

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

ORDER PAPER (SC 2008-23)

2008-23/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2008-23/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2009

2008-23/1b Council Retreat update

2008-23/2 PRESENTATIONS

2008-23/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2008-23/3a Executive Committee report – February 11, February 18 and February 23, 2009
Please see document SC 08-23.01

2008-23/4 QUESTION PERIOD

2008-23/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2008-23/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2008-23/6a **BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council omnibus the first readings of Bills #37 through #41, Item #2008-23/6b, and Item #2008-23/6h.

2008-23/6b **MORIN MOVES THAT** Students' Council direct that by the March 24th, 2009 meeting of Students' Council the Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall provide to Students' Council, as an information item, the adopted Terms of Reference of the Council of Faculty Associations.

2008-23/6c **BRAGA MOVES THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #37 in first reading:

Principles

The Students' Union shall derecognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency, upon the Faculty Association or Campus Association no longer being a student group.

The Students' Union may derecognize a Faculty Association or Campus

Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency, if:
 the Faculty Association or Campus Association applies for derecognition; or
 a majority of the students which the Faculty Association or Campus
 Association represents petition for derecognition.

During the period of an unrepresented constituency the Students' Union shall assume responsibility of the affairs of the constituency. After two calendar weeks and before two calendar months of the existence of an unrepresented constituency the Students' Union shall recognize a new Faculty Association or Campus Association.

The Students' Union may derecognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association if another student group applies for recognition as the Faculty Association representing the constituency, if and only if that student group is then recognized as the Association, having probationary status, representing that constituency.

2008-23/6d

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #38 in first reading:

Principles

The Students' Union may recognize a Faculty Association or Campus Association as having probationary status if:

- multiple significant issues arise out of the annual recognition process, notwithstanding that a previously recognized Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be presumed to retain its previous recognition;
- the Faculty Association or Campus Association applies for probation; or
- in a constituency of at least 1000 base members, fifteen percent or more of the students which the Faculty Association or Campus Association represents petition for probation.

The Students' Union and the Faculty Association or Campus Association, having probationary status, shall agree to and sign Conditions of Probation, which shall govern the Faculty Association or Campus Association while it retains its probationary status.

After three calendar months and before one calendar year of an Association being recognized as having probationary status, the Students' Union shall either;
 recognize the Association as no longer having probationary status; or
 derecognize the Association, thus leaving an unrepresented constituency.

2008-23/6e

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #39 in first reading:

Principles

A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall adopt a governance structure which satisfies the following:

Legislation is adopted, amended, or rescinded by:

- a General Meeting which meets at least once per Fall Term and Winter Term;
- or
- a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term where a General Meeting may overturn the adoption, amendment, or rescission.

Policy and Procedure is adopted, amended, or rescinded by:

- a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term; or
- an Executive Committee or Board which meets at least once per month during each Fall Term and Winter Term where a Council may overturn the

adoption, amendment, or rescission.

the executive and board officers, as applicable, of the Faculty Association or Campus Association are held accountable to and removable by:
 a General Meeting which meets at least once per Fall Term and Winter Term;
 a Council which meets at least twice per Fall Term and Winter Term; or
 another mechanism agreed to by the Students' Union.

elections, plebiscites and referenda if applicable, are conducted by a Campus Association Deputy Returning Officer or Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officer who acts at arms length from the other bodies of the Campus Association or Faculty Association.

2008-23/6f

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #40 in first reading:

Principles

The Chair of Audit Committee shall maintain the Schedule to Bylaw 3000, A Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Finances.

2008-23/6g

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #41 in first reading:

Principles

All Faculty Associations and Campus Associations shall provide an annual report of its finances to its membership and to the Students' Union. This report shall include the Faculty Association or Campus Association's current fiscal year's budget and the previous fiscal year's audited financial statements.

All Faculty Associations or Campus Associations with a Campus Association Transfer Payment, Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee shall append additional information to their annual report. This appendix shall include evidence of compliance with Students' Union Bylaw, evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union and additional information as requested by the Students' Union Audit Committee.

No funds raised by a Campus Association Transfer Payment, Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee shall be dispersed to a Faculty Association or Campus Association until such time as the funds have been received from the Office of the Registrar and the Students' Union Audit Committee has approved this dispersal.

Upon the Faculty Association or Campus Association being demonstrated to be in compliance with Students' Union Bylaws the Audit Committee shall approve the dispersal of funds to the Faculty Association or Campus Association by June 30th of that fiscal year or within four calendar weeks, whichever is later.

Where the funds have been received by the Students' Union from the Office of the Registrar and where the Students' Union Audit Committee has approved the dispersal of the funds, the funds shall be dispersed to the Faculty Association or Campus Association within two calendar weeks.

All Faculty Associations or Campus Associations with a Faculty Membership Fee shall append additional information to their annual report. This appendix shall include evidence of compliance with Students' Union Bylaw, evidence of seeking alternatives to the fee and a recommendation regarding the continuation or termination of the Faculty Membership Fee.

2008-23/6h

MORIN MOVES THAT Students' Council directs that:

the Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall secure written agreement between the Students' Union and the relevant Faculty Association or Campus Association to the amendment of their Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal such that the fund dispersal mechanism outlined in Bill #41 shall take affect May 1st, 2009; and

the Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall secure written agreement between the Students' Union and the relevant Faculty Association or Campus Association to the amendment of their Faculty Association Special Fee Proposal such that the fund dispersal outlined mechanism in Bill #41 shall take affect May 1st, 2009.

2008-23/6i

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council omnibus the first readings of Bills #42 and #43.

2008-23/6j

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #42 in first reading:
Principles

A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have the right to use the Students' Union Councillor Election polling stations and the Students' Union Councillor Election electronic ballot for the base members to vote for the purpose of the:

election of such positions as may be required by that Faculty Association or Campus Association; and

voting on such plebiscites and referenda as may be required by that Faculty Association or Campus Association.

All sections of Students' Union Bylaws pertaining to the elections, plebiscites and referenda of a Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be consolidated into Bylaw 8100, A Bylaw Respecting Faculty Associations and Campus Associations.

2008-23/6k

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #43 in first reading:
Principles

The General Election of Faculty Councillors for Augustana Faculty to Students' Council and General Faculties Council shall be conducted concurrently with the General Election of the Students' Union Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors.

The Faculty Association for Augustana Faculty shall have the right to use the Student's Union Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors poling stations and the Students' Union Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors electronic ballot for the base members to vote for the purpose of the:

election of such positions as may be required by the Faculty Association for Augustana Faculty; and

voting on such plebiscites and referenda as may be required by the Faculty

Associaiton for Augustana Faculty.

2008-23/6l

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council omnibus the first readings of Bills #44 through #48

2008-23/6m

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #44 in first reading:
Principles
The base membership of a Faculty Association shall be defined as all undergraduate students enrolled in the faculty represented by the Faculty Association.

The base membership of a Campus Association shall be defined as all undergraduate students enrolled in a faculty located on the satellite campus represented by the Campus Association.

Notwithstanding this for matters that do not pertain to the collection of Campus Association Transfer Payments, Faculty Association Membership Fees, Faculty Association Special Fees , Faculty Membership Fees and Students' Union electronic ballots, the membership of a Faculty Association or Campus Association may be defined by criteria agreed upon with Students' Council.

2008-23/6n

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #45 in first reading:

Principles

That Students' Council agrees to the current membership definition of l'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean which is:

Tout étudiant inscrit à au moins un cours de la Faculté Saint-Jean est considéré member de l'A.U.F.S.J.

(All students enrolled in at least one course at the Faculté Saint-Jean are considered members of the AUFSJ.)

2008-23/6o

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #46 in first reading:

Principles

The members of a Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have the following rights:

to resign one's membership by notifying the Association;

to reinstate one's membership by notifying the Association;

for one to be afforded the same voting power as any other member of the Association at a General Meeting, in a referendum or plebiscite, and in an election for its officers;

for one to be afforded the same voting power as any other member of a constituency of the Association in an election for a representative of that constituency; and

for one to be afforded the same access to services and events as any other member in the same membership category of the Association.

2008-23/6p

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #47 in first reading:

Principles

The purpose of a Campus Association Transfer Payment is to provide financial

support for the operation of a Campus Association. Only a Campus Association is eligible for a Campus Association Transfer Payment.

All base members of the Campus Association shall have a percentage of their Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association with the remainder retained by the Students' Union.

The percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association shall be determined by dividing the net Political/Governance spending of the Students' Union by the net Students' Union membership fees collected; then multiplying this number by one hundred; then subtracting this number from one hundred.

The percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association may be recalculated upon the mutual agreement of the Campus Association and the Students' Union.

Notwithstanding this, the term between calculations of the percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to the Campus Association shall not exceed four years.

2008-23/6q

BRAGA MOVES THAT Students' Council approves Bill #48 in first reading: Principles

On September 1st, 2009 the Augustana Students' Association shall begin receiving a Campus Association Transfer Payment as outlined in Bill #47 where the percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred shall be 56.85% as per Bill #47.

On September 1st, 2009 l'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean shall begin receiving a Campus Association Transfer Payment as outlined in Bill #47 where the percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred shall be 74.00% as per current practice.

On September 1st, 2010 the percentage of the Students' Union membership fee transferred to l'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean shall be recalculated as per Bill #47.

For both the Augustana Students' Association and l'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean the fund dispersal outlined in Bill #47 shall take effect May 1st, 2009.

2008-23/6r

SHULTZ/QUEVILLON MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eternal Policy Committee, adopt the following principles on P3s as a Political Policy:

- 1) The University of Alberta is a public institution and should not have to have to enter partnerships with private companies for capital projects.
- 2) The University of Alberta should be funding infrastructure and the building of residences with money from the government.
- 3) The planning, operation, and administration of student residences should be directed primarily by the concerns and interests of students.
- 4) The University of Alberta should not take on the risks of entering a P3 because the costs would be transferred to students to pay for.
- 5) The administration of the new student residences should be modeled after and tied into the existing administration of other University of Alberta residences.

2008-23/6s **DUNN MOVES THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #49 in first reading based on the following principles.

Bill #49- Committee Chair Reports
Principles (first reading)

1. Chairs of standing committees shall, prior to concluding their terms as chairs, submit transition reports.

2008-23/7 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2008-23/7a Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 08-23.02

2008-23/7b Speaker of Students' Council- Job Description

Please see document SC 08-23.03

2008-23/7c Chief Returning Officer- Job Description

Please see document SC 08-23.04

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council March 10, 2009

- 1. The following motion was passed at the February 11, 2009 meeting:**
 - a. DOLLANSKY/MORIN MOVED THAT 11.07.15 and 11.07.18 be removed from Operating policy 11.07.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 2. The following motion was passed at the February 18, 2009 meeting:**
 - a. MORIN/BRAGA MOVED THAT the Executive committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed 3800.00 for the President and VP External to attend the 2009 CASA Lobby Conference and General meeting March 21-March 29, 2009.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 3. The following motion was passed at the February 23, 2009 meeting:**
 - a. DOLLANSKY/BRAGA MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 7.09.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

- 4. There were no motions passed at the February 27, 2009 meeting.**

- 5. There were no motions passed at the March 4, 2009 meeting.**

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday February 24, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2008-22)

- 2008-22/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2008-22/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2009
- 2008-22/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2008-22/2a Gateway Student Journalism Society presentation- Presented by Dane Bullerwell and Jennifer Hyugen. Sponsored by Steven Dollansky, VP Operations and Finance, seconded by Geller.
- 2008-22/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- Janelle Morin, President- Oral Report
- Kristen Flath, VP Student Life- Oral Report
- Steven Dollansky, VP operations and Finance- Oral Report
- 2008-22/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- Point of order: Janelle Morin " Are we at quorum?"
- Speaker: "I don't know I'm investigating it now"
- Point of order: McKinney "Madam speaker does a majority not have to have to be more then half and aren't we at exactly half at the moment?"
- Speaker: "Point well taken, council doesn't have quorum."
- Council moved to recess for 5 minutes**
- Meeting called back to order**
- BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED TO Appeal the decision of the chair**
- Motion: Failed (Council continues)**
- 2008-22/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2008-22/6r

DOLLANSKY/MELENCHUK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the Single Source Cold Beverage Memorandum of Agreement between the Students' Union and the University of Alberta

Speakers List: Dollansky, Flath, Braga

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm

Speaker of Students' Council

JOB SUMMARY: The Speaker of Students' Council reports to Students' Council and oversees Students' Council meetings as set out in Bylaw 100. The Speaker of Students' Council shall be appointed by Students' Council in the manner set out in Bylaw 100 and normally shall serve from May 1 to April 30 of the year following their appointment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To chair all meetings of Students' Council
2. To oversee the budget and logistical needs of Students' Council
3. To request a report from the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions requiring them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in bylaw
4. To represent Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board
5. The Speaker shall convene and chair the introductory meeting as soon as practical after all elections have been completed except any portion of the meeting in which the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.
6. To fulfill other duties as may be required by Students' Council from time to time.
7. The Speaker shall be selected at the introductory meeting by the Students' Council-elect

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an undergrad student registered in at least one (1) course for each of the terms of Winter Session and shall be a full Students' Union member.
2. Must have experience in Robert's Rules.
3. Shall not concurrently hold a position on Students' Council, or any of its standing boards, committees, or any other paid position with the Students' Union.
4. Willingness and ability to commit to attending the council retreat and each meeting of Students' Council.
5. Ability to deal effectively with elected Executives and Student Councillors as well as Students' Union staff

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

JOB SUMMARY: The Chief Returning Officer reports to the President of the Students' Union and oversees all electoral logistics as per Bylaw 2000. The Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed by Students' Council in the manner set out in Bylaw 100 and normally serve from May 1 to April 30 of the year following their appointment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) To run the elections as per Bylaws 2000
- 2) To run referenda/plebiscites as per Bylaw 2000.
- 3) To choose the Deputy Returning Officer(s) and assign their duties and also provide a training session for the Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officers at least four (4) weeks prior to the close of the Faculty Association's nominations.
- 4) To organize polls during elections/referenda, including appointing adequate poll staff and situating polls at appropriate locations across campus, and advertising the poll locations.
- 5) To oversee the physical count of the ballots during elections/referenda.
- 6) To report the result of an election/referendum to the appropriate parties.
- 7) To facilitate classroom speaking arrangements during an election/referendum.
- 8) To enforce budgetary regulations as stipulated in the Elections Bylaw 2000.
- 9) To rule on all appeals of Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officer decisions.
- 10) To be available to all parties during elections/referenda for a minimum of four (4) working hours a day, between Monday to Friday, from the first working day after nominations close until the last day of voting. These hours are to be posted in advance.
- 11) To act as the arbitrator in any dispute which may arise during the course of an election/referendum.
- 12) To ensure that a cost effective and accurate ballot counting process is in place.
- 13) To submit to Students' Council, prior to April 30, a final report of activities and recommendations.
- 14) To organize a minimum of one (1) forum to be held during the week of campaigning.
- 15) Perform other job related duties as required by the Council Administration Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Must be an undergrad student registered in at least one (1) course for each of the terms of Winter Session and shall be a full Students' Union member.
- 2) Must have some experience in student elections.
- 3) Shall not concurrently hold a position on Students' Council, or any of its standing boards, committees, or any other paid position with the Students' Union.
- 4) Willingness and ability to work varying hours.
- 5) Ability to deal effectively with Students' Union and University staff, students and the general public.