# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Wednesday May 3, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-01)

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS 2006-01/1

2006-01/1a Installation Ceremony

I am not here for me.

I am here for the people that lent me their power in exchange for a promise.

I will keep that promise to make decisions with their interest in mind.

I will vote after knowing the facts, not before.

I will use Robert's rules for their purpose, not my own.

I will oppose ideas, not people.

I will think before I speak, not speak just to think. I will take the job seriously or not take the job at all. I will represent my students interests, not my own.

I am not here for me.

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on 2006-01/1b

Tuesday May 16, 2006.

Stephen Kirkham resigns from Students' Council. 2006-01/1b (i)

Please see document SC 06-01.01

Inaugural addresses of Executive Officers and the Undergraduate Board of 2006-01/10

Governors Representative

2006-01/1d Approval of Standing Orders

Please see document SC 06-01.02

**PRESENTATIONS** 2006-01/2

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** 2006-01/3

2006-01/4 **QUESTION PERIOD** 

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS** 2006-01/5

2006-01/6 **GENERAL ORDERS** 

CHAPMAN ORDERED THAT Students' Council Order the Executive Committee 2006-01/6a

> to create and implement an Operating Policy stating that no events will be held at SUBStage during the time period between the end of classes and the end of

exams and that this policy be applicable to the Fall and Winter semesters. And that the Executive Committee report to council on the implementation of this Operating Policy in October and February of this year.

2006-01/6b HENRY ORDERED THAT Students' Council direct the Chairs of each committee

to create Standing Orders (for each committee) and report back to Council by

June 13, 2006.

**2006-01/6c SCHNEIDER ORDERED THAT** Students' Council direct the Vice President –

Academic to work with the Faculty of Law Administration and Law Students' Association to bring them into compliance with Bylaw 8400 and report back to

Council no later than September 26, 2006.

**SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the

following boards:

Student Legal Services

CJSR APIRG

Gateway Student Journalism

**2006-01/6e SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the

Council Administration Committee.

2006-01/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2006-01/7a Audit Committee Minutes – April 14, 2006

Please see document SC 06-01.03

2006-01/7b Audit Committee Standing Orders

Please see document SC 06-01.04

2006-01/7c Votes and Proceedings – April 13, 2006

Please see document SC 06-01.05

## 4 April 2006

Speaker of Students' Council The Students' Union, The University of Alberta 2900 Students' Union Building University of Alberta Edmonton, AB T6G 2J7

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have been attending meetings of Students' Council since August 2003 and have served as a voting member since March 2004. Late Sunday night, while I was attempting painstakingly to compile the plethora of terms and conditions that Council Administration Committee had spent five hours deciding upon for councilor remuneration, I had an epiphany: I can effect change in drastically more meaningful ways by apportioning the time I spend on Council-related activities to other things such as Bear Scat, General Faculties Council, and even my position at Academic Information and Communication Technologies.

I appreciate the need for Students' Council to have a limited number of internal controls to ensure efficient and legitimate operation. However, I pose this question: what has Council accomplished this year that has actually effected change external to its governance? The culmination of the few responses one could produce doesn't even come close to justify the total amount of time councillors have spent in meetings. The time-to-effectiveness ratio, if you will, of Council is abysmal.

Student's Council spends the majority of its time debating minor, internal details like attendance requirements, when elections should occur, how its judiciary is organized, the appearance of the breakdown of its fees, and now the intricate rules and exceptions for how councillors should be paid. It *never* bothers to debate the big issues that would actually effect change. What should our stance on tuition be? How can we improve our strategy for making education affordable? What are the weaknesses in our student services and how can we improve them? What can we do to make the Power Plant an asset and not a liability to students? Should we be promoting a healthy lifestyle from the products we sell in our businesses? What are the fundamental, principled priorities of the Students' Union? When presented with these big issues, Council is thoroughly uninterested and brushes them aside in favour of yet more internal reform.

When I joined Students' Council, I did so in order to better the lives and aspirations of students. I realize now that I could do so much more for students if I invest my time in other ways, for example, by improving Bear Scat. The incentive I need from Council for me to invest my time is a focus on helping students: improving their post-secondary experience. Sadly, that incentive doesn't exist and remuneration is no substitute.

Therefore, I am obliged to tender my resignation from Students' Council.

Sincerely,

Steve Kirkham

#### PART 1: RULES OF ORDER

#### Roberts' Rules of Order

**1(1)** *Robert's Rules of Order* will be observed at all meetings of Council except where they are inconsistent with the bylaws or standing orders of Council.

#### Speaker to decide where rules are silent

**1(2)** Where the bylaws, standing orders, and *Roberts' Rules of Order* fail to provide direction with respect to procedure, the Speaker will decide.

#### **PART 2: STRUCTURE OF SESSIONS**

#### **Order of Business**

**2(1)** The Order of Business for Students' Council will be:

- (a) Speaker's Business
- (b) Presentations
- (c) Executive Committee Report
- (d) Question Period
- (e) Board and Committee Reports
- (f) General Orders

#### **Start-Up Meeting Order of Business**

2(2) The Order of Business for the start-up meeting of the incoming Students' Council will be:

- (a) Election of a Speaker<sup>1</sup>
- (b) Annual Meeting Schedule
- (c) Nomination to Council Committees

#### First Meeting after Start-Up Meeting Additional Orders of Business

**2(3)** The Order of Business for the first meeting of the year after the start up meeting will have the following orders of the day added to Speaker's Business:

- (a) Installation ceremony<sup>ii</sup>
- (b) Inaugural addresses of Executive Officers and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
- (c) Approval of Standing Orders

#### **Last Meeting Additional Orders of Business**

**2(4)** The Order of Business for the last meeting of the year will have the following orders of the day added to Speaker's Business:

(a) President's farewell address

### **Additional Meetings**

**3(1)** Additional meetings of Council may be called by the:

- (a) Speaker
- (b) Council Administration Committee
- (c) Executive Committee, and
- (d) Students' Council.

## PART 3: ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Right of Submission by Student Council Members**

**4(1)** Any voting member or board/committee of council may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by Council

#### **Right of Submission by Student Union Members**

**4(2)** Any Student's Union Member may submit an information item for inclusion in the agenda package provided that it is related to the proceedings.

#### Order of Orders of the Day

**4(3)** Orders of the Day shall appear on the Order Paper in the order they were submitted.

#### Deadline for Submission

**4(4)** Orders of the Day must be submitted to the Speaker and the Administrative Assistant to Students' Council by noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day prior to a Council meeting.

#### **Late Additions**

**4(5)** Late additions to the Order Paper may, at Council's discretion, be added at the meeting if the items of business cannot be postponed to a future meeting of Council for resolution without risking serious and detrimental consequences to the Students' Union.

#### **Deadline for Publishing**

**5(1)** The agenda package will be published in the following manner:

- (a) Paper copies will be created and made available in the Students' Union Executive/Administrative Offices, and
- (b) An electronic version will be placed on the Students' Union web page.

#### **Deadline for Publishing**

**5(2)** The agenda package will be published no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day prior to a Council meeting.

#### **Deadline Exemption**

**5(3)** For meetings called under the authority of standing order #3(1) there will be no submission or publishing deadline.

#### **Special Orders**

**6(1)** Motions making specific orders of the day special orders are privileged motions.

## **Speaker made Special Orders**

**6(2)** The Order of Business notwithstanding, the Speaker may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

## **Council made Special Orders**

**6(3)** The Order of Business notwithstanding, Council may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order if it cannot be postponed to a future meeting of Council for resolution without risking serious and detrimental consequences to the Students' Union.

#### **PART 4: SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

## Speaker's Business

**7(1)** During Speaker's Business the Speaker will address all day-to-day regulatory concerns of Council including but not limited to:

- (a) resignations,
- (b) any process by which a member is permanently removed from Council,
- (c) reports of the Chief Returning Officer,
- (d) announcements,
- (e) motions making orders of the day special orders.

#### **PART 5: PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Length of Presentations**

**8(1)** Presentations will not exceed 30 minutes in duration including questions and discussion.

## **Presentations Exclude Enacting Motions on Same Topic**

8(2) Motions related to the subject matter of a presentation at the same meeting are out of order.

#### **PART 6: NOMINATIONS**

#### **Motions to Nominate Considered Special Orders**

9(1) A motion to nominate will be a Special Order upon completion of Presentations.

#### **Motions to Nominate Considered Approved**

**9(2)** A motion to nominate will be considered approved, and the floor open to nominations, unless a member requests a vote on the motion.

## **PART 7: REPORTS**

#### **Style of Executive Officer Reports**

10(1) Executive Officer reports will be presented in written form and listed in the agenda package under information items.

#### Style of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative's Report

**10(2)** The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative's reports will be presented in written form and listed in the agenda package under information items.

## Frequency of Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative's Reports

10(3) The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative will report to Council, a minimum, following each Board meeting.

## **Executive Committee Reports**

11(1) The President will compile a report on the actions of the Executive Committee listing, at minimum, formal motions approved by the committee.

## **Style of Board and Committee Reports**

12(1) Board and Committee reports will be presented in written form.

## **PART 8: QUESTION PERIOD**

#### **Length of Question Period**

**13(1)** Question period will be 15 minutes in duration.

#### **Extension of Question Period**

**13(2)** Question period will be extended once for 15 minutes upon the request of five voting members of Council. Further extensions require a two-thirds majority vote.

#### **Written Questions**

**14(1)** Written Questions may be submitted for inclusion with the Orders of the Day.

#### **Priority of Written Questions**

**14(2)** Written questions may be responded to in writing or orally, and will have priority over questions posed orally.

#### PART 9: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR BY-LAWS

## First Reading of Bylaws

15(1) When a bylaw is being read a first time:

- (a) The motion is placed on the order paper;
- (b) The motion is presented in the following format:
  - (i) The principle and/or objectives are listed; and
  - (ii) Specific wording of legislation is not permitted; and
- (c) Debate is limited to general principles and objectives; and
- (d) If approved the motions is referred to the Bylaw Committee.

### **Committee State (for bylaws)**

**15(2)** When a bylaw is in the committee stage:

- (a) The committee identifies the relevant legislation that requires amendment and/or drafts new legislation on the basis of the principles passed in first reading.
- (b) The committee will not recommend to Council draft legislation that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading
- (c) As part of its report, the Bylaw Committee may recommend that Students' Council move to reconsider the motion that "The bill be read a first time" if there are principles relevant to the bill that were not considered on First Reading that:
  - (i) if omitted would defeat or impair the purpose of the bill, and/or
  - (ii) will detrimentally impact on the operation of the Students' Union.

#### Second Reading of Bylaws

**15(3)** When a bylaw is being read a second time:

- (a) The motion will be presented in the following format:
  - (i) The entire bylaw will be presented (may be waived by the Speaker); and
  - (ii) Deletions to existing bylaw will be shown by using a strike-through font; and
  - (iii) Additions to the existing bylaws will be shown by an underline font.
  - (iv) A recommendation (if made) by the Bylaw Committee to reconsider the motion that "The bill be read a first time" with the principles that the Bylaw Committee considers made the reconsideration necessary.
- (b) Debate is confined to technical merits and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in First Reading, except when debating a recommendation to reconsider the motion that "The bill be read a first time" where debate will be limited to the suggested principles put forward by the Bylaw Committee to support a return to First Reading and the propriety of adopting such a motion

## **Coming Into Force**

15(4) Unless otherwise specified, the motion will take effect upon adjournment of the meeting at which it was approved.

#### PART 10: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR BUDGET

## **Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Recommends Principles**

**16(1)** The Vice-President shall submit or cause to be submitted a proposed set of budget principles to the Budget and Finance Committee no later than January 15.

## **Budget and Finance Committee Amends and Recommends Principles**

**16(2)** The Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend a set of budget principles to Students' Council no later than February 15.

#### First Reading of Budget in Council

**16(3)** Students' Council shall approve a set of budget principles no later than March 15.

## **Executive Committee to Recommend Final Budget**

**16(4)** The Executive Committee shall submit a final Operating and Capital Budget reflecting the set of budget principles approved by Council to the Budget and Finance Committee no later than March 31.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee to Amend and Recommend Final Budget**

**16(5)** The Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend a final Operating and Capital Budget to Students' Council.

#### Second Reading of Budget in Council

**16(6)** When the budget is being read a second time:

- (a) Students' Council shall approve a final Operating and Capital Budget.
- (b) The budget will be presented in a three part document consisting of:
  - (i) the principles passed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading,
  - (ii) the estimates (numerical breakdown of the budget), and
  - (iii) additional written instruction providing further instruction on how money within budget categories is to be spent.
- (c) Debate is confined to technical merits and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in First Reading.

#### PART 11: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR POLITICAL POLICIES

#### First Reading of Political Policy

17(1) The procedural requirements for passage of political policy on first reading are the same as those for the passage of by-laws on first reading except that the political policy will then be referred to either the External Policy Committee or the University Policy Committee by the Speaker in keeping with their respective mandates.

#### **Committee Stage (political policy)**

17(2) When a political policy is in the committee stage:

- (a) The committee selects an Executive Officer and assigns them to draft a new policy on the basis of the principles passed in first reading, with the assistance of the advocacy department.
- (b) The committee will not recommend to Council draft legislation that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading.

#### **Second Reading of Political Policy**

17(3) When a political policy is being read a second time:

- (a) The motion will be presented in the following format:
  - (i) the entire political policy will be shown and:
    - (1) Deletions to existing political policy will be shown by using a strike through font: and
    - (2) Additions to the existing policy will be shown by using an underline font.
- (b) Debate is confined to technical merits and whether the committee properly interpreted the principles passed in First Reading.

#### PART 12: MODIFIED RULES OF DEBATE

#### Length of Speeches

**18(1)** Members having obtained the floor to speak to a motion can speak no longer than six minutes.

#### Speaker may Limit Debate

19(1) The Speaker may limit debate at any time on any Order of the Day.

#### **Moving the Previous Question**

**20(1)** A member of Council may not move the previous question at the same time as he/she speaks to the motion.

## Speaker may Disallow a Motion for the Previous Question

**20(2)** The Speaker may disallow the motion of the previous question if, in the opinion of the Speaker, the motion has not been sufficiently debated.

#### **Subsidiary Motions Limited**

**21(1)** Subsidiary motions are not permitted to be applied to the main motion until the motion has been spoken to at least two times, one in favor and one opposed.

#### **Points of Order**

**22(1)** Where a member rises on a Point of Order citing the violation of a federal, provincial or municipal law, that member must provide a copy of that law to the Speaker at the time the Point of Order is raised.

#### **Guests of Council**

**23(1)** Any person may become a Guest of Council by writing his/her name on the Guest of Council List provided by the Speaker at each meeting of Students' Council.

#### **Guest of Council Debate Privileges**

**23(2)** The Speaker will only recognize guests if no member entitled to obtain the floor wishes to do so, except where a guest has information particularly pertinent to the debate, or where a councilor having obtained the floor extends to a Guest of Council his/her speaking privileges.

#### **PART 13: VOTING**

#### Division

**24(1)** A roll call vote will be taken if request by five voting members of Council and shall take precedence over any other method of voting.

#### Speaker may Refuse a Division

**24(2)** The Speaker may refuse a dilatory request for a division except on items of business disposing of main motions.

## PART 14: RECESS/REASSEMBLY

#### Recess

**25(1)** Council will recess for 15 minutes immediately after the first order of the day disposed of at least 90 minutes after the call to order.

#### **Recess and Reassembly**

25(2) Council will recess for 15 minutes at 10 p.m. and reconvene at a location designated by the Speaker.

## PART 15: ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### Attendance

**26(1)** The Speaker will take attendance orally twice each meeting, once after Speaker's Business and once immediately prior to adjournment or at 10 p.m. whichever is earlier.

## **PART 16: DISCIPLINE**

#### Speaker may Discipline

**27(1)** The Speaker may discipline a member of Council for breaches of Standing Orders.

#### Call for Decorum

**27(2)** Any member of Council may call for decorum, which when called for will remain in effect for the duration of the motion under consideration and result in the Speaker removing first the speaking privileges for the duration of the motion, and secondly the right to attend the meeting from anyone in the chamber should they be caught speaking without having properly obtained the floor.

#### **PART 17: PROXIES**

#### **Assignment of Council Proxies**

**28(1)** To appoint a proxy a Councilor must provide a notice to that effect to the Speaker:

- (a) stating the name and e-mail address of the proxy member,
- (b) indicating the duration of the appointment, and
- (c) that is signed by the appointing Councilor, or
- (d) if e-mailed to the Speaker is received no later than 2h prior to the meeting.

#### **Assignment of Committee Proxies**

**28(2)** To appoint a proxy for a committee a Councilor must provide a notice to that effect to the Chair of the committee:

- (a) stating the name and e-mail address of the councilor,
- (b) indicating the duration of the appointment, and
- (c) that is signed by the appointing Councilor, or
- (d) if e-mailed to the Chair of the committee no later than 2h prior to the meeting.

## PART 18: RECORDS OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### **Audio Record of Students' Council**

29(1) Where feasible, an audio record of Students' Council proceedings will be recorded.

#### **Approval of Audio Record**

**29(2)** The audio record is considered approved as recorded.

#### **Minutes of Students' Council**

**30(1)** Where an audio record is not possible, minutes of Council proceedings will be recorded.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**30(2)** The minutes are considered approved as transcribed.

#### **Members may Clarify Comments in Minutes**

**30(3)** Whenever minutes are transcribed, a member's comments may be amended in accordance with the member's wishes prior to a time limit set by the Speaker.

## **Record of Votes and Proceedings**

**31(1)** A record styled "Votes and Proceedings" will be compiled from the audio record or minutes of Council and will consist of:

- (a) All motions moved, and
- (b) Any event having legal consequences extending beyond the adjournment of that meeting, and
- (c) A record of all regulations and decisions approved by Students' Council boards and committees that are required by bylaw to report such regulations and decisions to Students' Council.

#### **Publication of Votes and Proceedings**

**31(2)** Votes and Proceedings shall be published electronically the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day after a Council meeting and in the next agenda package.

## **Approval of Votes and Proceedings**

**31(3)** The record of votes and proceedings is considered approved as transcribed.

#### **PART 19: MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Speaker to Vacate Chair**

32(1) A motion that the Speaker vacate the chair:

- (a) is always in order,
- (b) takes precedence over any other motion, and
- (c) is not debatable.

#### **Public Meetings**

**33(1)** Meetings of Council are open to the public, unless Council moves *in camera*.

#### **Only Official Documents Allowed**

34(1) Only official Council documents may be distributed to members of Council within the chamber.

#### **Council Orientation**

**35(1)** An orientation for Council members will be held in May of each year.

#### **Joke Motions**

**36(1)** At the last meeting of the year the Speaker may declare any motion to be a "joke motion," such a motion having no effect if carried.

## <sup>1</sup> APPENDIX 1: PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING A NEW SPEAKER

#### Council to be provided with cover letter and resume

**2(2)(a)(i)** Each member of Council will be provided with a cover letter and resume of each candidate for Speaker.

#### Senior member to preside when outgoing speaker running for re-election

**2(2)(a)(ii)** The longest serving member of Council not running for Speaker will preside over the election when the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.

## In Case of Tie, Elder Member to Preside

2(2)(a)(iii) In the case of a tie between longest serving members then the eldest of the tied candidates will preside.

## Speeches

2(2)(a)(iv) The presiding member will ask each candidate to give a brief speech not to exceed two minutes.

#### Questions

2(2)(a)(v) The presiding member will allow questions to be put to the candidates from the members of Council.

#### **Secret Ballot**

2(2)(a)(vi) The vote will be by secret ballot and will be in the style of the executive elections.

#### Recess

2(2)(a)(vii) Council will recess while the presiding officer counts the vote.

## Announcement

**2(2)(a)(viii)** The presiding officer will announce the results of the election to Council.

## ii APPENDIX 2: OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office to be taken by all members of Council present at the installation ceremony is:

I am not here for me.

I am here for the people that lent me their power in exchange for a promise.

I will keep that promise to make decisions with their interest in mind.

I will vote after knowing the facts, not before.

I will use Robert's rules for their purpose, not my own.

I will oppose ideas, not people.

I will think before I speak, not speak just to think.

I will take the job seriously or not take the job at all.

I will represent my students interests, not my own.

I am not here for me.

#### **APPENDIX 3: COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION**

#### **Executive Excluded**

1 All voting members of Students' Council, including the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative but excluding any member of the Executive Committee, shall be considered payees with respect to councilor remuneration.

#### **Base Rate**

**2** The annual base rate shall be equal to \$500.00.

#### **Disbursement**

- **3** Remuneration shall be calculated and dispensed at the end of each installment period:
  - (a) May August
  - (b) September December
  - (c) January April

#### **Council Remuneration**

- 4 Payees shall be eligible to receive up to the annual base rate for serving on Students' Council.
  - (a) A proportional amount of the annual base rate shall be dispensed to payees at the end of each installment period provided that they attend every meeting of Students' Council.
  - (b) Payees who are not in attendance for one (1) meeting of Students' Council during an installment period shall only be eligible for one half (1/2) of the proportional amount of the annual base rate for that installment period.
  - (c) Payees who are not in attendance for two (2) or more meetings of Students' Council during any installment period shall not be eligible for any of the proportional amount of the annual base rate for that installment period.
  - (d) Payees shall be considered present for the purposes of councilor remuneration at the first two
  - (2) meetings of Students' Council they fail to attend

#### **Committee Remuneration**

- **5** Payees shall be eligible to receive up to the annual base rate for serving on at least one Standing Committee of Students' Council with the exception of the Awards Committee.
  - (a) Payees who are removed from any Standing Committee of Students' Council shall not be eligible for any of the proportional amount of the annual base rate for that installment period regardless of any other Standing Committees of Students' Council on which they serve.
  - (b) Payees who resign from a Standing Committee of Students' Council shall still be eligible to receive the proportional amount of the annual base rate for that installment period provided they are still serving on at least one Standing Committee of Students' Council.

#### **Chair Remuneration**

**6** A payee shall receive remuneration in the amount equal to two thirds (2/3) of the annual base rate for serving as the Chair of at least one Standing Committee of Students' Council with the exception of the Awards Committee.

## **Proxies Excluded**

7 Proxies are not eligible to receive remuneration but satisfy the attendance requirement of the payee at meetings of Students' Council and Standing Committees of Students' Council.

#### **Maximum Payment**

**8** A payee shall not receive an amount greater than eight thirds (8/3) of the annual base rate in an academic year.

## **Attendance Definition**

**9** To meet attendance requirements a member must be present for both roll calls at a meeting of Students Council

# MINUTES

2005-06

# **Audit Committee**

Friday, April 14, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Theresa Chapman

Prem Eruvs
Bryce Kustra
Cam Lewis
Chris Young

CALL TO ORDER: 2:15 pm

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

- Reviewed the recent DIE Board ruling regarding the Audit Committee's handling of the APIRG disbursement. It was decided that we would send a letter to APIRG requesting the information we meant to request in the first place. Given that the first time we sent APIRG a letter things went horribly wrong, the committee was given until Sunday at 8 o'clock to submit revisions.
- Kustra/Chapman motion to approve the CJSR 2005-2006 dedicated fee disbursement. 4-0-1 (Lewis)
   The Audit Committee received information that addressed our only question regarding CJSR. Thanks to CJSR's James Baumgartner for providing all of the information the Audit Committee requested.
- Kustra/Eruvs motion to approve the Standing Orders 4-1 (Lewis)-0

Firstly, I had previously asked Councillor Lewis if I could steal his External Policy Committee (EPC) standing orders because I thought they were reasonably well thought out. He agreed. Instead of copying them out, I ended up actually taking my paper copy of the EPC standing orders and scribbling all over them, replacing some points and adding others. This, combined with the excessive amount of hot sauce that dripped onto them, caused Councilors Lewis to vote against the proposed standing orders.

All jokes aside, there are a couple of important points regarding the standing orders. Firstly, point 8;

8) The Audit Committee will not review the disbursement of a dedicated fee unit unless the Students' Council Representative on that dedicated fee's board is present.

There was evidence of some communications issues between the Audit Committee and a certain dedicated fee this year so this will hopefully help to alleviate that. Secondly,

9) The Chair will ensure that all electronic communication between a dedicated fee unit and the Audit Committee will be forward to the Student Council Representative on the dedicated fee unit's board.

There were also issues about whether or not what Audit Committee was trying to communicate was actually getting back to certain DFU's boards. So yeah, we came up with a solution.

• Chapman/Kustra motion to adjourn. 5-0-0.

NEXT MEETING: TBA

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00 pm

A couple of closing notes from the chair. Firstly, I'd like to thank first and foremost the committee members, who each brought something unique to the committee. Councilor Chapman is without a doubt in my mind one of the most dedicated councilors around. Councilor Eruvs asked the most important question any councilor asked all year, "Why is this zero?" Councilor Young is probably the most fiscally conservative committee member and helped ensure that we didn't approve needless expenses and finally, Councilor Lewis has the historical knowledge that helped the Audit Committee function within its intended role. In my opinion we actually finished everything that absolutely needed to get

done this year (hiring and auditor and dealing with dedicated fee disbursals). I'd also like to thank Jennifer Serafin, who provided excellent administrative support. Without this support I'm not sure how well Audit Committee would have functioned. I'd like to thank the Speaker for providing sage advice. Finally, I'd like to thank the Executive Staff for not abusing their credit cards.

At the end of the day, I think my greatest joy is that Audit Committee was fun. Though at times there we disagreed and there were difficult issues, somehow we were able make something tedious like reviewing credit card statements enjoyable.

There may be one more Audit Committee report after this one, but as a parting note I would echo the Speaker's comments about Audit Committee making a stand. Though not all of our decisions have been popular, if the Audit Committee caves to pressures, internal or external, the committee in many ways becomes irrelevant. If I could offer one piece of advice for future Audit Committee's it would be don't go looking for a fight but don't back down if you find one. The worst that can happen is you'll lose.

Thanks once again.

-Bryce Kustra, Audit Committee Chair and Students' Council Arts Councillor

## **Audit Committee Standing Orders**

(Approved April 14, 2006)

- 1. The Agenda of the Audit Committee will contain, at minimum:
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Attendance
  - 3. Items of Business
    - a. Credit Card Statements
    - b. Department Review
    - c. Monthly Actuals
  - 4. Adjournment
- 2. The Chair will submit minutes of the Committee to the Speaker by the deadline for main agenda submissions to Students' Council.
- 3. Notwithstanding Section 2, if the meeting occurs after that deadline, the Chair shall submit minutes of the Committee as soon as possible so that they appear on the late additions agenda of Students' Council.
- 4. The Chair will be responsible for booking meeting rooms for meetings of the Committee.
- 5. The Committee will, at the first meeting of the Committee in May, September and January, set out a meeting schedule for the following four months.
- 6. The Committee will assign the task of recording minutes to a member of the Committee
- 7. The Chair may institute Robert' Rules of Order of the meeting would benefit from the imposition of structure.
- 8. The Chair will be responsible for ensuring the security of all financial documents.
- 9. The Committee will not review the disbursement of a dedicated fee unit unless the Students' Council representative on that dedicated fee's board is present.
- 10. The Chair will ensure that all electronic communication between a dedicated fee unit and the Committee will be forwarded to the Students' Council representative on the dedicated fee unit's board.

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES & PROCEEDINGS

# Thursday April 13, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-00)

2006-00 <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 pm.

2006/00/1 <u>ELECTION OF A SPEAKER</u>

Chair invites Mr. Jason Morris to speak.

Q & A: Samuel, Lewis, Schneider, Sumar, Chapman, Yusuf, Power, Samuel, Chapman

**KEHOE/SCHNEIDER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint Jason Morris as Speaker for the o6/07 term.

Speaker's List (mm): Lewis, Samuel, Cournoyer, Payne, Yusuf, Schneider, Henry

Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent.

2006-00/2 APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE

**KEHOE/LEWIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed meeting schedule.

**KEHOE/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO** amend the main motion by replacing "Sept. 5" with "Sept. 26"

Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED

**SAMUEL MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "Sept. 19" and replace with "Sept. 12".

Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY

**KEHOE/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "Feb. 27 and Mar. 6" and replace with "Feb. 13 and Mar. 13".

Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY

Main Motion: CARRIED

## 2006-00/3 NOMINATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Bylaw Committee:**

Nominated: German, Nearingburg, Mathewson, Lewis, Henry, Chapman

Councillors Nearingburg, Mathewson, Lewis, Chapman and Vice President-Academic Henry appointed to the Bylaw Committee

## **Audit Committee:**

Nominated: Lewis, Eruvbetine, Sumar, Chapman, Gamble

Councillors Lewis, Eruvbetine, Sumar, Chapman and Gamble acclaimed to the Audit Committee.

## **Budget and Finance Committee:**

Nominated: Kehoe, Cunningham, Gamble, Cook, Lewis, Chapman, Shamanna

Vice President-Operations&Finance Cunningham and Councillors Kehoe, Gamble, Lewis, Chapman, Cook and Shamanna acclaimed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

## Council Administration Committee:

Nominated: Power, Henry, Schneider and Chandler

President Power, Vice President-Academic Henry and Councillors Schneider and Chandler acclaimed to the Council Administration Committee.

## **External Policy Committee:**

Nominated: Mathewson, Clark, Cournoyer, Hussein, Payne, Samuel, Cook

Vice President-External Counroyer, BoG Rep Samuel, and Councillors Mathewson, Clark, Hussein, Payne, and Cook acclaimed to the External Policy Committee.

#### Access Fund Committee:

Nominated: Shamanna, Trayner, Yusuf, Hussein, Kirvan, Richardson, Gray

Vice President-Student Life Yusuf and Councillors Shamanna, Trayner, Hussein, Kirvan, Richardson, and Gray acclaimed to the Access Fund Committee.

## Grant Allocation Committee:

Nominated: Clark, Ye, Bugler, Cunningham, Payne, Samuel, Gray

Vice President-Operations&Finance Cunningham and Councillors Clark, Ye, Bugler, Payne, Gray and BoG Rep Samuel acclaimed to the Grant Allocation Committee.

## **University Policy Committee:**

Nominated: German, Kehoe, Cook, Henry, Le, Eruvbetine, Janz, Sumar, Yusuf

Vice President-Academic Henry, Vice President-Student Life Yusuf, Councillors Kehoe, Le, Eruvbetine, Janz, and Sumar appoint to the University Policy Committee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Transition on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

PAYNE/CHANDLER MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

## ATTENDANCE (SC 2006-\*\*)

Faculty/Position	Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Roll Call
President	Samantha Power	√
VP Academic	Amanda Henry	√
VP External	David Cournoyer	√
VP Finance	Chris Cunningham	√
VP Student Life	Omer Yusuf	√
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Samuel	√
Arts	Michael Janz	√
Arts	John Chandler	√
Arts	Brock Richardson	√
Arts	Cameron Lewis	√
Arts	Tim Schneider	√
Arts	Al-Amyn Sumar	√
Business	Eamonn Gamble	√
Business	Michael Cook	√
Business	Ryan Payne	√
Education	Harold Semenuk	
Engineering	Curtis Clark	
Engineering	Ben Nearingburg	√

Engineering	Prem Eruvbetine	√
Engineering	Paul Kirvan	√
Engineering	Kory Mathewson	
Law	Jonathan Tieman	
Medicine and Oral Health Sciences	Carrie Ye	√
Faculté Saint-Jean	Brittney Bugler	$\checkmark$
Physical Education and Recreation	Darren Gray	$\checkmark$
Science	Justin Kehoe	√
Science	Greg German	
Science	Bayan Hussein	$\checkmark$
Science	Stephen Kirkham	
Science	Sylvia Shamanna	$\checkmark$
Science	Brendan Trayner	$\checkmark$
Science	Theresa Chapman	$\checkmark$
Science	Chris Le	$\checkmark$
General Manager	Bill Smith	$\checkmark$
Speaker (outgoing)	Gregory Harlow	√

# **Guests of Council:**

Position	Name
Chief Returning Officer	Rachel Woynorowski
Administrative Assistant - Council	Jenn Serafin
Executive Assistant	Catherine van de Braak