

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Thursday May 15, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (LA 2007-02)

- 2007-02/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2007-02/1b Announcements – Confidentiality agreements need to be signed by all councillors
- 2007-02/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2007-02/5b Council Administration Committee- Report
Please see document LA 07-02.01
- 2007-02/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2007-02/6c **JANZ/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles (1st reading):

Deferred maintenance is currently plaguing Albertan universities. In order for universities across Alberta to repair current deficiencies in deferred maintenance the Government of Alberta to must commit immediate one-time funding. As well, in order to ensure proper maintenance of new and refurbish facilities, the Government of Alberta must commit funding on an ongoing basis. The issue of deferred maintenance is the universities and the government's responsibility and students should not be made to pay for it.
- 2007-02/7 **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2007-02/7e Council Retreat Schedule (May 25-27)
Please see document LA 07-02.02
- 2007-02/7f Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance -Report
Please see document LA 07-02.03
- 2007-02/7g Chris Le, VP Student Life
Please see document LA 07-02.04
- 2007-02/7h Bobby Samuel, VP Academic
Please see document LA 07-02.05

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007-05-15

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council:

CAC has met once so far. Our main Agenda for now is dealing with Council Retreat. The retreat has been set for the weekend of the 25th. The scheduling and presenter-finding has been deferred to the Executive committee, who will be reporting back to us today.

Council orientation with the Admin Staff is scheduled to happen today. We are also dealing with Council's Standing Orders and hope to have them properly edited for content and grammar soon.

In addition, CAC has set out some important goals it might pursue this year:

- Fix Council Standing Orders (almost done!)
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- Looking into the idea of Council mentoring to facilitate annual transition or as part of recruiting and outreach
 - Maybe starting in September to try and get people interested in running in the by election
 - CAC discussed the mentorship concept at length, and generally agreed that it was definitely worth pursuing.
- Outreach – give Councilors the opportunity to hold some kind of event to engage their faculty
- WOW, Orientation Events? Interacting with your FA
- Adding students at large back to committees of Council
- An environmental scan of the history of council and an evaluation of the committee system
- Update the Council Binder

I encourage you to bring more ideas forward. I also encourage you to attend CAC meetings. We should have a definitive meeting schedule set soon, and I will send that out to Council.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

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FRIDAY

5:30pm – Departure from SU Offices

At some point later – Arrival at Camp Maskepetoon

8:00 pm-Bill Smith: The SU: A Brief History

What are we as an organization, where have we been? What do we do?

Important issues to address in the future

SU Office staff and Council Adm staff/Who is who in the SU

general organizational structure and mandate.

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

9:00-10:00 am Justin/Amanda/Gregory: Council – Cover the PSLA What is a council?

Discussion of council mandate, place in organization, controls, responsibilities. What's a bylaw? A committee? How do I get stuff done in this organization.

10:00-11:00 am Justin/Gregory: Council Structure/Committee system

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Executive Committee Executive Goals

12-12:30 Justin Out reach methods

12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:00 Gregory/Eamonn Budget Process – How do we create a budget? What is council's role? Why does the budget process exist like it does?

2:00-3:00Gregory/EamonnDedicated Fee Units – Important organizational relationship that we fuck up every year. It's important councilors know what our relationship is to DFUs and what our responsibility is to them.

3:00-3:15-Break

3:15-4:15 Amanda: Council Goal Discussion – Why did you run? What do you want to do? This should just be a brief kick in the pants to councilors to get them thinking that they might want some goals.

4:15-5:15Amanda/Gregory/Justin: Committee Goals-break out session with committee members,

5:15-7:00 Chill/Dinner

7:00-8:30-Amanda:Mock Council and Rules of Order

8:30-Whatever

SUNDAY

9:00-9:30 BREAKFAST

9:30-10:30 Executive/Amanda: University Advocacy – what is the university responsible for? How are issues approved? What control do I have over their policy? How do we influence them? What have we done in the past? Governance 101

10:30-11:30 Executive/Amanda: External – Same thing but for the municipal, provincial governments. History, what have we accomplished, advocated for, etc.

11:30-12:00 Wrap up session/has everything been covered/where do we go from here

12-1:30 Eat, Pack up, Clean up

0130 – Leave on Bus

VP Operations & Finance Report

May 14, 2007

Hello Council,

Here's a brief rundown of the latest in my portfolio:

- Meeting with various stakeholders (or have meetings in the near future with such people) to determine spatial needs within SUB, beginning development of long-term vision for SU spaces (SUB and the plant effectively).
- Attended ACTISEC transition (I don't know what it stands for, but it's the provincial lobby group for colleges and technical schools) and discussed with various members the issue of off-campus fees. This is going to take some working out.
- With VPSL Chris Le, started development of a page for next years handbook that breaks down SU fees, where they are going, what DFUs are included, etc.
- Went on a tour of SUB. Even though I feel like I live here during school, its cool to go and walk through the rafters in Myer, or the back halls of the lower level.
- We are still looking for a CRO, and have increased the pay significantly from last year. E-mail anyone on exec if you know someone who may be interested in the job. We're still hiring for a couple other jobs, including Web Content Editor.

I really do appreciate the emails I have been getting regarding ideas for the Powerplant. Keep it up, and I hope to have something more concrete for council in the near future on that front.

Regards,
Eamonn Gamble
VPOF

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

Council Report 01

15 May 2007

Hello Council,

The first week (and a bit) on the job was full of conversations, meetings, and e-mails. Here's a brief look at what I've been doing.

- ❑ **Student Groups Services:** President Janz, Norma Rodenberg, Janelle Morin, and I met to discuss the Liz Bolivar report and some big-picture ideas for SGS's future. I also met with Jim Bohun from the Office of the Dean of Students to hear his perspective on the issue.
- ❑ **Student Life Boards (SLBs):** I've renamed PC and SLAC to Student Life Programming Committee (SLPC) and Student Life Services Advisory Committee (SLSAC), respectively. Together, the two committees form the Student Life Boards. The name change brings unity between the committees and reflects SLSAC's relatively recent mandate change. We're going on a retreat on June 8-9 to plan goals for the year.
- ❑ **Week of Welcome (WoW):** The SLBs threw around some good preliminary ideas for WoW. Mike Schwake (Associate Vice President Student Life) and I also met with Christine Rogerson (Operations Manager, Venues) and Tiffany Walter (Operations Assistant) to discuss the logistics for WoW.
- ❑ **SU Fees breakdown:** I worked alongside other Exec members and SU staff to include a breakdown of SU fees in the Handbook. We're still digesting the numbers to make them easy to understand.
- ❑ **The Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA):** Mike Schwake, Christine Rogerson, and I will attend the COCA conference in Niagara Falls, which runs from June 10 until June 15. It focuses on a variety of entertainment and programming issues that relate specifically to campuses.
- ❑ **SU staff:** I've had a chance to talk with several staff members around 2-900 and SUB. I learned a lot of interesting facts and shared in a few snacks, too!
- ❑ **Responsible Hospitality Edmonton Panel:** This is a panel organized by the City of Edmonton to garner feedback from the community about bar safety. The SU Marketing Department presented concepts for a marketing campaign to curb bar violence. Their work looks great!

Questions? Ask during Question Period or e-mail me at chris.le@su.ualberta.ca.

Bobby Samuel
Vice-President Academic
Council Report for May 15

Hey Council, so here's a summary of the committees I am sitting on and what is going on with them, as well some of my plans for the next couple of weeks.

-GFC Exec: Most of the discussion concerned the new IT plan they've put out. It was 40 pages of "interesting" plans.

-University Teaching Services (UTS): They're hiring a new academic director and the AVPA attended in my absence.

-Teaching, Learning, and Technology (TLAT): discussed various benchmarks and key performance indicators (KPI) relevant to teaching, learning, and technology such as student evaluations, use of technology, etc.

-Faculty Based Information Communications Technology (FBICT): not much asides from we're trying to find student representation. We're seeing if anyone from ARG is interested, but if you are come see me. There are three subcommittees: WebCT, Budget, and TELSAC.

-Academic Relations Group (ARG) /Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE): preparing to go to this conference (it's in Edmonton, sweet). We're also putting on a round-table discussion on reflections of the professor-student gap (things like technology, class sizes, etc.). If you would like to submit, e-mail me or the AVPA with a written reflection as we are also putting them up on the website.

-24/7 SUB Report: Still working on it in order to extend the SUB 24/7 project into next year.

-Hopefully meeting with CSL, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs), Director of Bookstore, and other key individuals so as to generate action on some of my goals for the upcoming year.

Ongoing Issues:

-ASA Aftermath: We are in the process of finalizing a contract with the new Arts Faculty Association which outlines the things they must accomplish in order to be granted full Faculty Association status. Highlights include an Arts General Meeting in the fall, where they will approve the new constitution and elect members for the new executive.