-15/7d

Budget and Finance Committee

2005-15/7d (i)

The Budget and Finance Committee recommends that Bill # 17 **be read a first time.**

Bill #17 – Student Involvement Endowment Fund Fee Repeal (sponsor; LEWIS)

Principles (first reading)

1. That the Students' Union cease collection of the Eugene L. Brody and Student Involvement Endowment Fund fees.

2005-15/7e

Council Administration Committee – November 7, 2005

Please see document SC 05-15.06

2005-15/7e (i)

The Council Administration Committee recommends that Bill #19 **be read a first time.**

Bill #19 - *Chairs of Standing Committees* (sponsor; LEWIS)
Principles (first reading)

1. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be paid.

2005-15/7f Audit Committee – November 1, 2005

Please see document 05-15.07

2005-15/8 QUESTION PERIOD

2005-15/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2005-15/9a **MOTION BY KIRKHAM, ORDERED THAT** Students' Council rescind the "Tobacco Ban" political policy.

Please see document SC 05-15.08

2005-15/9b **JOHNSON MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the Political Policy "General Election Forum".

Please see document SC 05-15.09

2005-15/9c **TOBIAS/LETTNER MOVED THAT** Students' Council read Bill #18 a first time.

Bill #18 *Changes to Referendum Process* (sponsor; TOBIAS)
Principles (first reading)

1. The proponents of a referendum shall bear the onus of demonstrating, to the bylaw committee, how the referendum falls within the power of the Students' Union under the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
2. Where the referendum proposes a compulsory fee, the proponent must demonstrate how that new fee would serve the object of the "maintenance of the" Students' Union as required under section 95(2)(e).
3. Referenda questions shall be limited to questions of principle, such that only questions establishing the creation and purpose of fees and their repeal are permitted.
4. In drafting a proposed referendum question, the bylaw committee shall also report to Council whether or not the proposed question is valid under the mandate of Student Associations in the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
5. The report in principle 4 will take into account the submissions made by the proponents of a referendum under principle 1.
6. In considering the question, the bylaw committee may seek legal opinion.
7. Should Students' Council disallow a question on the basis that it falls outside the mandate of Student Associations, as defined in the Post-Secondary Learning Act, such decision may be appealed to DIE Board.
8. The principles of this bill will apply retroactively to all referenda proposed for the 2006 general election.

2005-15/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

President's Report

Meeting date: Thursday, November 10, 2005

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Students' Union is making great strides. The Executive is well into a host of projects, many of them well developed and even nearing completion. I have been very satisfied with our recent progress.

SPECIFICS:

- The Dewey's Project

2 November saw the start of The Dewey's Project with 20-25 people in attendance for Dr Steve Kent. 9 November saw attendance grow to 60+ with the main floor full, people sitting on the stairs and in the balcony, as well as standing at the back by the bar. Don Carmichael was fabulous and I believe we've found a niche for student-faculty engagement on this campus.

- A Learning Alberta Symposium

The symposium presented a wide range of views and opportunities. While no direct action from the symposium was forthcoming, working groups will be established to address key concerns of the system: I believe students will be invited to be members of these working groups. A draft tuition policy is set to be released on March 31st.

- Tuition Rebate, Again

During an exchange in the newspapers, Premier Klein indicated that there will be another tuition rebate for students in the upcoming year: students will not face a "double-bump." The mechanics of this rebate will need to be addressed, in particular, how funding to institutions will be affected. I take this statement by the Premier as an opportunity to further push for increased long term affordability.

- Lobbying & Editorial Board Visit

As CAUS, we recently sat down with MLAs of all political stripes to further ideas about post-secondary education. Much of what we proposed was well received. We also met with the Edmonton Journal Editorial Board to discuss post-secondary education. We conveyed students' desire for an affordable, high-quality education that is available to all Albertans most articulately. I also realized that the Journal's newsroom is where sadness comes from.

Mathieu Johnson VP(Academic)
Report to Students' Council
November 15, 2005

In a departure from my regular report I am going to give you a full update of activities I'm involved with not just the really salient stuff.

Academic Plan

One of the most important activities I am conducting is creating another submission to the academic planning process that will be taken to the board academic planning retreat. Me and Graham Lettner have come up with 4 front runners for major foci of the submission, we are also discussing what should be our 5th.

Handbooks

Myself, Justin Kehoe, and Dan Costigan the senior manager of Communications are in discussions as to how to better facilitate the faculty sections of the SU handbook. There has been some issues with our financial liability with the faculty sections.

Cohort Learning

I am part of a provost Taskforce on Cohort learning initiatives. Currently the Committee has done an extensive review the programs already here on campus and those at other campuses.

Also I have conducted research as to the attitudes of U of A students about their feelings towards group learning. It involved a Survey of 3000 undergrads and 5 different focus groups of 4 different faculties.

In my opinion the best program for the U of A would be to create cohort streams of classes in all faculties for first years similarly to the way engineering does its first year, and I intend to suggest that as one of the major foci of the submission to the academic planning process next month.

E-learning/Centre for Creative Learning Initiatives

The office of the vice-provost information technology has created a comprehensive report on E-learning on this campus and where he feels it should go. The report is making its rounds at all various governance committees and it is generally a good report which I mostly speak well of at those committees. Anyone interested in its finding can find it at http://www.vpit.ualberta.ca/elearning_plan/ .

As part of the report it recommends the creation of the centre for creative learning initiatives. This centre would be a coordinating and resourcing office for learning initiatives that professors wish to initiate and has a lot of potential to improve undergraduate teaching. I am part of the committee that is working to implement this centre.

Committee on the Learning Environment and Faculty Evaluation Committees

The committee on the learning environment has completed its work on reviewing the faculty evaluation policies at the U of A and come up with its recommendation. In response to that the Provost has sent out a memo to all deans with 7 recommendations. The most salient for Undergraduates are that:

Each FEC shall write a report on the recommendations and how they will be implemented in their FEC.

Where the faculty is large enough statistical distributions of increments shall be made and shared with faculty.

Promotions should be made public and celebrated.

That a faculty member from the centre for research in applied measurement & evaluations be asked to develop guidelines of how to understand and use IDQ scores. That peer evaluations play an important part of the tenure and promotion process. New faculty should be strongly encouraged to start and maintain their teaching dossier.

That GFC recommend to FECs that research and teaching dossiers be required when considering faculty for promotion.

Consolidated examinations

As part of a push from a number of faculty around the university, there will be a pilot project next September where more multi sectioned classes have consolidated examinations. Making an evening section of finals during final week will facilitate this.

Writing taskforce

The Provost along with the dean of arts created a task force to look at the way writing is taught at the U of A. It has been meeting since September and has not gotten very far, although last weekend we brought an expert in from SFU to discuss teaching writing. SFU has recently restructured their curriculum to make it so writing is not necessarily taught in 1st year English but taught in a class in any field that is a "W" class; moreover you must take two W classes, one in your junior years and one in your senior years.

I was impressed by the SFU model as it implemented a process that I was thinking about myself and intend to push for something like that at the U of A.

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council November 10, 2005

- 1. The following motions were passed at the November 3, 2005 Executive Committee meeting:**
 - a. LETTNER/KEHOE MOVED THAT the voting member of COSA be permanently changed from President to Vice President (Student Life)
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
 - b. TOBIAS/LETTNER MOVED THAT the executive Committee approve an expenditure for Special Project Reserve not to exceed \$400.00 for the purpose of advertising 24/7 SUB.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
 - c. LETTNER /POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee, adopt the following elements, to apply to a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the proposed Physical Activity Complex (PAC), to potentially be negotiated between the Students' Union and the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation:
 - 1) There shall be an advisory committee whose mandate shall encompass the planning, design and management of the PAC
 - 2) The committee shall be comprised of students and faculty representatives and may also include representatives from other groups who have a financial stake in the PAC.
 - 3) The undergraduate student composition of the advisory committee shall be based upon the undergraduate student contribution to the project.
 - 4) The Students' Union may participate in specified business and service arrangements within the PAC.VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
- 2. There were no motions passed at the November 9, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.**
- 3. There were no motions passed at the November 10, 2005 Executive Committee meeting.**

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..

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

8 November 2005 @ 17:00 - SUB 010

Report to Students' Council (CAC 2005-13)

Council Administration Committee met for the thirteenth time on 8 November 2005 at 17:00. All permanent members of the committee and the Speaker of Students' Council were present, except Councillor Berghoff, and accompanied by the Vice President Student Life and Councillor Lewis.

The Chair reported the outcome of a ruling made by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board with respect to the meaning of the term "oversee" in the section of bylaw corresponding to the mandate of the committee. A message from the Vice President Operations and Finance was read onto the record pertaining to the directive initiated by the committee with respect to a bulletin board being installed in the Students' Union Building for the purposes of outreach.

The Standing Orders of Students' Council were amended to allow the committee to call meetings of Students' Council and to disallow the cancellation of any meeting of Students' Council other than by Students' Council itself.

The committee continued the process of defining its own standing orders. The standing orders pertaining to the selection of the Awards Committee were finalized, and the principles surrounding the selection of the Chief Returning Officer were defined. Once again, final approval of the process will be forthcoming.

Councillor Lewis introduced an idea he had submitted to the committee with respect to the chairs of standing committees being paid. A number of issues were discussed relating to the principle of paying an individual for a position that could be argued as exclusively volunteer, the fact that the Speaker of Students' Council is paid for similar duties and responsibilities, that payment may emphasize the added responsibility of the councillor in such a position, and, of course, the form and amount of what that payment would be. It was decided that the latter issue would be left up to the second reading of such a Bill and the principle to be debated in first reading would simply be as to whether or not chairs of standing committees should be paid. Council Administration Committee recommended adoption of such a Bill.

The next meeting of Council Administration Committee will take place in SUB 606 on 22 November 2005 at 17:00.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

8 November 2005 @ 17:00 - SUB 010

Votes and Proceedings (CAC 2005-13)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 17:11.

2. Approval of the Orders of the Day

Orders of the Day stand approved.

3. Report from the Chair

- a. Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board, Decision 2 [2005-13.01]
- b. Message from the Vice President Operations and Finance

4. [*In camera*]

KIRKHAM/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee move in-camera.

CARRIED

KEHOE/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee move ex-camera.

CARRIED

5. Standing Orders of Students' Council [4000(12)(a)]

- a. Additional and Moved Meetings

KIRKHAM/KELLY MOVED THAT Standing Orders of Students' Council be amended by adding the "Council Administration Committee" to §6.

CARRIED

KEHOE/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Standing Orders of Students' Council be amended by striking "and Moved" and "or cancel" from §6.

CARRIED

6. ~~Additional and Moved Meetings~~

The Speaker, ~~Council Administration Committee~~, Executive Committee or Students' Council may call, ~~or cancel~~ meetings of Council.

6. Standing Orders of Council Administration Committee [4000(5)(4)]
- a. Selection of Awards Committee [2005-13.02]
 - b. Selection of Chief Returning Officer [4000(12)(e)]

7. Discussion
- a. Chairs of Standing Committees as Paid Positions

LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT Council Administration Committee recommend to Students' Council the adoption of a Bill with the following principles:

- i. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be paid.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 19:21.

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

Policy Number:

Effective Date: **April 8, 2003**

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Expiration Date: **April 30, 2006**

Responsibility for Policy:

External Affairs Board

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Board of Governors

- *Topic:*

WHEREAS Boards of Governors are dominated by “public” members;

WHEREAS “public” members are most often represented by members of corporate boards, Chief Executive Officers, and other members of the business sector;

WHEREAS the private sector is integral to Alberta social and economic growth, but is not the only sector worthy of representation on university Boards of Governors;

WHEREAS student or proportion of representation on Boards of Governors is not proportional to the student population on any Alberta university campus;

WHEREAS student representation on Boards of Governors is not proportional to student contributions to institutional revenues in the form of tuition;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students’ Union lobby the provincial government for a greater diversity among “public” members on university Boards of Governors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students’ lobby the provincial government to increase undergraduate student representation on Boards of Governors in line with student share of campus population and contribution to institutional revenues.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created	SC 02-24/12h (27/6/0)	External Affairs Board	April 8, 2003

MINUTES

2005-**

Audit Committee

Thursday November 1, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Theresa Chapman
Prem Eruvs
Bryce Kustra
Chris Young

CALL TO ORDER: 12:36 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- Eruvs/Young motion to approve the agenda (4-0-0)
- Motion by Kustra/Chapman that the new departments to be audited will be the Campus Food Bank and Meyer Horowitz Theatre (4-0-0)
- Motion by Chapman/Kustra to approve the dispersal of the Student Legal Services DFU (4-0-0)
The discussion of the SLS DFU was largely uneventful. The organization appears to be using students' money efficiently.
- Review of Credit Card Receipts from May/June and June/July
Audit Committee will continue this discussion next meeting when we have some additional information and operating policies relating to the statements.
- Composition of a list of questions relating to the WoW Audit in anticipation of the VPSL's presence at a future meeting.
- Kustra/Eruvs motion to Adjourn (3-0-0)

NEXT MEETING: TBA

ADJOURNMENT: 1:58 pm

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**

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