

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2007-11)

2007-11/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2007-11/3b      Executive Committee- September 18, 2007

Please see document LA 07-11.01

2007-11/6      **GENERAL ORDERS**

2007-11/6c      **CHAN/CAMPBELL MOVE THAT SU projector and computer be available for all meetings of Students' Council**

2007-11/7      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2007-11/7c      Paul Chiswell, BOG Rep.- Report

Please see document LA 07-11.02

2007-11/7d      Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 07-11.03

2007-11/7e      Michael Janz, President- Report

Please see document LA 07-11.04

2007-11/7f      Chris Le, VP Student Life-Report

Please see document LA 07-11.05

2007-11/7g      Bobby Samuel, VP Academic-Report

Please see document LA 07-11.06

**Executive Committee Report to Students' Council September 18, 2007**

- 1. There were no motions passed at the September 18, 2007 Executive Committee meeting:**

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative  
Report to Student Council  
September 18, 2007

Fellow Councilors,

After taking the summer off, Board of Governors activities have picked up with the start of a new academic year.

I had an introductory meeting with President Samarasekera on August 23. We discussed many topics, including focusing on undergraduate students, increasing the number of residence spaces, class sizes, tuition, teaching and quality of education to name a few. We also discussed advocacy from the perspectives of the University and from the perspective of the Students' Union. I promised President Samarasekera that I would deliver the following message to students' council on her behalf: student advocacy from the Students' Union has provided us with the highest ROI for our dollars and that we should continue to focus on advocating student issues to government.

On September 14, 2007, I attended the Board of Governors Strategic Planning Session at the Shaw Conference Centre. We separated into five break-out groups to discuss how the University would meet the goal of being top 20 by 2020. I was in a group discussing "Talented People" while Mr. Janz's group discussed "Learning, Discovery and Citizenship". Each group presented their ideas to the whole Board (Mr. Janz was assigned as presenter for his group). This was followed by a discussion, presentations on fundraising, and a speech by Dr. Amrhein, where he outlined the executive team's goals to 2010. Two of which include improving the undergraduate experience and proposing a new residence to the provincial government.

The next Board meeting is October 5, 2007.

As always, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Chiswell  
Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

## **VP Operations & Finance Report**

### **September 18, 2007**

#### **Dewey's/RATT**

Our manager at RATT has recently left the organization, leaving our manager at Dewey's (Maureen Jensen, who happened to previously manage RATT as well) in charge of both bars. She has been running around like mad, and I've even put in a couple of shifts at RATT bartending to ensure a smooth transition to a new manager. This will be completed by the next meeting of council. I hope you all get a chance to go check out the new coffee house/bar in the Powerplant (and bring your friends).

#### **SUB Kiosks**

Up and functioning at full capacity. There were some small security concerns that the campus 5-0 had but have been fully resolved.

#### **Review of Operating Plans**

BFC had a very productive meeting where we reviewed the operating plans of SUBmart and the Student Distress Centre. Many questions were raised and a very in-depth look was taken at both, making me think that this new budget process may have huge benefits come February.

#### **Wireless**

The SU bought some new access points over the summer, giving all of main floor SUB coverage. The problem that we've been having is the thousands of people simultaneously trying to log in to the system, creating a log jam in accessibility. The university has named SUB as one of its top priorities for wireless access on campus and have set the end of September as their target date for increasing wireless access in the building.

#### **Off-campus fees**

All of the agreements have been signed between ourselves and the colleges around Alberta that currently have U of A students attending them. I am pleased with this as the agreements ensure critical services for these students at their location, and I am working with these schools' student associations to generate longer-term deals to make certain that this continues into the future.

#### **Website Priorities**

I had a meeting with our website designer, Marc Dumouchel, where we set out priorities for the website for the year. Thanks to the various inputs from council, I was able to articulate to him where council would like to see its portion of the site heading. During the first semester, he will be designing a better, more easily updated council page where councilors will be able to edit the content of their own section, as well as picture. The other main goal for this semester is a new and improved events calendar that will allow student groups, event managers from around the city, or anyone really, to add events, making it one of a kind in Edmonton. We hope to see good things from both of these. Other goals that should happen within the school year are a generalized form, so online forms are easier to create, a massive database reconfiguration that will not be very noticeable to outside users, and a wiki function to help with FAQs for student groups, new students, or anyone looking for SU or university services.

Eamonn Gamble

**President Report**  
Students' Council: Sept 18/07  
Michael Janz  
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**WELCOME BACK!**

**Life in the hot seat:**

The Board retreat proved to be disappointing. What I envisioned would be a bunch of us huddled in a bunker looking at maps and futuristic visions for our university turned out to be a very regimented and guided brainstorming process. I was hoping we could integrate our visions for this university and our undergraduate experience into the bog report. I got to make some points and note some remarks. I learned a tremendous amount about university fundraising and how the U of A envisions itself being in the top 20 by 2020. The problem with all visioning sessions is sometimes you dream a little too big and as I said in my summary comments: if this institution wishes to catch up to Harvard and truly be top 20 by 2020 we are going to have to start researching Alchemy.

A shout out to CBAS and the crew that have been working on that organization. All of our FA's are special but it is especially good to see an Arts FA coming together after the disaster that was the ASA. I would encourage all councilors to go to their faculty association meetings and to hear the concerns represented by the students present. It's a great way to meet other faculty members and secure your re-election in our ever competitive cut-throat council elections.

Please encourage your friends and family to run for Council and GFC. I can't wait to see the campaigns starting up! I feel we have been doing pretty good about building council community outside of Council with our frequent coffee and bar outings. I hope that council continues the discourse and dialogue outside of the chamber.

We are hiring for a new executive communications officer this week and will be conducting interviews.

The CAUS retreat to Calgary was wicked fun. Especially hearing Dollansky talk like Micky Mouse for the duration of our CAUS meeting because he lost his voice yelling at the stupid riders. "I think we need to target rural areas." Sounds pretty funny when it is said with cracks and squeaks.

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

**Janz: Colin Robertson. Colin has been working here as our Executive**

**Communications officer for the past 2.5 years and he is now moving on—  
Colin was kind enough however to give us plenty of notice so we could  
utilize his expertise for the EAS launch and the Affordable Housing Week!**

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

## Council Report 09

18 September 2007

Hello Council,

Things have been quiet in the VPSL world in the past week, but I'll be attending many different meetings in the next two weeks.

**Student Services Fair at Campus Saint-Jean:** The purpose of this fair was to inform CSJ students about the student services available to them from main campus. Michael Janz and I attended the fair to support the SU Student Services and to chat with CSJ students. We also met with the Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean (AUFSJ). Janz shared the Exec's goals with the AUFSJ, and we spoke about more collaboration with events in the future. We're excited for the French edition of "Movie Night" on September 25 at SUBstage. Come watch *Jeux d'enfants* (Love Me If You Dare) and *Banlieue 13* (District 13)!

- ❑ **Thank You BBQ:** Members from the Single Source Beverage Committee put together a free hot dog BBQ for students and took donations for the Campus Food Bank. Reps from Coca Cola, the UofA, and the SU, as well as many volunteers, braved the biting wind to hand out the free food. The event raised over \$900 for the CFB!
- ❑ **SU Merchandise:** I've got plenty of catalogues. If you want to peruse the catalogues and make suggestions, feel free to stop by my office.
- ❑ **My Upcoming Schedule:** Here are few meetings/events that I'll be attending in the next two weeks:
  - Sept 19: U-Pass Advisory Committee
  - Sept 20: U-Pass Administration Committee
  - Sept 24: General Faculties Council
  - Sept 25: Lunch with the Aboriginal Student Council
  - Sept 25: French edition of "Movie Night"
  - Sept 26: Food Services Advisory Group
  - Sept 27: Campus Law Review Committee
  - Sept 27: Camp Out in Quad
  - Sept 29: Open House

**Bobby Samuel**  
**Vice President (Academic)**  
**September 18, 2007**

Hello Council! Hope the day is treating you well, here's what I've been up to in the last week:

**Goals:**

**Textbooks** – The National Academic Round Table (NART) is certainly picking up steam with the following schools and book stores confirmed to attend: Saint Mary's University, Waterloo, Western, Queens, Saskatchewan, Victoria, Calgary, and Alberta. Schools that may send a representative are UBC, Brock, McMaster, McGill, and Toronto, but keep in mind we haven't heard anything definitive or 100% confirmative yet. As well, the major publishers (Thomson, OEP, etc.) are all attending. As I mentioned before, the main objective is to establish a road map for academic materials.

**Reward Involvement** – More to come at a later date, possible presentation to the Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA).

**Scholarships & Bursaries** – We are researching comparative distributions of scholarships and bursaries at other schools. As well, we are presenting to the Vice Provosts on this idea in the coming weeks.

**Technology** – Still working on it.

**Teaching & Learning** – We've talked with a couple administrators (Olive Yonge and Frank Robinson) on the ideas of certification and minimum standards. As well, we talked with Alan Cliff, a GFC representative with a strong interest in academic policies on ways of revising teaching ratings/evaluations.

**Emerging Issues:**

**Bear Scat/Bear Tracks** – Bill and I will be meeting with Stephen when he comes back to discuss how we can ensure Bear Scat stays operational in the winter term.

**Faculty Associations** – We had individual meetings with the Business Students' Association (BSA) and the Nursing Undergraduate Association (NUA). With both, we discussed the direction of CoFA for the year as well as offering to help them with any initiatives they have (they also said they would help us on different initiatives we have throughout the year, FAs are nice people, councilors should talk to them more **hint hint**). Overall, very positive meetings and we will see what they produce over the coming year.

**GFC** – It's governance time baby! Next on the committee circuit are Academic Standards Committee (ASC) and Facilities Development Committee (FDC), as well as the granddaddy of them all, General Faculties Council (GFC). As I mentioned before, nothing too controversial has emerged, but once again it's a wait-and-see approach.

**Exam Registry** – The policy was changed this year to allow professors to either place exams on our exam registry or on their individual website. Currently, we are trying to determine how many classes actually abide by this policy and see where we can move from here. Right now we are preparing a letter to send out to exam representatives and professors to solicit exam submissions.



**Academic Relations Group (ARG)** – We had our first meeting last Wednesday with our student volunteers. It was mostly a meet & greet with discussion of Bear Scat, along with plans for the upcoming year.

**Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics** – They’re changing their name to something smaller. I’ve met with Mike Meldrum, who’s the External Relations Officer for the Faculty, and I will be following up with the Student Clubs to gain their perspective.

**Professor of the Week** – Brittney is spearheading this initiative. Posters are up and we could really use nominations for any professor you feel has done an outstanding job in teaching. First publications will occur in the first week of October.

**Information Sharing Privacy Agreement** – this allows us to use private information from the University of Alberta (e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc.) for our purposes (elections, orientation, etc.). We are in the process of finalizing it with the University, just going over security details.

**AASUA** – Discussed with Don Perkins the possibility of working together on an “inspirational sessional” partnerships, as well I met briefly with the student representative on the Teaching & Learning committee to go over her responsibilities, I’m still waiting for the Chair to let me know when the next meeting will be.