

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday, July 10, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2007-06)

### 2007-06/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2007-06/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 24, 2007.

### 2007-06/2 PRESENTATIONS

2007-06/2a Powerplant Presentation- Presented by Eamonn Gamble and Michael Janz. Sponsored by Eamonn Gamble.

### 2007-06/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2007-06/3a Executive Committee-June 27, 2007 and July 4, 2007

Please see document SC 07-06.01

### 2007-06/4 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2007-06/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-06/5a University Policy Committee- Report

Please see document SC 07-06.02

2007-06/5b Council Administration Committee- Report

Please see document SC 07-06.03

2007-06/5b(i) **ERUVBETINE/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee censure the Chair of the Grant Allocation Committee.

### 2007-06/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2007-06/6a **GAMBLE MOVED THAT** the ABM provider contracts be approved

### 2007-06/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-06/7a Steven Dollansky, VP External-Report

Please see document SC 07-06.04

**2007-06/7b** CASA Looking Outside the Province

Please see document SC 07-06.05

**2007-06/7c** Michael Janz, President-Report

Please see document SC 07-06.06

**2007-06/7d** Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance-Report

Please see document SC 07-06.07

**2007-06/7e** Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 07-06.08

**2007-06/7f** Bobby Samuel, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 07-06.09

**2007-06/7g** Brittney Bugler, AVP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 07-06.10

**2007-06/7h** Votes and Proceedings-June 26, 2007

Please see document SC 07-06.11

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council July 10, 2007**

**1. There were no motions passed at the June 27, 2007 Executive Committee meeting:**

- a. DOLLANSKY/GAMBLE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expense not to exceed \$2410.00 from the Special Project Reserve to cover the cost of voice mail installation in 2-900 SUB.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

**2. The following motion was passed at the July 4, 2007 Executive Committee meeting:**

- a. GAMBLE/LE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1,285.00 for the Director of ECOS to attend the North American Association for Environmental Education in Virginia Beach, Virginia November 13-17, 2007

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**Report to Students' Council**

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2007-07-10

## **University Policy Committee**

Hello Council:

I have only a very brief update. At our last meeting, UPC heard reports by the VPSL and VPA on implementation plans for Political Policies relevant to UPC's mandate. We also discussed the principles for a new Political Policy (regarding to Academic materials). These are being reworked – UPC will re-examine them again before bringing them to Council.

Cheers.

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Prem Eruvbetine

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**Report to Students' Council**

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2007-07-10

## **Council Administration Committee**

Hello Council:

At our last meeting, we ratified the decision of the CRO Selection Committee. We also had the outgoing CRO as a guest. CAC briefly discussed its responsibility in overseeing the CRO. She then presented some of her initial goals. The CRO brought up some concerns regarding online voting. Perhaps CAC shall have this discussion in full at a later date.

Our final motion was a motion to recommend censuring the Chair of GAC. CAC took this route because GAC hadn't met for over two months. Further discussion will ensue on the floor of Council.

Cheers.

Prem Eruvbetine

VPX Report to Council – July 3, 2007  
Steven Dollansky

Greetings Council,

Here's an update from your friendly neighborhood VP External:

1. EAS – The Edmonton Alliance of Students has been tentatively formed, with a launch date scheduled for early August. We are continuing to collect stories from students who have been effected by the housing crunch, so feel free to give me a call if you have one or know someone.
2. MP meetings – we have begun our MP lobbying blitz while the members are home for the summer. It is the only opportunity we have to influence the feds at this point, and I plan to take it. By this time I will have already met with Ken Epp (Edmonton – Sherwood Park). I will begin my MLA blitz in August.
3. Camp out in Quad/ Sleep over in SUB – we are in the initial stages of planning our first event of the year. We are going to try and raise student housing issues with a “camp-out” event. Pam and I are working on logistics and trying to make the event as fun as possible. The lack of fun has been one of the major problems in the past so we are open to ideas!
4. CAUS – We are continuing to work on the provincial election campaign formation. I will be working with our marketing department to put together a proposal for why CAUS should choose us rather than Calgary to do the project (despite the fact that we will be charging and Calgary will not). The marketing department here is one of the best in the province and I feel that the campaign will benefit greatly from their help.
5. Coalition for Student Loan Fairness – These guys released a report demanding 26 changes for the Student Loan Program. While I was caught off guard with this one it did generate some pretty good media (630 CHED and Macleans).
6. PIA – Public Interest Alberta will be running an extensive campaign during the upcoming municipal election (mark your calendars it is on October 15). We will be hosting a forum at Myer on Oct. 8 providing there are no major conflicts. This will be a UASU event but PIA will be a partner. We will also be working with PIA to help develop their materials and distribute them on campus.
7. Report on CASA – I've included it again this week for those of you who did not have time to read it last week. Please try to find the time because it will become an issue for council to be aware of in the coming months as we assess our federal lobbying strategy. It should also be noted that Ken Epp spoke very highly of CASA and looks forward to meeting with us at Lobby Conference again in the fall, which I found encouraging.
8. Upcoming meetings:
  - a. July 11 – Geoff Grimble (Re: CAUS Campaign)
  - b. July 12 – External Advocacy Retreat
  - c. July 16 – CAUS teleconference
  - d. July 17 – Rahim Jaffer MP (Edmonton - Strathcona)
  - e. July 18 – City council luncheon in the Alumni room
  - f. July 18 – EPC Introduction to Federal Lobbying Strategy
  - g. July 19 – Who's Pass? (U-PASS) meeting
  - h. July 20 – James Rajotte MP (Edmonton - Leduc)
  - i. July 23 – Laurie Hawn MP (Edmonton – Centre)

I will just leave it at that for now. If you have any questions that require more explanation than you can get in a meeting, email or stop by the office. Have a great meeting.

Cheers,  
Steven Dollansky  
VPX

# **Looking Outside the Province**

A Report on CASA Policy and Strategy Conference

Prepared by: Steven Dollansky, Vice-president (External) University of Alberta Students' Union

## **Introduction**

The Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations Policy and Strategy Conference was held June 6-10 at the University of British Columbia. The University of Alberta Students' Union attended as an observing school by sending President Janz and I. This is one facet of our approach to develop a federal lobbying strategy, which will address the UASU's lack of federal influence. This report is intended to provide council an overview of the conference, an introduction to and brief history of our relationship with CASA, an initial assessment of CASA's structure and dynamic, and recommendations for further action.

## **Goals**

My goals going into the conference were as follows:

- Express UASU values and issues to CASA and influence their advocacy goals and priorities
- Assess the internal structure and dynamic of CASA
- Communicate with the CASA chair and national director
- Open lines of communication with similar schools (ie. UBC, Western, UofC, Dalhousie)
- Evaluate the value of CASA to the UASU

## **Conference Overview**

Tuesday June 5

- Flew into Vancouver in the evening with the CAUS executive director and the VPX from NAITSA.
- Took the bus to UBC; transit in Vancouver is a model to envy.
- Began introductions with the west coast schools because the time change had hit the east coast members and they were already in their rooms.

Wednesday June 6

- Introductions continued, and the morning was spent getting to know our counterparts.
  - o While icebreakers are valuable, and particularly important at a conference of this size and length, they are frustrating because we wanted to get down to business. I would have preferred less time devoted to these exercises.
- This was followed by a campus tour. If you have never been to UBC, you should go even if for no other reason than to see the library robot.
- CASA gave us a political scan on the federal scene, which was a great start to the actual business component of the conference. This was extremely valuable for me, giving me a better understanding of the jurisdictional responsibilities of the federal government, and the influence student advocacy efforts had in recent years. CASA government relations expect that we will see a federal election in the early spring of next year. This will have a ripple effect for the UASU because if there is a federal election in March, it will push the provincial election to May.
- The political scan was followed by a policy review. CASA has an extremely well developed policy set covered a broad scope of issues relevant to their lobby efforts. I

believe the UASU, and specifically the external policy committee, should use CASA's policy set as a model when reviewing our own policies.

#### Thursday June 7

- Advocacy goal setting was the most valuable session of the day. I was able to speak several times in this session where I added UASU's priority issues to the list of CASA advocacy goals. The two topics I chose to add were Indirect Costs of Research and Textbook Costs. These were in addition to the list created by the CASA membership, which I feel reflects the goals of the UASU. The method that CASA uses for determining its priorities is very interesting because they give each school four votes to distribute according to their individual priorities.
  - o CASA High Priorities
    - Increased Dedicated Transfers and a Pan Canadian Accord
    - Defining "modernization" of the Canadian Student Loan Program and ensuring involvement in the review process
    - Renewal of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation
    - Increase efforts to provide access to a high quality post-secondary education for under-represented groups
  - o Indirect costs of research and textbook costs are currently medium priorities and will be included in all of CASA's lobby documents in the coming year.

#### Friday June 8

- Opening plenary was a formal meeting where CASA conducts its business. While we were unable to voice our opinion at this meeting, it was valuable to see the dynamic of the organization in action, specifically the interaction between large western schools and small east coast schools which I elaborate on later.
- Janz and I went on a tour of UBC AMS business in their SUB with their food and beverage manager. This was extremely useful because we were able to see what works for them, where they are having challenges financially or having problems with their institution. These are perspectives that we would not have gotten otherwise, and are appreciated.
- Dr. Norman Riddell, the executive director of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, spoke to CASA in the afternoon. Dr. Riddell is a great speaker and outlined the great need for renewal of the MSF, an opinion I strongly support.
- Denise Savoie, NDP federal advanced education critic, attended the conference for a lobby meeting. Ms. Savoie was an elegant speaker and was well received. While her views on some topics, such as millennium scholarship foundation, were contrary to CASA's beliefs, she remained very willing to cooperate and hear the organizations concerns.

#### Saturday June 9

- I attended a campaigning objectives session in the morning, which was the most disappointing session of the conference. There was a lot of confusion about what was expected from the session, and very little resources put towards campaigns in the first place. I will elaborate more on my concerns about campaign resources in my initial assessment of the organization.
- A highlight of the day was the "how to effect change" session where groups were given a situation and expected to devise an advocacy plan. The situation was an election resulting in a new liberal government in Alberta, which was all kinds of fun. It was great to have your ideas critiqued by so many different members who have differing opinions and levels of experience.

- The provincial scan was also very interesting. The political environment is extremely different in other areas of the country and it was interesting to see how different their local battles were. CAUS chair and UCSU vice-president external Michael Selnes gave a very accurate description of issues in Alberta and was considerate enough to consult with President Janz and I before hand.

Sunday June 10

- The final day started with breakout sessions on graduate students and partnerships. Both of which were very good sessions. CASA is moving towards creating policy that is graduate student friendly, which in my opinion is a critical move for future recruitment. Partnerships discussed relationship with friendly groups. This included continuing to work with CAUS and ACTISEC; a relationship that has been valuable in the past.
- The day concluded with a formal closing plenary session where CASA adopted it's advocacy goals, new policy and ratified Wilfred Laurier a new full member.

Monday June 11

- President Janz and I discussed a wide variety of SU issues amongst ourselves while exploring Vancouver until our flight. We also met with the President and Vice President External of the UCSU in their hotel to discuss our observations at the conference and our plans for CAUS campaigns.
- Flew home to Edmonton.

## **The UASU and Federal Affiliation: A Brief History**

It is important to understand the complicated history that exists between the UASU and the federal lobby scene. Federal affiliation has been an important component of representation in the past, and the UASU was a founding member of both federal lobby groups, CFS and CASA, in the past 25 years.

In 1983, the Students' Union was a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). CFS was funded by a mandatory fee of \$3.50 per student per term, which has grown to range between \$9 and \$12 annually today. The organization struggled from its inception, due to scandal and a problematic organizational structure, leading to our departure on February 7, 1985.

After nearly a decade of being unaffiliated, the Students' Union grew frustrated with the federal student movement and its inability to affect change as an individual outside of the CFS. In 1995 the Students' Union was a founding member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

In 2002, CASA ran into some internal struggles that frustrated our Students' Union executive at the time. A large percentage of our advocacy resources were being spent on federal affiliation while our provincial lobby efforts were being neglected. The reasons given to leave CASA from former VPX Sharma and Councilor Chris Jones were as follows:

- o Most of our political resources are spent persuading the federal government, when the provincial government has more control over students' concerns
- o Withdrawing from CASA is not on the basis of whether or not it is a "good organization", but whether or not it is the most effective use of our resources. By shifting the current political spending from the federal to provincial level, we believe we can obtain a significantly better return on students' funds in terms of favorable funds.

- Developing CAUS as a credible, respected, and effective representation group for Alberta's university students is a key step in achieving our political goals and developing supportive public opinion.

This decision proved to be helpful for our advocacy efforts at the time. The \$40,000 that was being spent on CASA was redistributed and created our Advocacy Department in addition to expanding the capacity of CAUS. In the years that followed, the Advocacy Department was expanded further to include a University wing. It is my opinion that at the provincial, university and municipal levels we have one of the most effective representation departments in the country and are a model for many other student associations. The question that this council must answer is whether or not we are currently spending our resources effectively with respect to a wider view that includes the federal government.

## **CASA: The Current Organization**

It is not my intent to persuade council of the merits of CASA, but rather to simply provide them with an unbiased introduction at this time. The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations represents 19 schools and about 280 000 students from across the country. It is guided by six principles outlined in the CASA constitution: Equality, Bilingualism, Focus, Flexibility, Pragmatism and Integrity. They use a policy-based approach that relies strongly on maintaining relationships with decision makers and elected officials. CASA maintains a head office in Ottawa with six staff members: a national director, policy and research officer, government relations officer, public relations and communications officer, member relations officer and an office assistant.

CASA operates on a "one school, one vote" principle similar to that of CAUS. The fee structure is based on a TAGR and FLE model, which combines a student organization's total revenue and total membership. There is also a maximum and a minimum cap. The UASU would be far above the cap. Last year, CASA fees would have been \$46,446 or \$1.50 per undergraduate at the University of Alberta in 2006/2007. They abide by an "easy-in easy-out" policy which allows members who wish to join to downgrade to associate membership immediately and leave after twelve months. This policy has advantages and disadvantages, but has led to a fluctuating membership. Here are a summary of significant departures and arrivals.

- Departures
  - 2003 – University of Alberta Students' Union
  - 2003 – McMaster Students' Union
  - 2005 – Students' Society of McGill University
  - 2005 – University of Manitoba Students' Union
  - 2006 – University of Saskatchewan Students' Union
- Arrivals
  - 2004 – St. FX Students' Union
  - 2005 – SAIT Students' Association
  - 2005 – La Federation des Etudiates et Etudiants due Centre Universitaire de Moncton
  - 2007 – Wilfred Laurier Students' Union

## **Assessment of Organization and Structure**

The 2007 Policy and Strategy Conference provided an avenue to assess the benefits and disadvantages of CASA. I will take this opportunity to share some of my observations.

Members of CASA tend to share very similar views on important federal issues, which reflect those of the UASU. This was demonstrated by the advocacy goals implemented by the

CASA membership. The dynamic in CASA planning sessions allows for open discussion where all ideas and each school's priorities are welcome and accepted. An example of this would be the problems with declining enrollment on the East coast, NAITSA's request for policy on Employment Insurance issues or the UASU's addition of textbook costs to the advocacy goals.

President Janz and I questioned the National Director about the "easy-in easy-out" policy, expressing concern about not having the ability to leave immediately. The ND explained the reason for this was to provide some financial stability for the membership, while maintaining a member-friendly exit capability. I remain cautious about this policy, however I feel it has merit because our departure in 2003 was a major reason for the policy's implementation. This would only be a major concern in the event of a drastic event that requires an immediate departure; in which case it would be unlikely CASA would survive.

CASA maintains strong relationships with government officials, which allow for effective advocacy efforts. Every member seemed to echo this sentiment regarding the organization's function on Parliament Hill. I believe that this is a very similar approach to the one used by CAUS provincially, and look forward to evaluating the effectiveness first hand at Lobby Conference in November. This is the primary approach to created change utilized by CASA and must be examined closely.

CASA struggles to generate effective media through campaigns. President Janz and I both expressed concerns to the national director that there was not enough money being used to conduct campaigns. CASA's budget reflects the fact that several large schools have departed in recent years, and the disposable income used for campaigns has diminished to maintain the fixed costs associated with staff positions. It is not in the best interest of the UASU for CASA to spend a significant portion of its operating budget on programs such as member relations, which provide more benefit for smaller schools without adequate resources to communicate effectively with CASA or relay campaign messages to their student populations. The CASA national director agreed that additional financial resources from new members should be spent rejuvenating the campaigns budget, to increase CASA's capacity to run effective national campaigns.

CASA has a very interesting dynamic between east coast and west coast schools. In its current state, the numerous smaller east coast maintain a disproportionate amount of power at the plenary table. The larger schools, despite paying most of the fees and representing the majority of students can sometimes be outvoted by the smaller players. While this is a rare occasion, it is the price the large schools pay to maintain the cap in the fee structure and a diverse balance within the membership and problematic for the UASU. Additional large schools will tip this balance the opposite direction very quickly, so it will be important for CASA to address this issue in the future to ensure the system is fair for all members.

It is clear that the University of Alberta Students' Union would be a valuable member for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. The observations that have been presented will be useful when the External Policy Committee, Executive Committee and Students' Council appraise the merit of federal affiliation in the coming months.

## **Conclusion**

The 2007 CASA Policy and Strategy Conference was an important step in my evaluation of a federal lobbying strategy. It allowed me to see the internal dynamic of the CASA membership and how many of our peers approach federal lobbying.

The upcoming year will be an interesting one for CASA. As discontent with the Canadian Federation of Students spreads throughout British Columbia, and with McMaster University, University College of Fraser Valley, NAIT in addition to our organization expressing interest as observers at the Policy and Strategy Conference, it is apparent that the federal student

movement is changing. The decisions made by these organizations should be evaluated carefully within the context of our assessment.

It is important that the UASU look through all of the options for federal lobbying. The CFS should be assessed, as should remaining unaffiliated, to ensure that every dollar allocated for advocacy efforts budgeted appropriately. I was encouraged with the direction in which CASA appears to be headed, and look forward to evaluating and contributing to their success at Lobby Conference in November. Please feel free to send any comments or concerns to [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca).

Steven Dollansky  
2007-2008 Vice-president (External)  
University of Alberta Students' Union

## President Report

Students' Council: July 10/07

Michael Janz

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### Meetings Attended:

Student Groups Insurance meeting

Student Group DFU Meeting

Lunch with Dr. McInroy

Building meeting to Discuss promotions opportunities in the building

LHSA Meeting

Edmonton Alliance of Students Meeting

NIMFS Strategy session

Meeting with MP Ken Epp from Sherwood Park

Powerplant Strategy Session

The long weekend!

A LEED sustainability meeting that provided a few really interesting LEADS.

Whack! Damn! Charity Golf Tournament

Accountability Budget Process for Council (x2)

HR Meetings to discuss Advocacy Department Structure

### Summary:

This has been a shorter week what with the Canada Day long weekend. I have to commend Steve on the great presentation he gave to Ken Epp and I believe we left him with many good points to bring back to his party about the dire need for changes to the Student Loan System. Working with Bobby on trying to find a sustainable solution to student registration is always interesting. Chris Le and I are going to have an exciting time now that we have a strategy hammered out for NIMFS (non instructional mandatory fees). Gamble and I are very pleased with the way that our accountability policies are coming together. Council should have a much more involved role in our budget process and the organization should have a much better system for holding itself accountable now.

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I have brought the Subject of Councilor Pay up to many of you and it will be debated this week at CAC so If you are reading this in advance I hope to see you at 5PM at CAC!

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### **COUNCIL: WHO IS YOUR SPORTSCENTRE SU 'EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK'?**

**Janz:** Well my award is going to our Advocacy Director Don Iveson. It is with great regret that I announce that he is leaving our organization as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. He has been with us since Lettner's year and he has been a huge resource for

the Exec team. His work on the U-PASS negotiations was excellent and ensured that students got the best deal possible. He leads the Advocacy Department (Henderson, Colin, Jenny, Kat) and his presence around the office will be missed. In the mean time he is making sure that the Exec is as prepared as possible for the challenges of the upcoming year. High 5ive Don!

# **VP Operations & Finance Report**

## **July 10, 2007**

### **GSJS Agreement**

In an interesting twist, I happened to be signatory for both the SU and the GSJS on this one, as Chair of the Board for the Gateway and VPOF for the SU. Their rent was increased by 18% as it has not been raised in 5 years, and the term was shortened from 5 to 3 years. Other than that no substantive changes were made. Signatures are pending.

### **Career and Placement Services**

CaPS has given us a proposal from Shell to bring the F1 Ferrari race car into SUB for a day in September. As this is a company with which the SU has no current relations, we are going to be charging a fee for access to the building. Negotiations on that front are ongoing.

### **ABMs**

We are also currently in negotiations with a few major banks to bring a wider variety of ABMs to our little ABM and pop cove by the Alumni Room. By council, this should be finished and prepared for council's approval (as the term exceeds one year). Financial details for this approval will be confidential.

### **CUPE**

Negotiations are still ongoing (seems like a recurring theme of this report), and the next meeting is July 10, I guess I've already done them by council, no meeting after that is yet scheduled.

### **Budget Process**

With MAJOR contributions from Anita Kuper and Gergory Harlow, we've put together a document that is almost ready for CAC. They are intended to fit into Council Standing Orders, so it will set firmly in place a process that will be followed year to year.

Until next time,  
Eamonn Gamble

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

## Council Report 05

10 July 2007

Hello Council,

I've had many productive meetings that have generated good ideas. If you have questions, let me know!

- ❑ **Non-Academic Advocacy Strategy:** I've met with several people to plan the SU's approach on mandatory non-instructional fees. I have more detailed information in my advocacy implementation plan submitted to UPC.
- ❑ **Student Group Services:** Various members in the SU sat down to envision the future of SGS. We threw around big-picture ideas to create a structure that will best equip and serve student groups.
- ❑ **WoW:** The theme is shaping up as the design team works on WoW's look. We've selected events and assigned coordinators to them. We're brainstorming for swag and prizes. If you have any suggestions, let me know!
- ❑ **SL Services Advisory Committee:** We've reviewed last year's Safewalk survey and made several changes to gather more useful data. We've also starting to work with the Student Distress Centre to form a survey addressing several issues.
- ❑ **SL Programming Committee:** We've mapped out events for the year. There are plenty of them! Several new projects will add a nice flavor to campus.
- ❑ **Campus Food Bank:** We discussed hiring an auditor to audit the CFB's statements for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. The CFB Board of Directors will have dedicated meetings in the future to plan out CFB goals.
- ❑ **Campus Law Review Committee:** CLRC recommended to General Faculties Council to grant Residence Coordinators, Residence Administrators, and Residence Interns the ability to decide whether a case is processed through the peer discipline system or the administrative discipline system.

**Bobby Samuel**  
**Vice President Academic**  
**Council Report for July 9**

Hey Council, I'm changing my report ever so slightly to reflect the goals I am working on for this upcoming year and the issues that come up.

**Goals:**

**Textbooks** – I met with Dr. Steve Harvey, the chair of the professors' association Teaching and Learning committee, to discuss "professors' negotiating power" about textbooks. He was not aware of Todd Anderson's (the director of the Bookstore) comments about them negotiating edition usage and bundling for textbooks. More importantly, he was receptive about it. Also, look for an academic materials political policy in the next few weeks.

**Teaching & Learning** – Once again, we are gathering research on KPIs that other schools use to measure T & L and how they regulate it. The University of Sydney gave us our best information, but it is difficult to find most of this. We're meeting with Dr. Olive Yonge later in the week to see where we can go with this.

**Technology** – Still creating strategies.

**Scholarships & Bursaries** – meeting with Carole Byrne, the outgoing Registrar, to create a policy for equitable distribution. May be an update in the Late Additions but unlikely.

**Community Service Learning (CSL)** – after two months of waiting, we finally met with the delightful administrators of this wickedly awesome program. Unfortunately, we're still a little fuzzy on the logistics on how to link student groups with them, a greater question may be should CSL be confined to arts or be expanded to those faculties with co-op programs such as engineering or business (as an aside, other schools do have CSL in other faculties).

**Issues:**

**Bear Scat/ Bear Tracks** – I'm meeting with John Carfagno to gain some insight into the issue from their end. In addition, I'm proposing a new Bear Tracks strategy to the Registrar and seeing where we go to from here.

**Teaching, Learning, and Technology Council (TLAT-C)** – Attended it last week, it was "interesting".

**Facilities Development Committee (FDC)** – building designs for Edmonton Clinic North and Quad Schematics (funded through Alumni Association) were approved. In addition, received an oral update that Cameron Library renovations will be completed halfway through September.

**Governance 101** – went through a condensed version with the Director of GFC, Garry Bodnar. It was informative and there were certainly things I learned from it that I was not aware of before.

Any questions? Throw 'em my way and I'll do my best to answer!

## Associate Vice-President (Academic) June Report to Council

Dearest Council,

Contained herein is a summary of some of my activities from the month of June. I shall address several of my endeavors and accomplishments including: the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 2007 conference, NDS vendor presentations, the Council of Faculty Associations retreat, the Academic Relations Group and Professor of the Week.

To begin, the STLHE conference went great! One of its most impressive features was the huge group of volunteers. While a large number of volunteers came from graduate students, undergrads totally rocks the socks off those PH.D holding, collared shirt wearing, I-pwn-you-at-academics professors (not to make the professors seem pompous in any way, because those who attended the conference were the teaching lovers). Anyways, back to being serious. The volunteers there could not have been more magnificent (they glistened in the sun, it was bizarre...). About the roundtable that ARG organized. I made a small booklet for the roundtable, and it turned out GREAT. The booklet contained reflections from undergraduates on multiple subjects pertinent to their education including class sizes, professor office hours, and technology. The booklet was so well received that Marg Wilson, director of UTS, would like to use them in new professor orientation. YAHOO!!!

Próximo! NDS vendor presentations are tech presentations made to one of the tech comm.s I sit on. It included a demonstration of the *PeopleSoft* upgrade – something I know Council is quite interested in – new financial administration record keeping stuff for the University and much, much more. If any of you are actually reading this, maybe you want to ask Bobby if he can name any of the upgrades... It was 2 days of presentations, with only a small portion pertaining to undergrads. All in all, it was good to learn what has the possibility of coming to this fine institution. Hey Jack, you look fine too.

Next! I am still working on the CoFA retreat. It is painful to try and get ahold of FAs. I have been contacting them since the beginning of May and I still have probably only gotten e-mails from half of them. Ouch I say! Like a fire it burns my soul! Enough with the melodrama. I will continue to work on this until its date, which is the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. If you know anyone who is an FA executive, HUNT THEM DOWN and make them contact me. Thanks in advance.

Prossimo! ARG will be having one to two more meetings during the summer and I have just completed their schedule for the academic year. Tell all your super-cool friends to contact me if they would like to be members of ARG, the radest committee on campus.

Suivant! Professor of the Week is moving to my portfolio and selection will be done through ARG. Jenny (the University Policy and Information Officer) and I will be the main SUers that will work on it and final selections will be done by ARG. I am super pumped about this, and I get to have creative freedom once again. moujajaja... Moujajaja!! MOUJAJAJA!!!!!!!!!!!! Anyways...

That is all for now. I miss you dearly, and I invite you to e-mail me, call me, pet me, whatever. I hope to hear from you soon!

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*Brittney Bugler*

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday June 26, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-05)

- 2007-05/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2007-05/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday July 10, 2007.
- 2007-05/1b      Students' Council webpage- A photo, and a brief bio is required of all councillors in order for the appropriate changes to be made.
- 2007-05/1c      Rescinded Bylaws- As per the review of the council binder this year, Bylaws 3100 and 5400 were rescinded and therefore should not have been included in the council package. Bylaw 2100, however, was combined with 2200 and 2400 at SC 16-07 Item 5b(ii) (second reading); therefore it is accurate.
- 2007-05/6      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2007-05/6a      **GAMBLE/ DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Budget and Finance Committee
- Speaker's List: Gamble
- Nominations: Samuel nominates Chiswell; accepts
- COUNCILLOR MOVED TO** close nominations
- Nominations closed
- Chiswell appointed to Budget and Finance Committee
- 2007-05/6b      **LE/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer hiring committee, ratify the appointment of Craig Turner as Chief Returning Officer effective July 16, 2007.
- ERUVBETINE MOVED TO** amend the motion by striking "Chief Returning Officer hiring committee" and replacing it with "Council Administration Committee".
- Amendment: CARRIED (unanimously)**
- Speaker's List: Le, Woynorowski

**Motion: CARRIED**

2007-05/5

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2007-05/5a(i)

**ERUVBETINE/LE MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "BearScat Policy" (second reading).

Speaker's List: Eruvbetine

**ERUVBETINE MOVED TO** amend the policy by replacing all "BearScat" to "Bear Scat" and replacing all "BearTracks" to "Bear Tracks"

**Amendment: CARRIED (Friendly)**

Speaker's List: Kehoe, Nicol, Lukes

**COUNCILLOR MOVED TO** amend the 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clause by striking "such as a graphic interface and a waitlist notification system".

**Amendment: TABLED**

Speaker's List: Murphy

**NICOL/GAUTHIER MOVED TO** amend the 4<sup>th</sup> WEREAS clause by striking "such as a graphic interface and a waitlist notification system;" and

amend the 1<sup>st</sup> BE IT RESOLVED THAT clause to read "the Students' Union will lobby the University to alter BearTracks to include features required for effective use by students;" and

amend the 1<sup>st</sup> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT clause to read "until BearTracks attains a level of functionality comparable to that of BearScat, the Students' Union will continue to advocate for the support of BearScat".

McKinney objects

Speakers List: Nicol, Eruvbetine, Nicol, Lukes, Mckinney, Geller, Eastham, Murphy, Samuel sponsors Henderson

**GAUTHIER/CAMPBELL MOVED THE** previous question.

Nicol objects

**Amendment: DEFEATED (7/4/12)**

**JANZ MOVED THE** previous question

**Main Motion: CARRIED** (Vice President External Dollansky abstention is noted on the Main Motion).

**COUNCILLOR/CHAN MOVED TO** adjourn

**Motion: CARRIED**