

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, September 30, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-12)

- 2008-12/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2008-12/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2008-12/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2008-12/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2008-12/5a Audit Committee Report
Please see document LA 08-12-01
- 2008-12/5b Council Administration Committee Report
Please see document LA 08-12-02
- 2008-12/6 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2008-12/6d FENTIMAN/COUNCILLOR MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint (2) members to Audit Committee
- 2008-12/6e EASTHAM/BUGLER MOVED THAT upon the recommendation of Council Administration Committee to appoint Brittney Bugler, Paul Chiswell and Micheal Schwake to the University of Alberta Senate for the 2008-2009 Academic year
- 2008-12/6f **JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #4 in first reading
- Principles:
- Students' Council shall implement attendance requirements effective May 1st 2009.
 - If a Councillor misses a meeting without appointing a proxy or notifying the speaker within 24 hours either before of after the meeting with a suitable excuse (such as incapacitated because of illness, suffering from severe domestic affliction, writing a midterm or final examination, or has other compelling reasons (including religious conviction)) the absence shall be declared unexcused.
 - If the councillor accumulates two unexcused absences in a trimester, the councillor will be removed from council immediately following the second

unexcused absence.

- If the total voting membership of Students' Council drops below twenty, then a by-election will be called in September, October or January of that year.

2008-12/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2008-12/7b

Kristen Flath, Vice President Student Life

Please see document LA 08-12-03

2008-12/7c

Councilor Britt Kustra Report

Please see document LA 08-12-04

2008-12/7d

Annual General Meeting and By-Election

Please see document LA 08-12-05

2008-12/7e

Students Union Elections By-Election Results

Please see document LA 08-12-06

2008-12/7f

Undergraduate Appointments to General Faculties Council

Please see document LA 08-12-07

2008-12/7g

John Braga, Vice President Academic

Please see document LA 08-12-08

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Audit Committee

2008-2009/AC /05

Dear Council:

First, I express my apologies for neglecting to submit any prior reports to council. Please refer to the Audit Committee's minutes for any additional information regarding previous meetings or feel free to contact me at any time for any information pertaining to the Audit Committee.

Two major points of interest to council:

- 1) At the September 24th meeting of the Audit Committee, representatives from Watson & Aberant, L.L.P, the external auditors of the University of Alberta Students' Union, presented the Audit Committee with the draft results of the annual audit. The committee received an explanation of the documents provided and could ask questions regarding particular details disclosed in each document. The committee shall review the audited financial statements of the Students' Union and the focus of this review shall be on ensuring congruencies between budgeted amounts and actual amounts, reasons for differences, and marked differences from year to year. Because of the detail and breadth of the audited financial statements, no less than two meetings will be devoted to this review process. If the audit passes the inspection of the committee, a motion shall be made to approve the audit.

Of particular interest or concern to the committee was the clean audit opinion prefacing the financial statements, the management recommendations offered, the variance analyses provided, the option of Watson & Aberant conducting the annual audit throughout the fiscal year (for a few days once every quarter) rather than all at once for several weeks in July/August, and the inclusion of non-financial information with the Students' Union financial statements—as in the style of an annual report.

I will be requesting that Watson & Aberant representatives present at the October 8th, 2008 meeting of the Audit Committee. It is a very favourable idea to have a second presentation after the committee's membership has been replenished from the current three (3) members to the maximum of five (5) members.

As a side note, I encourage all new councillors elected in the by-election to consider being nominated for Audit Committee—and that goes for all other councillors, as well!

- 2) The committee changed its standing orders regarding executive and staff credit card statement review. The Audit Committee will no longer be obligated by standing orders to review the statements for every monthly period, but instead will have the ability to request statement packages to be prepared at their discretion. The committee is still obligated to review at least one (1) statement package per trimester and any more will be at the discretion of the committee. The Audit Committee agreed this change would not negatively impact the objective of the previous processes of credit card statement review or the potential for increased erroneous and/or fraudulent usage of credit cards, but would allow for the committee to better allocate its time to other matters of importance.

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Again, please refer to the minutes posted to the Students' Union website for additional information. I hope to regularly update council on the efforts of the Audit Committee. In the near future we will be reviewing submitted documentation from Dedicated Fee Units [*Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG)*; *First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA)*; *Gateway Student Journalism Society (Gateway)*; and *Student Legal Services of Edmonton (SLS)*] for the purposes of fee disbursement, reviewing the departments of the S.U., discussing the role of Audit Committee as it relates to FMF/FAMF monitoring, and researching the potential for a Students' Union whistleblower policy.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Council Administration Committee

(2008-09-29)

Hello Council:

CAC met and continued to debate bylaw 2000 (elections matters), discussed council retreat, and addressed other miscellaneous items of business.

Please see the attached motion regarding our student senators.

Please note that council jackets are on order.

Please note that feedback is desired for Council Retreat. If you attended please send your thoughts to CAC chair. (mjanz@ualberta.ca)

Please note that all councillors are members of the Council Administration Committee and that your attendance is always welcome. We are meeting on off council Tuesdays in room 6-06 SUB at 6PM.

Next week CAC will talk about communication initiatives and council bonding activities.

Cheers,
Michael Janz

PS: Here are my minutes from the council retreat goal setting session

- SU needs to build SU interest and Relevance to Students
- Increase student involvement in council
- Help council take active steps to engage students in the SU
- Help communicate what the SU does to students
- Long term task force to help engage students in the SU
- Improve SU Branding
- Find ways of telling students what alternatives exist and how their student experience could be better. "What does an enriched student experience mean?"
- Consolidate Council Elections with Executive Elections
- Outreach program

Council Report 08 – September 30, 2008
Kristen Flath, Vice President (Student Life)

Hello Council,

Here is an update on what has been happening the past couple of weeks.

Student Engagement Proposal – The University is still discussing our proposal. I will let you know if there are any developments.

Campus Law Review Committee (CLRC) – In CLRC this week, there was a debate regarding a proposal to give Associate Dean's guidelines to follow when disciplining a student. The proposal was previously passed through CLRC onto another committee, but was retracted when the Associate Dean's wanted more consultation. We will likely be starting up a working group to go over the proposal.

U-Pass Advisory Group – I met with ETS to discuss the feedback on the U-Pass, and any positives or negatives surrounding the program. The group is looking at doing a student survey to gain feedback for the next round of negotiations. The U-Pass is currently in its pilot stage and will likely come back as a referendum to students in 2010 to move from a pilot to an actual program.

Campus Recreation - I will be having a follow up meeting with campus rec to discuss program changes and how those have affected sports clubs. Please let me know if you have any feedback or know someone who does.

Eco-Week – October 6-10 will be Eco-Week, and we will be having events every day related to helping students become more environmentally conscious. For more information please come talk to me and keep your eyes out for the poster.

Health Plan – The committee has finished gathering the information it needs regarding health plan providers. We are bringing a motion to council that would allow us to enter into negotiations. I will provide a more extensive update at Council.

Falcons – The falcons are alive and well. And there are two of them! There was a baby abandoned by its parent in Red Deer, and so we have put it in with our pair. The babies will start fledging anytime, so hopefully that goes well.

The Exec spent a couple of days away with our new General Manager to go over what we are working on, any upcoming issues, and make sure we are on track in terms of organizational goals. The time away was a good chance to re-evaluate our issues and goals.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

- Help better define what we as Council do,
- Student Services Audit: See how the student services serve our students and serve students in CO-OPS and on Practicums.
- Create council job description
- How can we assess and meet student need and zero in on appropriate focus areas.
- Another Task Force on a History of the Students Union and where we are going and where we have come from.
- SU BIRTHDAY PARTY!

In a few words:

HOUSING/POLICY
 CBAS ARTS RELATED PROGRAMING
 SUSTAINABILITY
 ENRICHING STUDENT EXPERIENCE
 ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SU AND COMMUNICATING BUDGET PLAN
 HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES, STUDENT FINANCES
 UNI SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
 ACADEMIC ADVISORS
 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HOW THE SU AND UNI SPENDS STUDENT MONEY
 TEACHING
 8000 SERIES BYLAWS, USRIs
 ADVOCACY TO IMPROVE TEACHING AND ACADEMIC QUALITY
 TEXTBOOKS HOUSING
 OUTREACH FOR COUNCIL
 SU AWARENESS ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FACULTIES, TEACHING, SERVICES
 OFF CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES
 INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED STUDENTS ON CAMPUS
 INCREASING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCIENCE STUDENTS AND FA
 APATHY
 ACADEMICS WITH PROFESSORS AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF USRIs
 MORE STUDENT SYSTEMS
 GETTING GREEKS INVOLVED WITH STUDENTS COUNCIL AND SU
 COMMUNICATION AND FIGURING OUT WHAT COUNCIL IS SUPPOSED TO DO

Hello Council,

There has been so much going on with CBAS! As you might have heard, Margaret Atwood will be here TOMORROW, October 1st for a free Q&A at the Myer Horowitz. Arts and non-Arts students alike are welcome to attend – it starts at 2:30 PM but get there early to make sure you can get a seat. All through September, CBAS has been accepting questions from students via e-mail and we received a ton of AWESOME questions, can't wait!

On November 1st, CBAS has planned an Arts Career Conference with the help of Amber Nicholson, the Arts Career Development Officer appointed last year. There will be rotating sessions all day from CAPS staff and a number of U of A Arts graduates who now have awesome careers.

Also upcoming is Arts Week, starting November 17th! On November 21st, Avi Lewis will be at the U of A for a talk, and we're currently working on a get-together of Arts students and the Musicians Club afterwards. More news on Arts Week coming in October...

A couple more quick items:

- CBAS has urged me to relay to Council just how absolutely THRILLED they are with everyone at the SU, especially with the recent success of the Booksmart Campaign
- Locker sales were a success again this year at Clubs Fair, and we also recently sat down with some of the new volunteers and members-at-large, we're looking forward to a great year with all of them, including setting up an Arts intramurals league
- I had dinner with CBAS, the Dean of Arts (Dean Woolf), and Patrick Wisheu at Dean Woolf's house last Thursday night. It was a good opportunity to set up further meetings and get updates from the administration

We are trying to arrange a meeting between CBAS and all Arts Councillors for this Friday, October 3 from 3-5ish in the CBAS office. A few of the Arts councilors were able to sit down at Council Retreat on Sunday and get some good ideas on the table for the Friday meeting. We'll definitely have some more updates after that meeting!

- Councillor Britt Kustra

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO??

Funding overview:

As per our mission statement, APIRG provides working group, student and community members with funding for research and social engagement projects working in the public interest.

In addition to funding, APIRG provides administrative, informational and technological resources to help students transform social concern into effective action. We also facilitate opportunities for skill development through internships, educational events, public campaigns and partnerships with community organizations.

Next funding deadline is

September 26, 2008

Applications and more information are available at

<http://www.apirg.org/getfunded/>

APIRG EXISTS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH RESOURCES TO BE ACTIVE CITIZENS.

Every year APIRG provides approximately \$30,000 in grant money to students and student groups to conduct projects, host events and otherwise work on issues related to social and environmental justice.

APIRG Annual General Meeting and By-Election

October 7, 2008

5:30 to 7:30pm

Alumni Room, SUB

Please join the **Alberta Public Interest Research Group** staff, board and volunteers as they:

Present last year's audited financial statements

Present the 2007-2008 Annual Report

Conduct a board member by-election

Hear from last year's funding recipients about their projects, events and activities

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest.

APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.

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RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As an APIRG board member, you will develop skills in:

- meeting facilitation
- personnel management
- strategic planning
- budget and policy development
- event coordination

You'll also:

- Meet new and exciting people
- Join a vibrant, active community
- Access training, networking and socializing opportunities

Nomination packages can be downloaded at www.apirg.org or picked up at 9111 HUB Mall

Students' Union Elections Office

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To: ➤ Ms. Brittney Bugler
Speaker, Students' Council
➤ Mr. John Braga
Vice President (Academic), Students' Union
➤ Mr. Garry Bodnar
University Secretariat

From: ➤ Mr. Patrick Wisheu
Chief Returning Officer

Subject: September 2008 By-Election Results
Date: September 26, 2008

September 2008 By-Election Results

The Students' Union would like to congratulate the following individuals who were elected by students in their faculty during the September 2008 By-Election:

Students' Council

Business

- Jaiman Chin

Education

- Rachel Dunn
- Mark Prokopiuk

Nursing

- Jenna Pylypow
 - Councillor-in-Waiting:
Harmeet S. Minhas

Science

- Kevin Tok
- Sean Wallace

Pharmacy

- Stephanie Saik
 - Councillor-in-Waiting:
Verity Scott

General Faculties Council

Agricultural, Life, and Environmental Sciences

- Debra Murphy

Arts

- Colten Yamagishi
- Matt Trodden
- Siahra Skelton-Moen
- Thomas Haennel

Augustana

- Thomas Mauthe

Engineering

- Ian Bushfield

Nursing

- Nichole Aichinger
- Betty Ng

Science

- Andy Cheema
- Kevin Tok

To: Brittney Pederson: Speaker, Students' Council
Garry Bodnar: University Secretariat
From: John Braga: Vice President (Academic), Students' Union
Date: September 26th, 2008
Subject: Undergraduate Appointments to General Faculties Council

Following the September 2008 By-Elections which concluded earlier today, seventeen undergraduate student vacancies remained on General Faculties Council. The following nine individuals are hereby appointed to General Faculties Council, with eight undergraduate student vacancies remaining to be filled. The remaining eight undergraduate student vacancies will be filled prior to the October meeting of General Faculties Council.

Faculty of Arts
Emily Fung

School of Business
Craig Turner
Jaiman Chin

Faculty of Education
Cory Dawson

Faculty of Native Studies
Elsa Peterson

Faculty of Science
Adam Williams
Vikram Kapoor
Steven Dollansky
Chris Le

General Faculties Council

I would like to draw Students' Council's attention to the editorial entitled "Student apathy breeds oligarchy" in today's Gateway. I strongly encourage questions from Students' Council during question period to address this issue. Please refer to the two attachments in today's agenda package that list the GFC Councillors elected in the by-election and separately list the GFC Councillors appointed to some of the vacancies remaining after the by-election was concluded. I will be writing a letter to the editor tomorrow, which I hope that Gateway will choose to publish.

Bear Scat and Bear Tracks

Janelle, Marc and I are booked to test the upgrade on Friday, October 3rd. Later that day the Executive will be holding an Executive Meeting to vote as to the fate of Bear Scat. Of course, we are bound by the Students' Council Policy – which will be the sole measure by which we judge the upgraded Bear Tracks. I can scarcely wait to see what Editorial Cartoon the Gateway comes out with.

8000 Series Bylaws

Consultation with Faculty Associations continues to progress. I am behind the schedule I set for myself, so please expect an information item to be submitted at the next meeting of Students' Council and for motions to begin appearing in November.

Multifaceted Evaluation of Teaching

Multifaceted Evaluation of Teaching has made a leap forward and we are back on track! The Task Force has reconvened and is discussing the issues in a more in depth and holistic manner which will ensure that a well balanced solution can be found some time in the next two years!

Academic Materials

Continue very much in the positive vein that they have occupied all summer. Yeah for a successful Be Booksmart Campaign in September!

Council of Faculty Associations

There is communication! Overall, I am very please with the effort that the Faculty Association Executives are putting in to accurately represent their students. A record amount of collaboration and communication with the Students' Union this year.