

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday March 10, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-23)

- 2008-23/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2008-23/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2008-23/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2008-23/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2008-23/5a External Policy Committee- Report
Please see document LA 08-23.01
- 2008-23/5b Council Administration Committee- Report
Please see document LA 08-23.02
- 2008-23/5c **CLOUTIER/DUNN MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #50, based on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, in first reading:

Principles:

That the University Policy Committee and the External Policy Committee be combined into one committee composed of seven (7) councilors and three (3) executives (VP External, VP Student Life and VP Academic nominated by default at the beginning of the year.
- 2008-23/5d **DEHOD/DUNN MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #51, based on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, in first reading:

Principles

The Speaker of Students' Council does not have to be a member of the Students' Union.
- 2008-23/6 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2008-23/6t **GELLER/DEHOD MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the External Policy Committee

2008-23/6u**BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council amend Bill #50 to read:

That the University Policy Committee and the External Policy Committee be combined into one committee, to be named the Policy Committee, consisting of nine members of Students' Council.

That Bill #50 shall take effect May 1st, 2009.

2008-23/7**INFORMATION ITEMS****2008-23/7d**

Kristen Flath, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 08-23.03

2008-23/7e

Augustana- Confirmation of the Faculty Association Membership Fee

Please see document LA 08-23.04

2008-23/7f

John Braga, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 08-23.05

2008-23/7g

Councillors leave of absence

Please see document LA 08-23.06

2008-23/7h

Helen Quevillon resigns from Students' Council

Please see document LA 08-23.07

2008-23/7i

Comments regarding quorum of Students' Council

Please see document LA 08-23.08

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

09-03-09

External Policy Committee

Hello Council:

The External Policy Committee has held two meetings this semester: Monday, February 9th, and Monday, March 9th. Quorum and availability have been huge issues for us the past few months, and meetings have been few and far between. If you're interested in being a proxy for our off-council Monday meetings at 4:00PM, let me know and I'll put you on a 'willing to proxy' list for any committee members unable to attend.

Speaking of interest in EPC, if you're interested in being on EPC for the remainder of the semester, we will be appointing someone to EPC at tonight's meeting! Because we only have two months left in our term, it's a short commitment. Tell a neighbour to nominate you if you're interested.

EPC has a number of goodies for you tonight. First, we have a policy on P3s that has taken a number of meetings to both discuss and write. Stay tuned for a debate on the P3 policy later this meeting. We also have a number of policies up for expiration on April 30th, 2009, that we've begun to discuss. Four of the five have been approved by the committee as relevant and up-to-date and will be appearing on the agenda in the near future. The last policy will be discussed further at our next meeting.

If you want to know in-depth information about our meetings, please review the minutes, and if you have any questions, feel free to email me or ask me during question period.

Jacqueline

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2009-March-8th

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council:

CAC met last week and had a very productive meeting. While I was disappointed by the turn out (especially with the councilor job description being up for discussion) we still managed to hold a very productive meeting.

I strongly urge you to read the following summary and update of CAC business as our next CAC meeting once again has the potential to deal with some controversial issues:

- **Council Retreat**

CAC passed a motion to book into the Shunda Creek Hostel in Nordegg for council retreat on May 23-25. If you are currently running for re-election (or election) please book this weekend off. I am still soliciting feedback and suggestions for council retreat. Please feel free to e-mail them to me (I won't get to look at them until after elections however)

- **Combine UPC/EPC**

CAC passed the following motion at our last meeting:

Dunn/Cloutier move to recommend to Students' Council that UPC/EPC be combined into one committee composed of 7 councilors and 3 Exec (VPX, VPSL, VPA nominated by default at the beginning of the year)

Motion passes 6/0/1

This will be brought before council tonight; I strongly recommend an amendment so that this would not come into effect until April 30th 2009.

- **Exec Pay Review**

We have laid this issue to rest for the remainder of the year. I asked current exec for proposals but have yet to receive responses. I will archive the information we have collected with CAC minutes and pass on all progress made on this issue to the next CAC chair in my transition report

- **Committee Report Structure**

CAC made the following changes to council standing orders to allow the BOG rep and committee chairs to submit oral reports to council:

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- (f) General Orders.

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Motion passed: 7/0/0

▪ Amendment Projection

I received an e-mail from Councilor Mastel requesting that CAC look into having motions/amendments projected onto a screen during council. This idea garnered a positive response from CAC and we are currently looking into the logistics of it.

▪ Councilor Job Description

I was disappointed that with such a contentious issue on the table few councilors turned up to the CAC meeting. Council last saw the job description in e-mails and CAC reports back in November. If you have anything to add to the description or feel strongly about it please come to the next CAC meeting. CAC is currently trying to decide where to put the job description and whether or not it needs further amendments. As it is likely to go in

standing orders (an area that can be amended by CAC without debate in council) it is very important to show up to the next CAC meeting if you have any feedback.

- Leave of Absence

I will be taking a leave of absence from council effective March 10, 2009 5:00pm until the close of councilor elections.

PART II March 10, 2009 before 5:00pm

CAC met once more to get some last minute business dealt with before some of our permanent voting members take leaves. The following business was accomplished.

- Speaker Hiring

CAC discussed the benefits and drawbacks of opening speaker hiring up to non-SU members. The benefits discussed are as follows:

1. Larger hiring pool
2. Potential to keep on Speakers for a second year after they graduate
3. Potential to hire Speakers who have a lot of council experience but are graduating
4. A step away from the SU could potentially decrease the possibility of bias

Drawbacks:

1. Potential for Speaker to be a TA of a councilor
2. Outside speakers may not be familiar with how council runs

All things considered we decided to recommend to council that the speaker does not have to be a member of the SU. The hiring committee will still give preference to a member of the SU all other things considered equal. The hiring committee will still seek a speaker who is familiar with the way council and the SU runs. The hiring committee will still seek a speaker free of bias and possible conflicts of interest that would hinder their ability to do the job.

Dunn/Kustra moved CAC recommend to council that the speaker of council does not have to be a member of the SU.

Motion passed: 6/0/0

- Election Questionnaire

CAC endorsed a post-election questionnaire to gather feedback on what candidates and campaign managers felt went well and was most challenging during Executive Elections. The questionnaire will include the following questions:

1. Do you have any suggestions regarding the election Bylaw?
2. Do you have any suggestions regarding the nomination package?
3. Do you have any suggestions regarding Bylaw 2000?

4. What was your most positive election experience?
5. What was your most challenging election experience?
6. What is your feedback on the forums?
7. General feedback, suggestions or thoughts:

- Oral Reports

CAC's prior meeting upset the order of business and to rectify the situation the following motion was passed.

Dunn/ moved to change standing orders such that

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- (g) General Orders.

Motion passed: 7/0/0

Council will now be able to hear Board and Committee reports without doing business before Question Period. Recommendations coming to council from committees will now appear in section (f).

As per bylaw and standing orders, these changes will not take effect until council has been notified. This is your notification. Changes should take effect next meeting.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the CAC meeting today. Thank you to our lovely Speaker for her input into speaker hiring. Good luck to everyone running for re-election and to those newbies running for election. Once again, I will be taking a leave of absence for the duration of elections.

Warm regards,

Rachel (Councillor Dunn)

*Please note that I do not have today's minutes and as such the names of Seconders may be off. I assure you the minutes will reflect the motions were indeed passed unanimously however.

Council Report 16 – March 10, 2009
Kristen Flath, Vice President (Student Life)

Hello Council,

Just trying to slow my palpitating heart after all the excitement of the last couple weeks. In between deep breaths, this is what I've been up to.

Health Plan – Hoorah! Now the fun of implementation begins. I have meetings this week with Studentcare to discuss what are next steps are and get everything off the ground.

U-Pass – We had a meeting last week with ETS about the (very delayed) survey that will be going out to students to get feedback on the U-Pass and ETS. We are aiming for late March, though previously we were aiming for January so don't get too excited yet. The survey will be online, as that seems that sparkly way to do things. The survey should be very helpful for negotiations and getting students' feedback.

PAHC – At our PAHC meeting last week we started organizing a group trip with the Dean of Phys Ed., Dean of Students, the Architects Office, and the SU to look at some state-of-the-art facilities in California. These facilities were some of the inspiration for the current plans for PAHC, and we will be going as a group to see them and develop what our collective vision will be.

Transition – Nick and I will be spending plenty of quality time together over the next couple of months talking about exciting things such as contracts and committees!

Individuals at Risk – The exec have been involved in many committee meetings regarding a proposed plan to help individuals at risk by connecting the dots of at risk behavior exhibited to different parties. We have had significant concerns with the proposed plan, in that there is no clear definition of what 'at risk' behavior implies and there is a mandatory reporting structure. Last we heard, the project is to be re-evaluated and tweaked to address these concerns.

Student Group Services – We are still waiting on the provincial government before we get confirmation from the University on funding for the Student Engagement Proposal, which would drastically affect SGS. In the meantime, we plan on making some changes to student group granting policy, as well as student group composition policies. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please let me know.

Nomination Committee – This week we start the lovely process of Nom Com, the hiring of all our one year contract services staff. I hope you have considered apply, they are excellent positions.

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.



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March 10, 2009

Confirmation of the Faculty Association Membership Fee (herein, "the Fee") for the Augustana Students' Association (herein, the "ASA") which serves as the Faculty Association for the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta (herein, "Augustana").

Outcome: The ASA Faculty Association Membership Fee was passed on March 5th, 2009 with a 69.7% favourable outcome. The fee was voted on by 32% of the Augustana student population which meets the requirement of at least 15% voter turnout. Therefore the ASA requests that the University of Alberta Administration collect this fee on behalf of the ASA.

Amount: The amount of the Fee shall be \$65.00 per student per semester for all Augustana Students starting in Fall 2009 and effective until April 2013.

Scope: An Augustana student is anyone enrolled in classes at the Augustana Campus and is a member of the ASA as per the ASA Bylaws. The Fee shall apply to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time.

The ASA thanks you for your time and commitment regarding the ASA Fee. Please confirm with the writer regarding the collection of the ASA Fee. If you require any additional information with regards to the ASA Faculty Association Membership Fee, please contact the writer at (780) 679-1584 or by email at sapresident@augustana.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T Mauthe".

Thomas Mauthe
President
Augustana Students' Association

Congratulations to Leah Trueblood!

On Thursday, March 5th, Leah Trueblood was elected as Students' Union Vice President (Academic) for the 2009-2010 school year. I am extremely pleased to be transitioning her into office (as of May 1st, 2009), as she exhibits great aptitude and enthusiasm for the position.

Welcome Back Craig Turner!

Over the last three weeks I have truly realized the value of having a highly competent Associate Vice President working together with me in the portfolio. There is a lot that I hope to have accomplished before leaving office on April 20th, 2009 and Craig is a vital and valued part of achieving the goals.

Next Monday is the Students' Union Awards Night; Craig and Catherine are spearheading this project. Please look forward to an update at the next Students' Council meeting.

Council of Faculty Associations

The loss of quorum at the February 24th, 2009 meeting of Students' Council was a minor setback in the processing of the 8000 Series Bylaw Review. Four Faculty Associations had representatives present at the meeting to observe, or to add their perspective through someone sponsoring them to speak.

I am really looking forward to tonight's meeting of Students' Council as it is vital to the transition process that the review be concluded on as expedient a timeline as possible. Thank you for your assistance in and commitment to improving the quality of our governance of the Faculty Associations.

Leave of absence

Caitlin Schulz - Tuesday, March 10th until March 21st

Sean Wallace- Tuesday, March 10th at 5 pm until March 21st

Brittany Kustra- Tuesday, March 10th at 5 pm until March 21st

James Eastham- Tuesday, March 10th at 5 pm

Petros Kusmu- Tuesday, March 10th at 5pm until March 21st

Rachel Dunn- Tuesday, March 10th at 5pm until March 21st

John Mastel - Tuesday, March 10th at 5pm until March 21st

Madam Speaker

I hereby resign from Students' Union Students' Council 08/09 as a Science councilor, for medical reasons, effective March 6th, 2009. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of you and I hope you enjoy the remainder of the year.

Helen Quevillon

Dear Members of Students' Council:

The following is for your consideration with regards to the quorum of Students' Council. After reading through Robert's Rules of Order it is very apparent that Students' Union Bylaw 100 Section 9.1 has a very specific meaning.

Robert's Rules of Order states that quorum of a society is usually a majority of its membership, but that many societies, which operate on a volunteer basis often have quorums that are smaller than a majority of its membership.

Students' Union Bylaw 100 Section 9.1 reads:

Quorum of Students' Council is a majority of its current voting membership.

The words 'current voting' modify the category of members used to determine quorum. Specifically, last meeting a successful appeal of the decision of the chair asserted that vacancies do not count towards the current voting membership of Students' Council. Additionally, it is an uncontested fact that the Speaker and the General Manager are not counted towards the requirements of quorum as neither is a voting member of Students' Council.

Since the last meeting, and further thought and discussion on this topic, I have come to hold the position that members on a leave of absence from Students' Council do not count as current voting members. While on a leave of absence from Students' Council these individuals are not eligible to vote in Students' Council. This is attested to by the fact that members on a leave of absence are not even eligible to send proxies to Students' Council on their behalf. As such they are not current voting members of Students' Council and should not be counted towards the requirements of quorum.

Students' Union Bylaw is very specific in its definition of quorum when compared to Robert's Rules of Order, and as such the words 'current voting' modify the generic definition of quorum in Robert's Rules of Order as outlined above.

There are thirty-eight (38) voting seats, as well as two (2) non-voting seats, composing Students' Council. Three (3) of these voting seats are currently vacant. As of 2:30 PM today seven (7) voting members of Students' Council are on a leave of absence, this number may increase before the calling to order of tonight's meeting.

If Section 9.1 omitted the words 'current voting' then quorum would be a majority of $(40 - 3 = 37)$ members, which equals nineteen (19) members. If Section 9.1 included the word 'voting' and omitted the word 'current' then quorum would be a majority of $(38 - 3 = 35)$ voting members, which equals eighteen (18) voting members. Since Section 9.1 is as presented above, quorum is a majority of $(38 - 3 - 7 = 28)$ current voting members which equals fifteen (15) current voting members. Should one or two more leave of absences be submitted quorum would be reduced to fourteen (14) current voting members.

Thank you,

John Braga
SU VP Academic