

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday, January 8, 2008  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2007-18)

### 2007-18/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2007-18/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2008

2007-18/1b The Students' Council meeting for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 will take place in the Civil Engineering Building Room 325

2007-18/1c Council reports are due January 14, 2008

2007-18/1d Parking Passes are available for pick-up

### 2007-18/2 PRESENTATIONS

2007-18/2a WUSC presentation- Presented by Lindsay Koltar, Lindsay Beutel co-chair, Remo Ayme, Nancy Hanneman, and Derek Volker. Sponsored by Joanna Chan

### 2007-18/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2007-18/3a Executive Committee- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Please see document SC 07-18.01

### 2007-18/4 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2007-18/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2007-18/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2007-17/6a **DOLLANSKY/BANDALI MOVED THAT** Students' Council read BILL # 7 a first time

Principles BILL # 7

The composition of Students' Council shall be changed to reflect the following principles:

1. The number of elected councilors shall be reduced from 42 to 32 and shall be calculated under the existing formula.

2. The 2007/2008 council shall be immune from said changes

Please see Information Item 07-18/7b

- 2007-18/6b**     **FUNG MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Audit Committee
- 2007-18/6c**     **JANZ/SAMUEL MOVE THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the "Global Citizenship Curriculum Advisory Board"
- 2007-18/6d**     **CLOUTIER MOVES THAT** Students' Council, as per Bylaw 8451, section 6 (c), approve the Nursing Undergraduate Association proposal outlining a Faculty Association Membership Fee.
- Please see document SC 07-18.02
- 2007-18/7**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2007-18/7a**     Letter Regarding Centennial Messaging
- Please see document SC 07-18.03
- 2007-18/7b**     Council Reform Proposals (Bill #7)
- Please see document SC 07-18.04
- 2007-18/7c**     Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance-Report
- Please see document SC 07-18.05
- 2007-18/7d**     Bobby Samuel, VP Academic-Report
- Please see document SC 07-18.06
- 2007-18/7e**     Steven Dollansky, VP External-Report
- Please see document SC 07-18.07
- 2007-18/7f**     Votes and Proceedings- December 4,2007
- Please see document SC 07-18.08



### **1.0 Mission Statement**

1.1 The purpose of the Nursing Student Activities Fund (NSAF) is to financially assist the activities of the Nursing Undergraduate Association (NUA) at the University of Alberta.

### **2.0 Definitions**

- 2.1 The Nursing Students Activities Fund (NSAF) is a fund created to manage the monies received from a student levy applied to the undergraduate nursing student population at the University of Alberta
- 2.2 The Nursing Students Activities Fund Committee (NSAFC) is a committee that administers the NSAF and will be a subcommittee of the NUA made up of the VP Finance, President and one other Executive Member.
- 2.3 These bylaws govern the NSAF and NSAFC.

### **3.0 Amount**

3.1 The amount of the Fee shall be \$7.50 per student per year for both full-time and part-time undergraduate nursing students.

### **4.0 Lifetime**

- 4.1 The fee, as currently proposed, will be collected for four years, barring any event that would dictate otherwise. Such events include an opposing referendum that adheres to Students' Union guidelines, the ceasing of the NUA to be a Faculty Association, or a clear misuse of funds as determined by the Students' Union or the Faculty of Nursing.
- 4.2 Any increases to the amount shall be enacted only upon a referendum that adheres to Students' Union bylaws. In order to prevent successive increases and referendums, no referendum shall be held within three years of the current referendum passing. Decreases in the amount can be made at any point, however, a decision to renew the levy to its previously approved amount will require a new referendum.

### **5.0 Scope**

5.1 The Fee shall apply to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time, in the Faculty of Nursing. This includes students who decide to accelerate their program in order to graduate in December instead of April.

### **6.0 Allocation**

- 6.1 The monies received from the Fee will be prioritized for disbursement based on several criteria, ranked as follows:
- 1. Academic benefit
  - 2. Maximizing benefit for the greatest number of individuals
  - 3. Proven financial need

4. Promotion of the Faculty of Nursing and its programs
- 6.2 Any surplus from the Fee will be retained in a separate bank account and will have the following uses:
  - a) Act as an account buffer up to a maximum of \$10,000
  - b) Disbursed in future years with the criteria set above.

### **7.0 Eligibility**

- 7.1 Any member of the NUA, as dictated by its Bylaws, is eligible to receive services and monies from the fund.

### **8.0 Refund Mechanism**

- 8.1 All nursing undergraduate students are given the option of “opting out” of the NSAF fee.
- 8.2 The Fee, or any individual’s portion of it, may be refunded upon student request. The student will be required to complete a form stating that they have received a refund and all refunds will be tracked in order to ensure that double refunds are not granted. All forms will be maintained in the locked filing cabinet for a period of at least one year. Refunds may only be granted with signed approval of the Fund Administrator and the NUA President.
- 8.3 The ability for a refund from this fee will be advertised within the undergraduate nursing student population through posters, word of mouth and classroom speeches to ensure students are aware of such a refund mechanism.

### **9.0 Management**

- 9.1 All funds are to be managed by the Fund Administrator, who will be responsible for tracking all disbursements, refunds, and request for funds. The Fund Administrator and the NUA President will serve as the sole signatories on the fund’s bank account. The Fund Administrator will be VP Finance of NUA. Requests for funds will be handled by the Fund Administrator and all disbursements will require approval of the NUA Executive Committee as outlined in the NUA’s bylaws.

### **10.0 Financial Oversight**

- 10.1 The NUA will require financial statements from the NUA executive that uses funding, indicating the anticipated expenditures to be made with the allotted funds. The NUA will also require annual reports indicating how the funds that were delegated to a certain VP position were spent by February 15 of each year, and then will compile the reports for the Students’ Council by March 15 of each year, indicating how the monies have been spent. The NUA will report to Students’ Council as required by Bylaw 8451 and fully comply with any other legislation adopted by Students’ Council with respect to financial oversight. The NUA will also open its books to Students’ Council or delegated bodies for inspection under reasonable terms of access with respect to the fee.

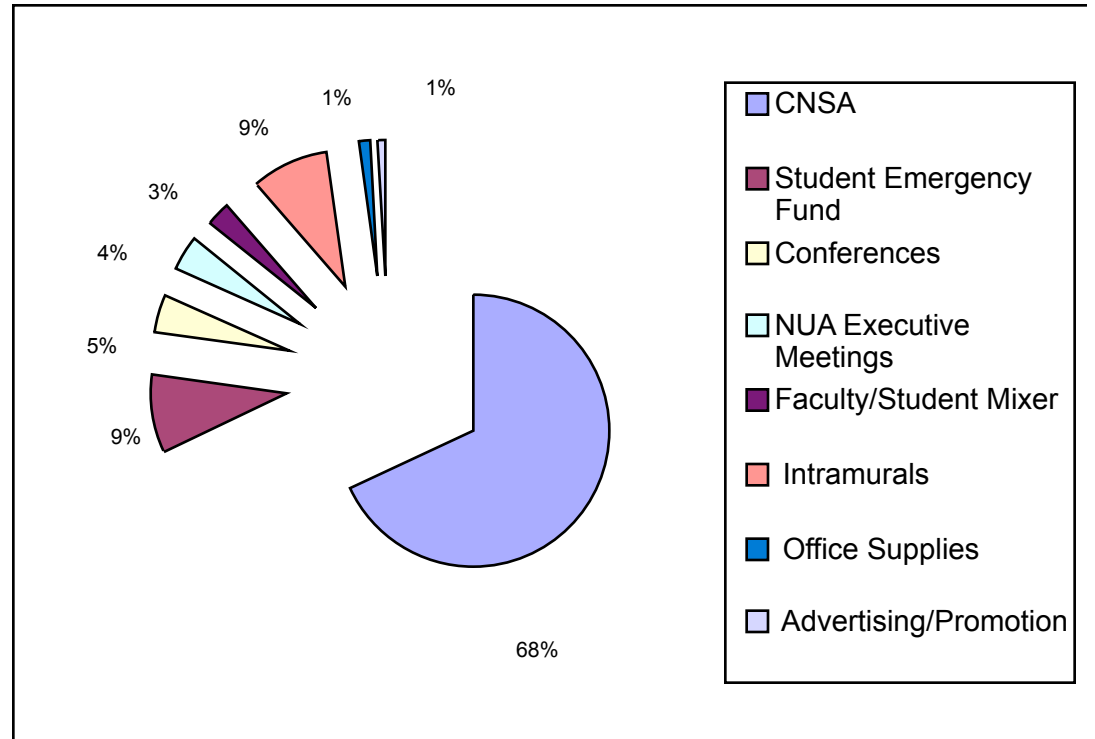
**Nursing Undergraduate Association  
Membership Fee Allocation**

Appendix A  
Portion of Revenue  
\$7.50 1480 students

Revenue: \$11,100.00 100%

Proposed Distribution:

CNSA (Canadian Nursing Students' Association) Membership*	\$7,560	68.11%
Student Emergency Fund	\$1,000	9.01%
Conferences	\$500	4.50%
NUA executive Meetings	\$480	4.32%
Faculty/Student Mixer	\$300	2.70%
Intramurals	\$1,000	9.01%
Office Supplies	\$155	1.40%
Advertising and Promotions	\$105	0.95%
	\$11,100	100%



\*Memberships are \$5.00 per student.

**From:** Michael Janz [<mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca>]

**Sent:** December 7, 2007 1:33 PM

**To:** Samarasekera, Indira (President E-mail)

**Cc:** Amrhein, Carl

**Subject:** Letter Regarding Centennial Messaging

07 December 2007

Dear President Samarasekera:

At the December 6, 2007 Centenary kickoff in the Alumni Room, you referred to the University of Alberta as one of the future “top research-intensive institutions” in the world. The fact you chose not to include the second part of our university’s proclaimed dual focus – teaching and learning – is of great concern to me. It may seem like a petty concern, but language is crucial, especially when used by the leader of our institution.

In the document *Dare to Discover*, ‘excellence in teaching’ is the first item in a list of University of Alberta values, and teaching and learning themes feature prominently throughout:

*“Our Vision*

*To inspire the human spirit **through outstanding achievements in learning**, discovery, and citizenship in a creative community, building one of the world’s great universities for the public good.” (emphasis mine)*

As the President, you function as the University’s public face, and therefore, your language carries great meaning. In this Centenary year, teaching must be stressed equally to research, no matter whether the University speaks to its students, the public, the government, or potential donors. Not stressing the importance of teaching in such a momentous year could have dire consequences for the quality of teaching and learning at our university.

On behalf of all University of Alberta learners, I strongly urge you to ensure that your public appearances reflect the entire vision and values of our university. We look forward to sharing in this momentous occasion together.

Sincerely,

Michael Janz

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**Michael Janz**

**President**

**University of Alberta Students' Union 2007-2008**

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**Subject:** **RE: Letter Regarding Centennial Messaging**

Dear Michael,

Thank you for reminding me of this issue. Research-intensive universities has become common terminology to distinguish those that do research from those that do not. This terminology is widely used in higher-education lexicon. However I take your point and will modify my reference to U of A, where teaching has enjoyed a strong reputation.

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# **Council Reform Proposals**

Prepared by: VPX

Date: December 29, 2007

## **Introduction:**

Bill 7 was tabled at the last council meeting to allow for councilors to investigate the issue further. At this point I have been contacted by two or three councilors, so I'm hoping this will provide the information that council will require to make a more informed decision. I will outline the current situation, explain Bill 7 and then explain several amendments that I will propose for council to debate on the January 8 meeting.

## **Current Situation:**

Students' Council currently consists of 48 voting members and 2 non-voting members (the Speaker and the General Manager). The 48 voting members can be further broken down into 42 councillors, 5 executive members, and 1 Board of Governors Representative.

## **Calculation:**

The 42 councillors are distributed across the undergraduate population using a roughly "rep by pop" scheme. Each of the 16 faculties receives a minimum of one seat.

The calculation used to distribute seats is very complex. A "threshold" is calculated by using the total number of undergraduates divided by the number of seats.

Current Situation		
30105 students	42 seats	Threshold = 716 students

Using this number, each faculty's population is divided by the threshold to obtain the "enrollment/threshold" number, which is used to determine the number of additional seats larger faculties will receive

Faculty of Science		enrollment/threshold
6163 students	Threshold = 716 students	8.60

The next step will distribute seats by minimum to faculties with "enrollment/threshold" values of less than 1. The large faculties receive "seats by threshold" which are given based on the "enrollment/threshold" values.

Faculty of Science	enrollment/threshold	seats/threshold
6163 students	8.60	8 seats

A “remainder” is calculated using the “enrollment/threshold” and the number of “seats/threshold” that are given.

enrollment/threshold	seats/threshold	Remainder
8.60	8 seats	0.60

The final step determines where the final seats will be distributed based on the largest remainder among all faculties. Each of the remaining seats are handed out until there are no more seats remaining. The following tables show the projected seat distribution for the 2008/2009 academic year using the calculations described above.

**Table 1: Council Distribution @ 42 seats**

**Projected Seat Change for 2008/2009**

Enrollment numbers current as of September 14, 2007.

Faculty Code	Faculty Name	Enrollment	Enrollment/Threshold	Seats by Minimum	Seats by Threshold	Remainder	Greatest Remainder	Projected Seats 2008/2009	Total Seats 2007/2008	Change
AH	Agriculture, Forestry, & Home Ec	1373	1.92	0	1	0.92	1	2	2	0
AR	Arts	6100	8.51	0	8	0.51		8	8	0
AU	Augustana	906	1.26	0	1	0.26		1	1	0
BC	Business	2086	2.91	0	2	0.91	1	3	3	0
ED	Education	3395	4.74	0	4	0.74	1	5	4	+1
EN	Engineering	3771	5.26	0	5	0.26		5	5	0
LA	Law	520	0.73	1	0			1	1	0
MH	Medicine & Dentistry	915	1.28	0	1	0.28		1	1	0
NS	Native Studies	141	0.20	1	0			1	1	0
NU	Nursing	1645	2.29	0	2	0.29		2	2	0
OS	Open Studies	1003	1.40	0	1	0.40		1	2	-1
PE	Physical Education & Recreation	965	1.35	0	1	0.35		1	1	0
PH	Pharmacy	514	0.72	1	0			1	1	0
SA	Faculté St. Jean	608	0.85	1	0			1	1	0
SC	Science	6163	8.60	0	8	0.60	1	9	9	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Total Undergraduate Students</b>	<b>30105</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>		

Table 2: Students / Seat at 42 seats

Faculty	Population	Seats	Students/seat
Native Studies	141	1	<b>141.00</b>
Pharmacy	514	1	<b>514.00</b>
Law	520	1	<b>520.00</b>
Campus St. Jean	608	1	<b>608.00</b>
Education	3395	5	<b>679.00</b>
Science	6163	9	<b>684.78</b>
ALES	1373	2	<b>686.50</b>
Business	2086	3	<b>695.33</b>
Engineering	3771	5	<b>754.20</b>
Arts	6100	8	<b>762.50</b>
Nursing	1645	2	<b>822.50</b>
Augustana	906	1	<b>906.00</b>
Medicine/Dentistry	915	1	<b>915.00</b>
Phys. Ed & Rec.	965	1	<b>965.00</b>
Open Studies	1003	1	<b>1003.00</b>
Total	30105	42	<b>716.79</b>

## Bill 7

Bill 7 was tabled at the last council meeting to allow for councilors to investigate the issue further. As it stands, the bill will not change the method used to calculate the seat distribution. The only change that would be made is to reduce the size of the overall body to improve the quality of debate within council chambers.

### The Proposal:

- That the number of councilors from 42 to 32 and continue to be calculated under the existing formula
- That the 2007/2008 be immune from all changes.

**Table 3: Council Distribution @ 32 seats**

**Projected Seat Change for 2008/2009**

Enrollment numbers current as of September 14, 2007.

Faculty Code	Faculty Name	Enrollment	Enrollment/Threshold	Seats by Minimum	Seats by Threshold	Remainder	Greatest Remainder	Projected Seats 2008/2009	Total Seats 2007/2008	Change
AH	Agriculture, Forestry, & Home Ec	1373	1.46	0	1	0.46		1	2	-1
AR	Arts	6100	6.48	0	6	0.48		6	8	-2
AU	Augustana	906	0.96	1	0			1	1	0
BC	Business	2086	2.22	0	2	0.22		2	3	-1
ED	Education	3395	3.61	0	3	0.61		3	4	-1
EN	Engineering	3771	4.01	0	4	0.01		4	5	-1
LA	Law	520	0.55	1	0			1	1	0
MH	Medicine & Dentistry	915	0.97	1	0			1	1	0
NS	Native Studies	141	0.15	1	0			1	1	0
NU	Nursing	1645	1.75	0	1	0.75	1	2	2	0
OS	Open Studies	1003	1.07	0	1	0.07		1	2	-1
PE	Physical Education & Recreation	965	1.03	0	1	0.03		1	1	0
PH	Pharmacy	514	0.55	1	0			1	1	0
SA	Faculté St. Jean	608	0.65	1	0			1	1	0
SC	Science	6163	6.55	0	6	0.55		6	9	-3
TOTAL	Total Undergraduate Students	30105		6	25		1	32		

Students' Council Seats Available: 32 seats  
 Threshold: 940.78 students/seat

**Table 4: Students / Seat at 32 seats**

Faculty	Population	Seats	Students/seat
Native Studies	141	1	<b>141.00</b>
Pharmacy	514	1	<b>514.00</b>
Law	520	1	<b>520.00</b>
Campus St. Jean	608	1	<b>608.00</b>
Nursing	1645	2	<b>822.50</b>
Education	3395	4	<b>848.75</b>
Augustana	906	1	<b>906.00</b>
Medicine/Dentistry	915	1	<b>915.00</b>
Engineering	3771	4	<b>942.75</b>
Phys. Ed & Rec.	965	1	<b>965.00</b>
Open Studies	1003	1	<b>1003.00</b>
Arts	6100	6	<b>1016.67</b>
Science	6163	6	<b>1027.17</b>
Business	2086	2	<b>1043.00</b>
ALES	1373	1	<b>1373.00</b>
Total	30105	32	<b>940.78</b>

**Summary:**

The changes within Bill 7, as it currently stands, will continue to increase the advantages that smaller faculties enjoy in the current system. That being

said, it will not be a significant change for the vast majority of the seats. All of those seats being distributed by threshold will continue to be distributed using the greatest remainder under the existing formula.

## Where to from here?

At the January 8, 2008 council meeting we must make a decision on what kind of council reform is required in order for the changes to be made in time for implementation in the 2008 elections. We must decide if large changes are necessary, or if it would be best to use moderation.

I hope to propose a number of amendments for council to debate, each of which will be outlined in the pages that follow. These amendments will be intended to address some of the issues that were debated in the last council meeting. It will be up to council to decide which if any of these amendments should be included in Bill 7.

Before I explain the amendments that will be put forward, I would like to state a few principles that are important for any decisions made to change the composition of council.

### Principles for Council Reform

1. Equality – We should strive to ensure equal representation for all of our members. Each students' vote should carry the same weight if possible.
2. Efficiency – We should ensure that we function at full capacity and are able to effectively debate orders of business both in committee and council chambers.
3. Accountability – We must ensure that council remains accountable to the entire membership in all faculties.

Amendment #1 – Reduce the number of councilors from 42 to 28 seats, while combining the following faculties for the purposes of representation on Students Council. All other faculties shall retain a minimum of one seat.

- Medicine/Dentistry with Law and Pharmacy
- Open Studies with Native Studies

### Reasoning:

- This is a more large scale reform which will ensure that a more accurate “representation by population” model is used.
- Calculations would continue to be made using the same formulation, only with the total populations of all the combined faculties for the joint seats.
- Medicine/Dentistry, Law, and Pharmacy would combine to hold a projected two seats as these faculties offer mainly professional/after-degree programs which have similar needs.

- Open Studies and Native Studies are combined which would require that councilor to effectively represent those whom they were elected by in the case that there may be a faculty specific need. This is necessary in order to avoid giving Native Studies unfair representation.
- Both Campus St. Jean and Augustana will retain their seat as these faculties often have unique needs, which may not be best expressed by a councilor that is not a member of that faculty. CSJ (608) and Augustana (905) both have student populations that are large enough to ensure that equal representation is not significantly harmed.

Cautions:

- The amendment opens the door to debate regarding whether or not Students' Council benefits from each of the small faculties holding an individual seat.
- The amendment could result in two law students (as an example) representing all students from pharmacy, medicine/dentistry, and law. That being said, both elected councilors would be responsible for representing the students whom elected them.

Amendment #2 (to follow only if Amendment #1 passes) – Transfer all of the current responsibilities of the Access Fund Committee to the Grant Allocation Committee, and then abolish the Access Fund Committee. Reduce the number of members on the External Policy Committee and the University Policy Committee from seven to five.

Reasoning:

Table 5: Committee structure with reductions to EPC, UPC, and the abolishment of the Access Fund Committee

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Current Membership (48 Total Council))</b>	<b>Proposed Membership (34 Total Council)</b>
Access Fund	7	<b>0</b>
Grant Allocation	7	7
External Policy	7	<b>5</b>
University Policy	7	<b>5</b>
Budget and Finance	7	7
Bylaw	5	5
Council Administration	5	5
Total Positions	45	<b>34</b>
<b>Positions/Council Member</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.00</b>

- This reduction is slightly larger than I would have proposed under the initial Bill 7 proposal (as you can see in Amendment 3).
- With the creation of the Advocacy department since the new council structure was implemented. As a result, the policy committees now have a huge resource to assist them with policy formation, which is why I have picked External and University policy committees to be reduced by two members each.
- It has been common knowledge that the Grant Allocation Committee's mandate does not require nearly the same commitment as the other council committees. As the Access Fund and Grant Allocation committees currently are busy at different times of the year, which makes them a good fit together.

**Cautions:**

- The External Policy Committee and University Policy Committee serve as important recruitment tools for future candidates in both the Vice-President (External) and Vice-President (Academic) positions.
- The smaller council size will require a slightly higher involvement of councilors on committees (1.00 vs. 0.94).

**Amendment #3** (To follow Amendment 1 if it fails) - Transfer all of the current responsibilities of the Access Fund Committee to the Grant Allocation Committee, then abolish the Access Fund Committee.

**Reasoning:**

**Table 6: Committee Structure with the abolishment of the Access Fund Committee**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Current Membership (48 Total Council)</b>	<b>Proposed Membership (38 Total Council)</b>
Access Fund	7	<b>0</b>
Grant Allocation	7	7
External Policy	7	<b>7</b>
University Policy	7	<b>7</b>
Budget and Finance	7	7
Bylaw	5	5
Council Administration	5	5
Total Positions	45	<b>38</b>
<b>Positions/Council Member</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.00</b>

- As stated under Amendment 2, it has been common knowledge that the Grant Allocation Committee's mandate does not require nearly the same

commitment as the other council committees. As the Access Fund and Grant Allocation committees currently are busy at different times of the year, which makes them a good fit together.

Cautions:

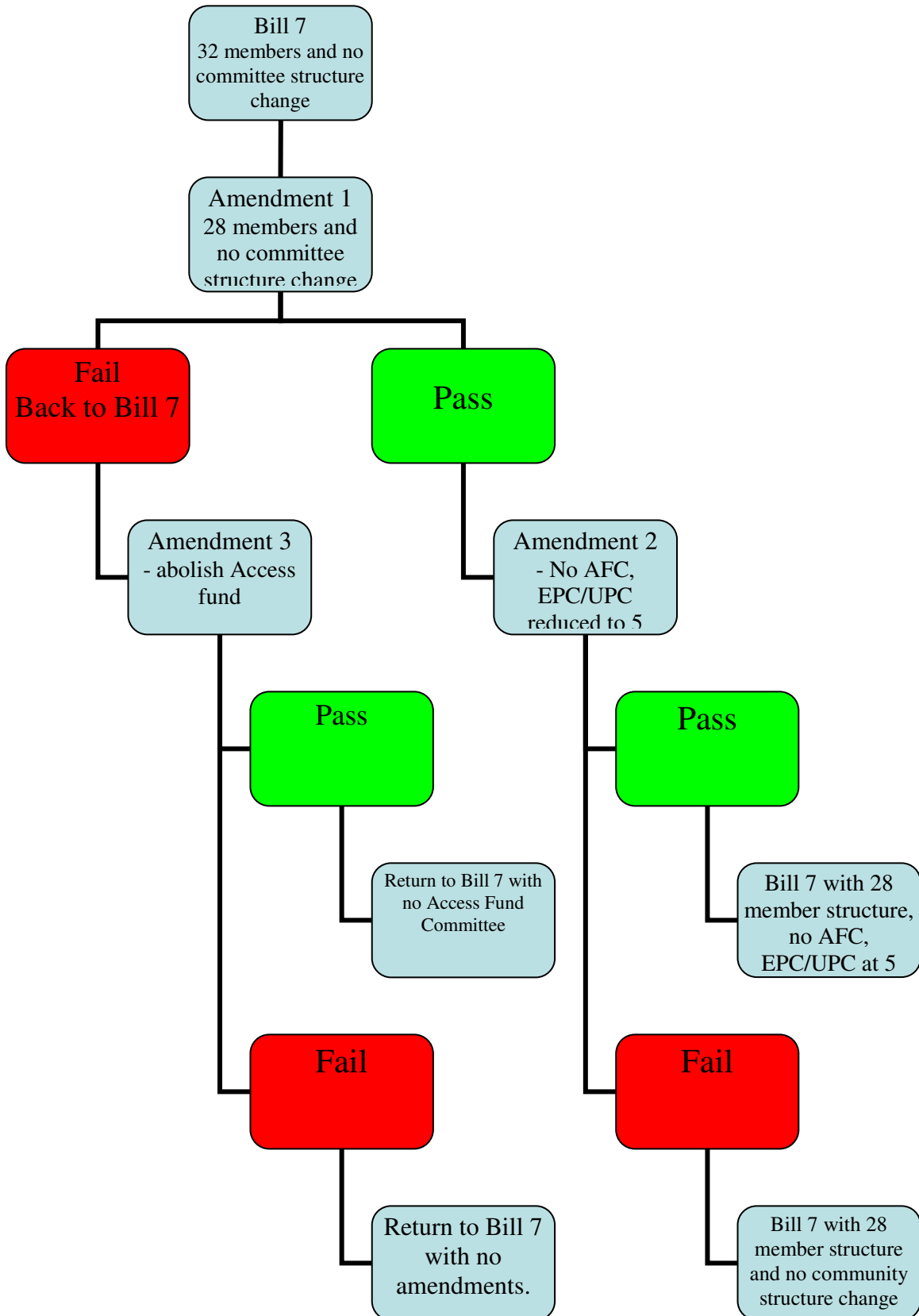
- The smaller council size will require a slightly higher involvement of councilors on committees (1.00 vs. 0.94).

### Map of Amendments:

The table on the following page should help make sense of where each of the amendments will put us with reference to the main bill.



Table 7: Amendment Road Map



## Conclusion:

I hope that you find this information useful for the upcoming debate on Bill 7 in early January. My goal with each of these amendments is to provide council with options that will work toward achieving the three principles around which I have based the reforms. It is entirely up to you to decide down which path council will travel. I will be in the office starting on January 2 if any of you have any additional questions.

**Enjoy the rest of your break!**

## **VP Operations & Finance Report**

### **January 8, 2008**

Happy New Years to all of you on council. I hope all your respective breaks were full of merriment and happiness. Since we last met (quite a while ago), quite a lot has been going on. This includes the beginning of the budget process with principles and instructing all of the departments to begin compiling their budgets for next year. The Kid's Christmas Party went very well under the leadership of the Student Life team. Our Access Fund Director Shazin Mohamed has moved on to pursue different opportunities, and we are currently searching to fill that position. Et cetera.

As a part of my "Start of Year" report, I have decided to put together a short list of all of the budgetary issues that will likely dominate council debate for the rest of the year. If I have forgotten any, I'll try to include them in my next report. Hopefully you can use this list to direct off-line discussions to ensure council time is used as fruitfully as possible.

- 1) CASA membership: With presentations by Zach Churchill and VP External Dollansky on the merits of this national lobby organization, this council will have to decide whether we should invest an additional ~\$50,000 to rejoin, commit some funds from the existing advocacy budget to cover some of this increase, or not join at all.
- 2) Council size/pay: It was decided earlier in the year that councilor pay would be maintained for this year to avoid any ethical/legal issues associated with removing it mid-year. Now, two years after implementation, it is time to review the effectiveness of councilor pay, and whether to continue it on next year. There is also the issue of Bill 7, and how large a perfect council should be. VP Dollansky's report on the issue should provide all the necessary details.
- 3) Powerplant: We are still in discussions with the university, but have arranged to create a "Visioning roundtable" with various stakeholders that will hopefully finalize a collaborative solution that the university and the SU will be supportive of. Details on that to follow.
- 4) Coke contract: I have received a copy of the proposed new contract for review. Bill Smith and I will be reviewing the proposed changes and will be making a motion to council once we have a more detailed summary of the changes.

Once I have finalized a budget principles document, it will move on to be debated in BFC, after which point it will move to council. There are a few variables (inflation, enrollment, profits, etc.) that will be difficult to estimate until late in my term. That being said, I will make my best effort to provide council with reasonable estimates of the financial effects of their decisions, and the results of those effects on the bottom line.

Eamonn Gamble

**January 8, 2007**  
**Vice President Academic**  
**Bobby Samuel**

Happy new year council! As you can see, I've changed my font because some councilors said they didn't like the old one. Well, hopefully you like this.

**GOALS:**

**Enhance Technology** – We're still evaluating the situation on online fees that we discussed before. It should be wrapping up soon (hopefully I'll have numbers for Council this Tuesday, but I am doubtful), after that we'll need to start discussing the actual fees policy.

**Improve Teaching** – The Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) is setting up a taskforce to change USRIs, analyze current deficiencies, and put forward solutions. This may go beyond my term, but there is still a lot of work that is needed (gathering input from students on current deficiencies as well as implementing our political policy). In addition, during the break the Student Survey Outcomes on Strengthening Educational Practices (SSOSEP) met twice to discuss KPIs. Currently, we are gathering faculty-specific information on NSSE for dissemination.

**Increase Bursaries** – GFC provided data that we required (for your reading pleasure, \$13.8 million goes into scholarships, \$1.4 million into needs-based scholarships/merit-based bursaries, and \$2.7 million into needs-based bursaries, these funds are only from the University). For more, read below.

**Reward Involvement** – We're following up with CSL at the University to see how they have supported this program. Despite that, we'll be following up with the FAs to see whether they brought CSL up with their respective faculties.

**Reduce Textbook Costs** – As it stands, we are working on trying to get this information out to the Faculty. In the interim, we are hoping to have a working group meeting in the first week of February involving student associations and bookstores from select schools. Publishers will also be in attendance.

**EMERGING ISSUES:**

**Student Awards Office (SAO)** – Initially, the Students' Union wanted to create an integrated service called the Student Financial Services Centre, which would house many of the student financial units. The SFSC morphed into the Student Financial Resource Centre (SFRC) and currently houses SFAIC, SAO, UBEF, and Access Fund. Early in our term, we heard rumours as to SAO moving out of SFRC, but never heard anything concrete. When we found out they were moving, we were quite angry as SAO had never consulted with us prior to, nor gave us any formal information on what exactly was going on. Since then, we have written a letter to the Provost outlining our concerns and are having a meeting with him later this month.

**Faculty Associations (FAs)** – CoFA will be held later this month out at Augustana (woot! Road trip!). We're still in the process of organizing it, but we also have a schedule of the CoFA meetings for the rest of the year, making it easier for the FAs to plan and for others to attend. As well, during our last week we tried to visit as many of the FAs as possible, we'll probably continue on that during the first week of January just to follow up on their CoFA goals.

**Professor of the Week** – It will be starting up for second semester, remember to send your nominations to Brittney at [avpa@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpa@su.ualberta.ca)!!!!!!

**January 8, 2007**  
**Vice President Academic**  
**Bobby Samuel**

**Bear Scat/Tracks** – So, whereas I thought negotiations were almost done I found out I was wrong. We're still trying to contact Steve so as to create the best deal for students, but thus far he has not been replying back.

**GFC** – Committees that met were the Academic Standards Committee (Brittney went in my place as I had BAC at that same time) and the Facilities Development Committee. FDC finally passed their building design guidelines where they specifically acknowledge student space in their planning and building implementation.

**Festival of Teaching** – it will be on Thursday, January 24 from 1-5 in the Telus Centre. It should be a good time from what I hear, feel free to attend as this event is meant to open up dialogue on teaching.

**BAC** – attended this meeting for the tuition discussions, this was where we first discussed the SAO move and also received information on Strategic Initiatives Fund expenditures.

**SUB 24/7** – received the numbers for the Fall semester, they're down slightly from last year but overall, students are utilizing this service. Funding for this project is now part of the base grant as opposed to contingency.

Council Report  
January 4, 2008  
VPX

Hey Council,

Happy new year everyone. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and that you are ready for a busy budget season. With four months to go there are a number of things left on my list of things we can reasonably expect to accomplish, but I'd like to point out a few of our accomplishments thus far.

- A strict timeline for the legalization of secondary suites.
- \$111 million for deferred maintenance.
- \$227 million for Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.
- Shaping the content of the Roles and Mandates policy framework.
- A full investigation of federal advocacy options.
- Formed a comprehensive policy document that was distributed province-wide.
- Continued pressure for the renewal of Millennium Scholarship Foundation and drastic reforms to the student financial aid programs both provincial and federal
- Submission of a joint proposal for 1000 new residence beds.
- Establishment of the Edmonton Alliance of Students, which shaped debate around housing and public transit in the municipal election.
- A large-scale media campaign outlining concerns about students in the housing market, which generated nearly 600 new listings on the housing registry and over 20 media hits in the month of August.
- A successful Student Housing Week that concluded with a camp-out that was attended by over 150 students and raised money for the United Way.
- Established an effective Campaigns Planning and Action Committee (CPAC) that will act as our primary on-campus campaign producers.

There are a number of things that we can still expect to achieve. Here is a list of my goals for the remainder of the year.

- Execute a successful provincial election campaign which includes components in partnership with CAUS, the University administration, and individually.
- Generate media coverage and pressure the board about the proposed fee hikes.

- Hold well-attended provincial and federal election forums.
- Pursue full membership in CASA.
- Ensure an interest rate reduction on student loans.
- Removal of the part-time earning requirements from student loans.
- Secure a government commitment to funding new residence construction and fulfilling the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund and Access to the Future Fund.

There are a few very important events in the coming weeks that I will need council to attend.

1. Left Out in the Cold – (Lister Ice Rink) this is our media stunt to protest the fee increases prior to the board meeting. We will ask those in attendance to call home to tell their parents, siblings, or friends about the proposed increase and what it will mean to them. I need people to volunteer to help serve food, classroom speak that day, and assist with set-up and take-down. Please come talk to me ASAP!
2. Screwing Over Students campaign – I'm hoping we can get every council member to attend our sit-in during the BoG meeting on January 25, 2008 in the morning (~9:00-~11:00). You will get a free shirt and can sit and watch or do some homework, not unlike council, while sending the message that the University needs to get its act together. Please confirm your attendance and shirt size with me tonight! Watch the events calendar and SU website for more events.

We are still looking for CPAC members who want to join our "street team" to help get our message out during the SOS and provincial election campaigns. It is fun and won't take a lot of your time, so please contact Pam at [avpex@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpex@su.ualberta.ca) if you are interested. Enjoy Council!

-Steven

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-17)

2007-17/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

2007-17/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2007-17/2a

Writing Initiatives- Presented by David Slomp , Beth Virtanen and Betsy Sargent. Sponsored by Michael Janz

JANZ/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

Motion: CARRIED

2007-17/2b

CASA – Presented by Steven Dollansky. Sponsored by Steven Dollansky

DOLLANSKY/BANDALI MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

Motion: CARRIED

Presentation extended 15 minutes

2007-17/6c

ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Lyndsy Schultz to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2007/2008 academic year.

Speaker's List: Eruvbetine defers to Craig Turner

Motion: CARRIED

2007-17/3

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Oral report from VP Student Life

Oral report from VP Academic

2007-17/4

### QUESTION PERIOD

2007-17/5

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS



- 2007-17/5a** Budget and Finance Committee
- 2007-17/5a(i)** **GAMBLE/ESPOSITO MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, adopt the following into Standing Orders
- Speaker's list: Gamble
- Motion: CARRIED**
- Recess 15 minutes
- 2007-17/5b** External Policy Committee
- 2007-17/5b(i)** **CAMPBELL/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend Political Policy "Student Loans" (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- Speaker: Ruled Out of Order
- 2007-17/5b(ii)** **CAMPBELL/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend Political Policy "Tuition Policy" (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- Speaker: Ruled Out of Order
- 2007-17/5b(iii)** **CAMPBELL/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend Political Policy "Post-Secondary Learning Act" (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- Speaker: Ruled Out of Order
- 2007-17/5b(iv)** **CAMPBELL/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, amend Political Policy "Income Contingent Loans" (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- Speaker: Ruled Out of Order
- 2007-17/5c** Bylaw Committee
- 2007-17/5c(i)** **MCKINNEY/NICOL MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #5 (2nd reading)
- Speaker's list: McKinney, Melenshuck
- DOLLANSKY/ MELENSHUCK MOVED TO** amend the motion by adding "s" at the end of "nomination"
- Amendment withdrawn
- Speaker's list: Eastham
- DOLLANSKY/ MELENSHUCK MOVED TO** amend Section 14 (2) to read as follows:

"Where the only nominations received for a given position is (are) joke candidate(s), the CRO shall extend the deadline for that position by up to two (2) days."

**Amendment: CARRIED**

**Motion: CARRIED**

2007-17/5d University Policy Committee

2007-17/5d(i) **SUMAR/BANDALI MOVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt a political policy based on the following principles:

**SUMAR/NICOL MOVED TO** withdraw the motion

**Motion: CARRIED**

2007-17/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2007-17/6a **DOLLANSKY MOVES THAT** Students' Council read BILL # 7 a first time

**LE/PAYNE MOVED THAT** item 2007-17/6b be made a special order

Speaker's list: Le, Nicol

**Motion: CARRIED**

2007-17/6b **LE/GAMBLE MOVED THAT** Students' Council read Bill #8 a first time

Principles BILL #8

1. The granting cap for student group granting be increased from \$1500 to \$3000.

Speaker's list: Le, Le sponsored Janelle Morin, Nicol, Gamble, Parker

**COUNCILLOR/NICOL MOVED THE** previous question

Eruvbetine objects

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED** Payne abstained

2007-17/6a **DOLLANSKY/BANDALI MOVED THAT** Students' Council read BILL # 7 a first time

Principles BILL # 7

The composition of Students' Council shall be changed to reflect the following principles:

1. The number of elected councilors shall be reduced from 42 to 32 and shall be calculated under the existing formula.

2. The 2007/2008 council shall be immune from said changes until April 30, 2008.

Speaker's list: Dollansky, Stitt, Esposito

**NICOL/DOLLANSKY MOVED TO** amend the motion by striking "until April 30, 2008" in point 2

Speaker's list: Nicol

**Amendment: CARRIED**

Speaker's list: Gauthier, Bandali, Bansal, McKinney, Schulz, Eruvbetine

**SUMAR/EASTHAM MOVED TO** refer Bill #7 to the Council Administration Committee

**NICOL/STITT MOVED TO** object to the consideration of the question

**Motion: FAILED**

Speaker's list: Sumar, Nicol, Payne

Point of Order: Nicol "Line of debate doesn't relate to the actual motion on the floor."

Speaker: Point well taken

Speaker's list: Bandali

**GAUTHIER/SCHULZ MOVED THE** previous question

Objections on the floor

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Motion (refer): FAILED**

**McKINNEY/ MELENSHUCK MOVED TO** amend Bill #7 by striking "from 42 to 32 and shall be calculated under the existing formula" in point 1

Objections

**DOLLANSKY MOVED THE** previous question

**Amendment: FAILED**

Speaker's list: Nicol

**EASTHAM/ SUMAR MOVED TO** postpone item 2007-17/6a until January 8, 2008

Objections to postpone

Speaker's list: Eastham, Dollansky, Sumar

Point of Order: Dollansky "The councillor is implying intent."

Speaker: Point not well taken

Speaker's list: Sumar

Point of Order

Speaker: Point well taken

**PARKER MOVED THE** previous question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**PROKOPIUK/ GAMBLE MOVED TO** adjourn

**Motion: CARRIED**

Councillor Remuneration											
2007-2008											
Council Seats	Name	Proxies	Attendance								
			11-Sep-2007	18-Sep-2007	2-Oct-2007	16-Oct-2007	30-Oct-2007	6-Nov-2007	20-Nov-2007	4-Dec-2007	
<b>Ex-officio Members</b>											
President	Michael Janz		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
VP Academic	Bobby Samuel		Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
VP External	Steven Dollansky		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
VP Operations & Finance	Eamonn Gamble		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	Chris Le		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Paul Chiswell		Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Faculty Representation</b>											
Argic/Forest/HomeEc	Fawn Jackson					0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Argic/Forest/HomeEc	Jacqueline Geller		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Al-Amyr Sumar		Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Basil Bansal					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Beverly Eastham		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Caitlin Schulz					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Dave Cournoyer										
Arts	Jesse Hahn										
Arts	Jo Chan		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Leslie Stitt		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Naveed Bandali		Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Patrick Wisheu					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Augustana (Faculty)	Makrina Scott		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Business	Andrew Esposito		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Business	Ryan Payne		Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Business	Scott Nicol		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Education	Fatima Ahmed										
Education	Hayley Shannon		0.5	Y	Y	0.5	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y
Education	Keith Vandersluis		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Education	Rachel Dunn					Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y
Education	<i>vacant</i>										
Engineering	Abdul Doctor					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Mark Hlady					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y
Engineering	Nigel Parker		Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Prem Eruvbetine		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Engineering	Scott McKinney		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Law	Ian Stedman		N	Y	Y	0.5	N	N	Y	N	N
Medicine & Dentistry	Bayan Hussein					Y	N	Y	0.5	N	N
Native Studies	Stacey Lambert		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nursing	Natalie Cloutier					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>										
Open Studies	Mark Prokopiuk					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Open Studies	<i>vacant</i>										
Pharmacy	Jay Gauthier		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Physical Education	<i>vacant</i>										
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Aden Murphy		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Science	Adil Afzal										
Science	Aidan Wawchuk										
Science	Douglas Owoo		Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Science	John Braga					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Jordan Zhang					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Kyle Friedt		Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y
Science	Lindsey Campbell		Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Mark Hnatiuk					Y	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y
Science	Sihame Farhat		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Science	Tanner Doerges		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Terence Fung		Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>											
Speaker	Amanda Henry		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Bill Smith		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Resigned:											
Fatima Ahmed- Education- May 3,'07		Lindsey Campbell-Audit Comm. Oct 16,'07									
David Cournoyer-CAC member-May 29'07		Michael Janz- BFC, Oct. 16,'07									
Jesse Hahn- Arts-May 29'07		Leslie Stitt- Bylaw Comm., Oct 30, '07									
Aidan Wawchuk-Science, BFC member-June 12 '07		Ryan Payne-Grant Allocation Comm. & Audit Comm. After Winter term is complete									
David Cournoyer- Arts-Aug 9'07											
Adil Afzal- Science- Aug 14'07											