

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday January 27, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-20)

2009-20/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2009-20/2 PRESENTATIONS

2009-20/2a Restricted Access: Follow-up – Presented by Janelle Morin, President. Sponsored by Janelle Morin, President.

2009-20/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2009-20/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009-20/5b Grant Allocation Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-20.01

2009-20/5c BOG - Report

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2009-20/5e Budget and Finance Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-20.04

2009-20/5f Council Administration Committee

Please see documents LA 09-20.05

2009-20/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2009-20/6w **CLARKE/QUEVILLON MOVES THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #15 in second reading.

Principle

D.I.E. Board timelines and timelines for rulings by the CRO must be uniform during the election period. When conflicting, the shortest required time period shall take precedence.

Please see document LA 09-20.06

2009-20/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2009-20/7d

Augustana Support letters

Please see document LA 09-20.07

2009-20/7e

Steven Dollansky, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see Document LA 09-20.08

2009-20/7f

Janelle Morin, President- Report

Please see document LA 09-20.09

2009-20/7g

Kristen Flath, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 09-20.10

2009-20/7h

2009-20/6s Principles

Please see document LA 09-20.11

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Grant Allocation Committee

2008-2009/GAC /05

Dear Council:

At the Thursday January 15, 2009 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee:

The Grant Allocation Committee met as a group on January 15 to discuss matters of business for the Winter semester. The Grant Allocation Committee does much of its work outside of the committee, working with the Access Fund staff to ensure proper administration of the fund. As a result, the GAC will meet only 5 times this semester (with the possibility of one or two meetings being cancelled if unnecessary). The committee will meet on Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Mar. 19, and Apr. 2 at 6:00pm.

The committee approved two motions in relation to the administration of the Access Fund.

1. DOLLANSKY/TOK moved that the Committee approve an expenditure of no more than \$200 to purchase a bookshelf for the Access Fund offices.
2. SAINCHER/TOK moved that the Committee direct the VPOF to take the steps necessary to make the Access Fund a registered charity.

Additionally, student group granting was reviewed and granting guidelines were discussed. The GAC will be working to create concrete guidelines for student group granting before the end of the year.

The GAC will meet on January 29, 2009 at 6:00 to grant the remainder of the Eugene L. Brody funds.

Sincerely,

Steven Dollansky
Chair, Grant Allocation Committee

Hello Council,

First of all congratulations to the students who were involved in the Restricted Access campaign. Outstanding work to all of you- choose action over apathy!

The BOG meeting went as it usually does and unfortunately the rent and tuition increases passed. It is very concerning and something we should consider within the scope of our political policies. Education should be a balance between personal and public cost-sharing, but I think the costs for too long have been downloaded onto students. I am glad that our votes were noted in opposition. I know that tuition increased by CPI, which is reasonable, but the base amount upon which these inflationary increases are taking place is unacceptable.

Much talk at the meeting was in regards to international student recruitment. I think council should explore this issue a little further and maybe consider a political policy. More on this later, however.

I think the SU website needs to have all of the past tuition presentations available in a clear and accessible place so that student leaders such as yourselves can view and read them. I think they provide valuable insight into the Board of Governors meeting, as many students are unable to attend. Maybe someone should POI the exec about this...

The next steps...

I discussed accessible student housing with a few Governors after the meeting and I am hoping there might be a chance to put together a lobby strategy on student residences. The Governors are hearing loud and clear about the importance of student housing for the university and now we need to figure out how to turn these sentiments into action.

I look forward to seeing a debate on this issue, maybe we could put something together for SUB vision?

Michael Janz

PS: As always, if you hear of anyone wanting to run for executive, BOG, or council, I am always open to sharing my experiences as a former President if anyone is curious.

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Audit Committee

2008-2009/AC /11

Dear Council:

At the Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 meeting of the Audit Committee:

a) The committee reviewed the responses provided by Anita Kuper (Senior Manager of Finance and Administration) to the Credit Card Statement Review conducted on November 26th, 2008 and generally found the responses acceptable.

b) The committee reviewed the responses provided by Anita Kuper (Senior Manager of Finance and Administration) to the Business Unit Review conducted on November 26th, 2008 and generally found the responses acceptable.

c) It was indicated that the auditor selection process is now underway, and the chair will begin submitting requests for proposals from auditing firms.

d) It was discussed that tentative changes to bylaw may result in Audit Committee increasing its role for FA/FAMF/FASF/FMF reporting. It was indicated that if changes to bylaw pass the Audit Committee will review documentation submitted by Faculty Associations to help ensure the financial accountability of these organizations.

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For specific details and questions, please feel free to refer to the minutes posted online.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1800h, the committee plans on continuing with the auditor selection process, and possibly reviewing the profit and loss statements for Students' Union departments or conducting a review of executive credit card statements.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

University of Alberta Students' Union

Report to Students' Council

Budget and Finance Committee

2008-2009/BFC /11

Dear Council:

At the Wednesday, January 21st, 2009 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee:

The committee continued with its review of budget principles, and discussed several items of interest, including: the status and future of the High School Leadership Conference and the establishment of a building reserve.

The committee has requested a senior representative from Safewalk attend the next meeting to discuss the nature of operations of the service (in addition to what was provided within the Operating Plan document provided in the previous trimester).

The committee was provided with an update that CAC will soon be forwarding the results of the executive pay review to BFC for review.

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For specific details and questions, please feel free to refer to the minutes posted online.

At the next meeting on Wednesday, January 28th, 2009 at 1700h, the committee plans on continuing with budget principles preparation and meeting with representatives from Safewalk.

Sincerely,

Zachary Fentiman

CAC Report to Council

Dearest Council,

Please find below a summary of CAC's last meeting.

New Chair

CAC met last Tuesday and elected a new chair...myself, Rachel Dunn. If you have any ideas or concerns that you would like CAC to look at please feel free to e-mail me: rsdunn@ualebrta.ca or let me treat you to coffee/bubble tea. You are also more than welcome to attend CAC as you are all members of CAC!

Where we started, where we're going

We reflected upon what CAC accomplished last term and discussed possible areas of focus for this term. I am still trying to refine the list but once I have established a solid set of goals I will submit them to council. A little taste of some of the short listed items: exec pay review, CRO/Speaker hiring process, committee structure & council retreat.

Committees

We discussed a review of Standing Committees as outlined in CAC 's standing orders. The idea to restructure some of the committees was brought before CAC. I will be meeting with the chairs tonight to check in, gather feedback and make sure CAC is providing them with the support they require.

Council Jackets

They're ordered. I have been told to look out for them in 2-3 weeks. They will all be black as grey was discontinued. Thank you for your continued patience. If you feel particularly upset about this issue please feel free to take me up on my above coffee offer. I am also open to the following: pre/post council chats, e-mails, facebook messages, loud yelling across Quad, chats during which you stalk me from one class to another, notes left on my windshield, notes in my lunch box (but only if you wish me a good day like my mom used to) etc.

Next Meeting

Feb. 3rd - 6:00 pm - Lower Level Meeting Room

Warm regards,

Rachel (Councilor Dunn)

(b) where a ruling is delivered by the Board, report to Council and the parties the ruling of the Board.

17. Applications in writing

An application to launch an action or appeal shall be made to the Registrar in writing.

18. Actions limited those founded in rule of law

The Board shall grant applications for actions within the Board's scope and order a hearing.

19. Time limit on scheduling a hearing

The Board shall order a hearing no later than seven days after the Registrar has received a valid application, unless all parties to the application agree to an extension. During a Students' Union election, the Board shall order a hearing within twelve (12) hours after the Registrar has received a valid application.

20. Time limit on appeal

Applications appealing a ruling of the Panel of First Instance must be submitted to the Registrar within seven days of the ruling.

21. Panel of First Instance

Actions shall be heard by a Panel of First Instance consisting of three tribunes, one of whom must be either the Chief Tribune or an Associate Chief Tribune.

22. Panel of Appeal

Appeals of rulings of the Panel of First Instance shall be heard by a Panel of Appeal consisting of five tribunes, at least one of whom must be either the Chief Tribune or an Associate Chief Tribune.

23. No cross over between the Panel of Appeal and Panel of First Instance on any given application

No tribune who took part in the decision of the Panel of First Instance on an action may sit on the Panel of Appeal or take part in the hearing or adjudication of the application for appeal.

24. Replacement of the Chief Tribune or Associate Chief Tribune

If neither the Chief Tribune nor any Associate Chief Tribune can hear an action or appeal, they will be replaced for the duration of that action or appeal by other tribunes selected by the Board.

25. Exclusive ultimate appellate jurisdiction

Apr 10/06

Oct 25/05

Sept 1/04

March 23/04

Students' Council
University of Alberta

26 January 2009

Dear Students' Council;

I am writing this in support of the Fee Transfer Payment to the Augustana Students' Association. For many years the ASA has been providing services to the students at Augustana Campus and because of the distance, the students here cannot readily access services through the Students' Union. This fee transfer will allow us to enhance our services to the Augustana Students.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Makrina Scott
Augustana Councilor

Students' Council
University of Alberta

26 January 2009

Dear Students' Council;

I am writing this to show my support of the Augustana Students' Association's (ASA) fee renewal. The ASA has been providing representation and services to the Augustana students for over 3 decades. We employ an Executive Director who ensures the continuity of our organization. The students consistently show their support of the ASA by attending events and accessing our services. Since our students have a distance barrier in accessing Student Union Services, it is important that the ASA is able to provide front-line services to the students at the Augustana Campus.

We have proven to be good stewards of student money and the students, faculty, and administration support our services and our charging of fees. The students of Augustana have approved the ASA fee through referendum for over three decades.

Sincerely,

Makrina Scott
Augustana Councilor

Report to Students' Council 2.0

January 27, 2009

Prepared by: Steven Dollansky, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)



To: 2008/2009 Students' Council

Hello Council,

I would like to apologize for my absence this evening. I intended on coming until yesterday afternoon when it became apparent that there had been a miscommunication that caused a previous engagement not to be rescheduled. As a result, I have compiled a document that addresses possible questions from Councillors. As always, my office door is open to those who have questions.

Thanks,
SD

Updates

- Budget 2009/2010 – BFC will attempt to present budget principles to Council at the next meeting. They will be meeting tomorrow if you wish to join us. Please ask Mr. Fentiman about this as he knows exactly what is going on.
- SUB and PAC Expansions – We will be traveling to Sherwood Park to tour Millennium Place and receive a presentation on the planning process that was involved in its discussion. This should be hugely helpful in visioning what PAC can become and how we can devise a process that will see some of our space needs incorporated. Ms. Flath should be able to take any questions on this topic.
- Coke Contract – we have heard that Ancillary Services had a very positive meeting with Student Awards, so I have my fingers (and toes at this point) crossed that we will have a deal soon.
- ONEcard – I met with John Younk to discuss the prospect of putting the ONEcard office into SUB for next year. We are looking at setting up a service desk where SUBspace is now, and then finding office space nearby. These discussions are ongoing and I will keep Council informed.
- Green Store – we are pursuing an idea that would see SUBtitles offer a completely green product line. ECOS, Marketing, SUBtitles, Kristen, and I will be meeting soon to put together a plan for implementation.

Please note: Bill #37 is not time sensitive, so if Council wants to delay it until next meeting they should feel free. If we do make it to the Bill tonight, Vice-President Eastham has agreed to introduce it on my behalf.

Report to Council Edition 18.0

Janelle Morin, President 2008-2009

January 27, 2009

Dear Council:

With the Restricted Access campaign finally finished (although there will be follow-up, and the implications of the campaign will be felt for quite some time), my duties will shift back into regular gear and normal mode.

CAUS/ AICTISEC Joint Meeting

This weekend, CAUS and AICTISEC will be meeting to discuss the implications of Mount Royal College becoming Mount Royal University. This will be a very interesting discussion, and I'm sure Bev and I will have much to report on it at the next Council meeting. We will also be discussing our policy on ICLR in a meeting beforehand on Saturday.

First-Year Lister Initiative

The Dean of Students will be meeting with first-year Lister students this weekend to discuss residence issues in an environment outside of residence. This is a fantastic project that we look forward to being a part of. The open dialogue with administration is the exact approach our campus needs in moving forward. This comes in the wake of a series of successful meetings regarding the future of Lister elections (again, more to come on this in my next report as everything wraps up).

Festival of Teaching

By the time you have read this report, I will have escorted our new Chancellor Linda Hughes at the Festival of Teaching. This is a great event, and one our community should be very proud of, recognizing the contribution educators make to our campus. Cicero is expected to attend.

AUFSJ AGM

L'AUFSJ graciously invited me to their AGM to speak about Restricted Access, but I also got a chance to see their executive in action. The high level of involvement at CSJ is commendable. L'AUFSJ is currently preparing for a very challenging transition, as for the first time in memory they will have a total executive turn-over and few returning Council members. In light of this, they worked to pass an early budget for next year to ensure new members are left with continuity.

Running for Exec? Council? GFC?

If you're considering taking the plunge – and you should! – feel free to meet me for coffee, and I will give you whatever “wisdom” I've acquired this year. Meetings can be kept confidential if you wish, and I will be giving the same information and advice to every potential candidate I talk with.

Transition

Strange to believe, but we're already discussing transition and how to prepare for turnover in the coming months. We would very much like this year's transition to be smooth and thorough, so I've asked the Executive and Marketing & Communications to put some serious thought into records and ongoing projects for next year's people.

Cheers,
Janelle

Hello Council,

Thanks to everyone who was able to help out with the Restricted Access Campaign. It went very well and it was because we had dedicated volunteers there to help organize it.

Health Plan – Our General Manager and myself met up with Studentcare last week to talk about any last details regarding the plan and going ahead into the referendum. If you are interested in being involved in the referendum process please come talk to me.

FA Health Plan – I met with the MSA/LSA and Studentcare to review and sign the agreement that would see Studentcare as the health care provider for the FAs, pending results of the general and faculty-specific referendum. Everything is going smoothly, and they are preparing the referendum question.

Sustainability – The Associate Director of ECOS, Director, and myself met with the Acting Director of the Sustainability Office and discuss upcoming sustainability initiatives. It is a priority to include sustainability in teaching, through the coursework as well as class projects. I am interested in setting up a university-wide discussion group on sustainability. There is also a possibility for ECOS to expand the scope of their projects in partnership with the Office of Sustainability. If you have any suggestions please come speak with me.

Steve and I have also been discussing composting, Styrofoam elimination, and the development of a green store. These projects are all in progress and should be completed by the time we leave office. I will have further details when we report on our original campaign goals.

Last week ECOS was involved in a waste audit, which I hope you were all able to see the results of in SUBspace. If anything, it hammers home the need to reduce our waste in this building and throughout campus.

Campus Rec – I had a meeting with the Director of Campus Rec, Leah Hall-Dorothy, last week. We discussed some of the concerns that I have been receiving throughout the year from various groups and agreed that it might be helpful to have a meeting involving Campus Rec, the Dean of Students, myself, and sports clubs to discuss what has been going well and what hasn't been working out. If you, or any students you have spoken with, have issues to discuss with Campus Rec please come speak to me.

PAHC – PAHC discussions have been going well. The space program for SUB is in progress, which will help with our discussions. In the meantime we will began to develop a vision as a group for what we would like to see happen with PAHC. We will began by looking at sports centers in the area to see if we can get some ideas and inspiration from them.

Health Centre Advisory Group (HCAG) – At our last HCAG meeting we discussed Student Counseling Services, the need that exists for more counselors, and what we can do to address these issues. Currently much is up in the air with the possibility of a health plan, but we are looking to see what changes could be made if it does go through.

Student Services – The Manager of Student Services, Norma Rodenburg, and I have been discussing several of the services and the need to expand some, while possibly scale back the activities of others. We are also preparing for the reorganization of Student Group Services pending funding from the University Admin.

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.

FLATH/DUNN MOVES TO rescind Political Policy 13 (Capital Projects) as of January 13, 2009 and replace it with a Political Policy based on the following principles.

Principles:

- A dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be used to fund the construction of academic or research space.
- All capital projects funded directly by a student fee dedicated to that project must include proportional commitments from other stakeholder groups.
- The Students' Union shall participate in defining the purpose and scope of any project where a student fee is involved.
- A dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be implemented until such a time as students have the ability to receive benefits from their contribution.
- Tuition revenues shall not be used to support the construction of capital projects.