

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday May 16, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

- 2006-02/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2006-02/1a (i) Councillor Shamanna resigns from the Budget and Finance Committee.
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Council Administration Committee

2006-01

11 May 2006 @ 18:00 – SUB 6-06

Report to Students' Council (CAC 2006-01)

The Council Administration Committee met for the first time on the 11th of May, 2006 at 18:00 in SUB 6-06. All permanent members of the committee were present, save Councillor German. Councillor Janz also attended, and Councillor Kehoe appeared in the final moments of the meeting.

The first item of new business was to elect a chair for the committee. Each member of the committee was nominated by one member or another, but only Councilor Schneider accepted his nomination, and was thus acclaimed chair of the committee.

The next item of new business was the creation of the committee's standing orders. VP Academic Amanda Henry submitted a rough draft for the committee's standing orders. The committee determined that it would be best to move the creation of standing orders to the 'Discussion' portion of the meeting, and President Samantha Power successfully moved to do so.

The first item up for discussion was the committee's goals for the 2006-2007 Council year. President Samantha Power suggested that the committee work to organize several Council retreats throughout the year. Councillor Chandler suggested that the committee focus on curtailing sub par performance on the committee and increasing the proficiency of members in relation to the committee. VP Academic Amanda Henry suggested the committee work to administrate Students' Council as effectively as possible, and Councillor Schneider suggested, in that light, to examine reduction of the number of seats on Students' Council to increase effectiveness. President Samantha Power tapered off the discussion of committee goals by suggesting the committee "Get the Led out" in memoriam of Councillor Kehoe.

The second item of discussion surrounded a Council retreat to be held June 10-11, 2006. President Samantha Power introduced the discussion item and provided an abridged history of the Council retreats held thus far. A short discussion ensued regarding sessions to be held at retreat. Suggested sessions included: a session on tuition, Robert's Rules, and a historical background of the Students' Union, among others. Further discussion followed on possible speakers for each session.

The final item of discussion was the creation of standing orders for the committee, which had been moved from new business. It was decided that Councillor Schneider would create another draft of standing orders for the committee, to be completed by the committee's next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 19:06. The next meeting of the Council Administration Committee will be held at 18:00 on the 23rd of May, 2006, location to be announced.

Dear Students' Council,

Please accept my resignation from the Budget and Finance Committee, effective May 16th, 2006.

Sincerely, Sylvia Shamanna
Science Councillor

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Report to Council

May 16th, 2006

Greetings Council,

Well, I'm trying out a number of different styles to deliver my report to council, and while I'm sure most of you don't care on the delivery, I want to ensure that the content of my reports is highlighted with a humble presentation. That being said, if there are any suggestions (or compliments) you have please send them my way (I think I'm already getting sick of this font).

Like most VPs that have come before me, I will try in earnest to submit my report for council in the main agenda package rather than in late editions. However, as a past councilor, I often realized that this couldn't always be the case when the workload presents an impediment to the timely submission of reports. I apologize in advance for any disappointment that this will cause., and hope that you will all forgive me.

In any case, here are some things that have happened recently:

- ❑ Services: I've spent the better part of my first week reading reports, setting up emails, and getting to know the various individuals that I will be working with next year. I made a particular emphasis on the service directors and managers so that we can set up our relationships to maintain an open dialogue with any issues that might arise from either end. Many of the Service Directors have given me an orientation in some of the on-going issues of the service, and have provided me with a set of goals to accomplish from their end, including ways to market their service, and I've met up with the managers of CSD (Karla Barron and Dranna Brown), Info Serv/AGC (Johanna Comartin) and the Senior Manager of Student Services (Norma Rodenberg) to look at a few "bigger picture" items.
- ❑ Information Services Resources Coordinator: Interviewed and hired!
- ❑ AVPSL: I've had a number of meetings with Michael Schwake discussing the expectations that we both have of each other. All in all, things are going well, and Mike has been putting in a lot of time and effort to getting things ready for the Student Life Committees.
- ❑ PC and SLAC: It was a great first meeting of these committees, although we had a number of absences due to scheduling conflicts. This has been mostly resolved, and I'm looking forward to using my committees as much as possible in the following year.
- ❑ WOW: There have been a few preliminary meetings between myself, Michael Schwake, Steve Derpack and Christine Rogerson regarding format changes to WOW. Buffy MacIntosh and Kendra Lush, two full time interns soaking up as much experience as possible from the programming aspect of the Students' Union. I've recently had a meeting with thw WOW Planning

Committee, a committee whose membership is comprised from a conglomeration of PC and SLAC. They seem to be ready to started with theming and determining a format for the upcoming WOW, which is always great to hear.

- ❑ Campus Food Bank: Brief meeting of CFB to approve budget and figure out appropriate times for meetings/retreat. Interesting thing to note: councillor Justin Kehoe serves as chair!
- ❑ CJSR: Met up with Kristina Lemieux, the sales rep at CJSR, to discuss ways that we could work to better expose campus to student life issues and explore CJSR as an advertising resource for service events.
- ❑ Residences: Michael Janz, Prez Power and I discussed setting up a task force to look at Aramark numbers to get a better understanding of the budget and to make sure we know that the fees students are paying are being managed appropriately. I wouldn't be surprised if councillors are being nominated to sit on an Aramark Task Force in the future.

In the future, I'll try my best to communicate some of my upcoming meetings and projects, as well as make necessary plugs to events on campus.

May 15: Gateway Big Band at the Powerplant
May 16: Pandemic Planning Committee
Outreach Big Band at the Powerplant
May 17: Exec retreat (part deux)
River City Big Band at the Powerplant
May 18: RHI Hospitality Panel
St Albert Big Band at the Powerplant
May 25: Campus Law Review Committee
Access Fund Committee
May 26: X-men!!
May 29: Public Health Response Committee

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my report. Of course, any questions or high fives are welcome, whether they be in question period or in general (especially the part about high fives).

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Board Meeting – May 12, 2006***Approved “Dare to Discover - A Vision for A Great University”**

This document has been circulating through the University board and committee channels for quite some time. It has been approved by GFC Academic Planning Committee, GFC Executive, General Faculties Council, Board Educational Affairs Committee, and arrived at the Board of Governors for final approval. The document outlines four main cornerstones of the University: Talented People; Learning, Discovery and Citizenship; Connecting Communities; and Transformative Organization and Support.

***Approved “Connecting the World – University of Alberta International Engagement/Learning, Discovery and Citizenship”**

This is a draft version of the University of Alberta’s plan to pursue an aggressive international engagement model. This includes both accepting a higher number of international students, as well as giving domestic students increased opportunity to engage in “significant international experiences.” The document emphasized the need for increased global citizenship and increased social responsibility. Currently, the University of Alberta lags behind most other major Canadian universities in their international undergraduate enrollment.

***BFPC and BEAC Committee Appointments**

I have been temporarily assigned to the Board Finance and Property Committee and the Board Educational Affairs Committee, while President Power has been granted membership on the Board Safety, Health and Environment Committee and the Board Community and Government Relations Committee. These memberships will be reviewed again in June, at which point

***Implementation of Government Grant on Tuition**

The Government of Alberta has granted post-secondary institutions funding to offset the planned 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 tuition increases (which, though reimbursed through government “rebates,” were still formally increased). This effectively establishes current tuition fees at the 2004-2005 levels. It should be noted that the international student tuition differential was not affected by this reduction.

***SU Fee Approval**

The Board of Governors formally approves the amounts collected under the Students’ Union authority to collect fees. These numbers were forwarded to the Board by the Students’ Union.

Upcoming:

*BFPC meeting (June 2nd)

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.