

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday July 21, 2009  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-07)

- 2009-07/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2009-07/2      PRESENTATIONS
- 2009-07/2b     Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement- Presented by Marc Dumouchel, General Manager. Sponsored by Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance.
- 2009-07/2c     Union Contract Presentation - Presented by Marc Dumouchel, General Manager. Sponsored by Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance.
- 2009-07/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2009-07/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2009-07/5      QUESTION PERIOD
- 2009-07/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2009-07/7b     **FENTIMAN/TRUEBLOOD MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Students Council ratify the memorandum of agreement between the Students Union and CUPE Local 1638.
- 2009-07/7      GENERAL ORDERS
- 2009-07/8      INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2009-07/8f     Beverly Eastham, VP External- Report  
Please see document LA 09-07.01
- 2009-07/8g     Nick Dehod, VP Student Life- Report  
Please see document LA 09-07.02
- 2009-07/8h     Kory Mathewson, President- Report  
Please see document LA 09-07.03
- 2009-07/8i     CAC – Report

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**2009-07/8j**

Bylaw- Report

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# Report to Students' Council

July 21, 2009

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)

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Hello Council,

In an attempt to make my reports look less intimidating (I feel I am too lengthy and boring sometimes), I have increased my font size! Such excitement. Let me know if you like this format better, or if you don't mind the previous exhaustive reports.

## Meetings

### Past Meetings

July 8: Exec Committee

July 9: Exec Committee

July 10: Communication Strategy Meeting (Exec/Advocacy)

July 10: Communication Meeting (Exec)

July 10: Interview with CBC The National re: students having difficulty finding jobs

July 10: Photos with Profile Edmonton Magazine

July 13: SU Centenary Meeting w/ Karen Wichuk

July 13: Partners Conference Call

July 14: CAUS Conference Call

July 14: Meeting w/ Jean Jackson, Advisor/Manager, Alternate Format Delivery, SSDS

July 15-19: CASA Leadership Retreat in Ottawa

July 17: CASA Policy Committee Conference Call

### Upcoming Meetings

July 22: Exec Committee

After that... all's quiet on the home front.

Want to book a meeting to talk about something? Now would be a great time!

## External Updates

### Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

[www.caus.net](http://www.caus.net) | [twitter: #kaus09](https://twitter.com/kaus09)

CAUS met via Skype on the July 14. We discussed story possibilities for the upcoming edition of 'CAUS and Effect', how the planning for the Partnership Conference is coming along, and where our Research and Communications Assistant is with her study on Income Contingent Loan Repayment.

### SSDS Meeting

One of the areas that CAUS is looking at this year is how support for disabled students is being provided and funded on our campuses. In order to get a better idea of how this

works we are conducting meetings with each of the three disability resource centers (UofA's being Specialized Support and Disability Services). We learned some very interesting things about how the provincial deficit is impacting them, and also about the great services they offer for UofA students.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**

**www.casa.ca | twitter: CASAdaily, #casaacae**

From July 15-19 I attended the CASA Leadership Retreat. Over the course of the four days that I was in Ottawa I was able to participate in discussions on a wide range of topics including:

- major lobby issues that CASA will be working on this year
- revising the strategic plan
- carrying out a governance review
- re-visiting proposal for changing CASA voting structure
- federal election strategy (to be implemented in the event of federal election)
- bilingualism at CASA

### **National Student Survey**

This year the Educational Policy Institute (EPI) is interested in working with a number of Students' Unions, Students' Associations, Provincial Lobby Groups and CASA to create a national student survey. Discussions are being held about the logistics of how this would be carried out and the cost that would be incurred by each group, but it sounds like an incredibly interesting opportunity.

### **Copyright Consultation**

One of the issues that I spent quite a bit of time lobbying on last year was copyright reform and, before changes happen, being included in some kind of copyright reform consultation. Just recently CASA was invited by the Ministers of Industry and Canadian Heritage to participate in the roundtable consultations that are starting up this month. For more information visit <http://www.michaelgeist.ca/content/view/4124/125/> to read about the consultations, or <http://casa.ca> to read the CASA news release on students being involved in copyright consultation.

### **SU Centenary**

Planning is ongoing for the events that will be included in our SU Centenary celebration. We are now looking at hosting some type of two-day forum on leadership that would be open to students on campus and involve a panel of SU Executive Alumni who now hold prominent leadership positions.

### **External Portfolio: Committee**

The first meeting of the group that will possibly form the External committee is being held tonight. Justin Benko (AVPX) will be chairing this committee and is working on collaborating with a number of different stakeholders to scope out the mandate of this new committee we are forming. More details will be given to council on the structure, mandate and how to get involved with the committee at a later date. The general seed-idea that the committee is growing out of is that we would like to form a group of people

that will work on creating more political engagement on campus. This may involve discussions about political (mostly small 'p', less big 'P') and controversial issues, bringing in home-grown speakers, and possibly helping get people out to the Revolutionary Speakers Series. We are also looking to make sure that this committee is an 'entry point' to the SU and includes both people who are involved in the SU, but also many who are not involved in the SU in any way other than this committee. If you have any questions please email them to Justin at [avpex@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpex@su.ualberta.ca) or ask me in question period.

## Of Interest

### BlogRoll

Something new I'm starting: at the very end of each council report I will be featuring a blog that I think would be of interest to councillors. This week's feature is a shout-out to our very own Leah Trueblood who is keeping a blog about what it is like to be an SU executive. If you are interested in running next year (for any of the positions, but especially for VPA), or if you just want to follow the adventures of the fearless leader of the Acadream Team, I would suggest reading this blog.



### Leah's Students' Union Adventure

<http://leahtruebloodvpacademic.blogspot.com>

As Always,

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**Prepared by:** Nick Dehod, Vice President (Student Life)

**To:** Students' Council 2009/2010

### **Health & Dental Plan**

Work continues on the new office in the Lower Level. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, I met with Kristin Foster to discuss communication strategies for the Health Plan in September and throughout the year. We are still receiving numerous inquiries about the Plan and are having discussions on how to make information regarding coverage and opt-outs more available to students prior to September.

### **Physical Activities & Health Center (PAHC)**

On July 13<sup>th</sup> a follow-up meeting to our debrief meeting occurred. Given the investment students would have in a new facility Vice President Fentiman and I suggested garnering greater student input into the design of the facility. If any councilors are interested in the process, please follow-up with either of us after council. A formal presentation on the project should occur in late October. We have also had a preliminary discussion with Dean Mahon of Phys-Ed about creating a committee to review and assess the different fees that currently go towards funding athletics.

### **Programming**

We have begun interviewing for a new Senior Manager of Programming & Venues. This process will take up a share of my time this week and I will hopefully have an update at the next council meeting. In terms of programming, there have been some preliminary discussions between the Associate Vice President Student Life and the Vice President Operations about the possibility having "Theme Nights" in Room at the Top this year. I have met with Campus Rec to discuss the possibility of working together on Campus Cup. We are currently trying to find a date that works for everyone.

### **Street Team**

Some final changes have been made to the visual identity of the group along with further discussion and revisions over how the Team will operate. We'll start ordering jackets so that we're ready to go in September.

### **University Health Center**

On Tuesday, Vice President Fentiman and I will be meeting with officials from the University Health Center to discuss the University's H1N1 preparation for the Fall Semester.

### **U-Pass**

We are currently set to have a day retreat of negotiations on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca). "Earl grey tea, hot"

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*Kory Mathewson, President*

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## **Tour of CJSR – Jul 6 2009**

We discussed possible overlap of anniversary events and collaboration possibilities for a Students' Union radio show, featuring updates and news from the SU, with undergraduate students' music. This could serve as an alternative communication medium for events and campaigns throughout the year.

## **Communication Strategies – Jul 10 2009**

Discussing with the Marketing and Communications department on possible alternative communication strategies, other modes of spreading the word may be useful for upcoming events and thus some consideration of the strategies along are useful.

## **Survey Discussion – Jul 10 2009**

Review of the Grant MacEwan survey, discussions with the firm that provided the legwork behind their survey development and roll out. Understanding that students may only want to fill out the survey if it is under a few minutes, what is the best way to ask for only the most useful information? A tough question to consider. I have a meeting with Phyllis Clark with the University Administration for collaboration opportunities at the beginning of August.

## **Communication Meeting – Jul 10 2009**

This was a round table meeting with the Marketing and Communications department along with the Advocacy department, and the executives to discuss the high level messaging of the communication over the year. The idea that all our events and campaigns would be stronger if they all tie back into one consistent thread came up, and discussion on the thread ensued. More information on this will come back to council at a later meeting.

**Revolutionary Speaker Series** ideas are flying around in my head, and in discussions with Christine Rogerson, Manager of Programming and Venues. I am very excited about having a debate series on campus this year; possible topics include the Israel/Palestine conflict, Energy in Alberta, and Creation vs. Evolution. Please get in touch with me if you want to help.

From **July 13-27** 2009, I am in Winnipeg, putting up a show called "Veritas Tassle and Lie Detectors" at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival. While here, I am working at my computer during the day, handling day-to-day SU concerns, but it is also providing me an opportunity to reflect on the last two months, and to look big picture at the year, the progress we have made, and the plans that we have laid out for the next 10 months.

I am confident that this year will be a momentous year for the SU, with so many major events coinciding on one year, including the Academic Plan, Centenary, Student Survey, Campus Cup dodge ball, RATT Renovations, Physical Activity and Health Complex planning, Health Plan implementation and UPass renegotiation, we are all excited for the year ahead.

It is my hope that by the end of this year every undergraduate student at the University of Alberta can benefit from the actions, events, and campaigns that we as elected representatives are undertaking, if they choose to do so.

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*For the Good and Welfare of the University of Alberta Students' Union,  
I remain, Kory Wallace Mathewson, President, University of Alberta Students' Union 2009-2010*

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## **Council Administration Committee**

Hello Council:

Just a quick report to update you on the progress made at CAC's last meeting. We reached a final decision on the composition of the Bylaw 2000 Review Committee. The Committee will be composed of the following:

1. A representative from CAC, preferably the chair (CAC has indeed appointed me)
2. A representative from Bylaw, preferably the chair
3. 3 Council members to be chosen by council and of which a maximum of 1 may be an executive member
4. The CRO shall be a non-voting member

Nominations for the final three members will be held tonight.

We also updated Council standing orders to reflect the current Councillor Scholarship practice. Standing orders should now reflect two \$500.00 scholarships/trimester.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summers and escaped the weekend storm unscratched!

Warmest regards,

Rachel

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## **Bylaw Committee**

Hello Council:

Bylaw met last Tuesday for a brief meeting. The committee accepted my resignation from the position of Chair and successfully appointed Vikram Seth (to whom my sincerest apologies go out to if I have incorrectly spelt his name) as a replacement. Please look forward to exciting Bylaw reports by Councillor Seth from now on!

Warmest regards,

Rachel