University of Alberta Students’ Union

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL
LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday September 14th
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-10)

2010-10/1 SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

2010-10/1b two (2) Council Scholarships for the Spring/Summer 2009 term.

2010-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-10/2b Academic Plan Presentation by Vice President (Academic) Carl Amrhein and Vice President (Research) Lorne Babiuk sponsored by Vice President Academic James Eastham

2010-10/2c Tuition Fee Proposal Presentation by Vice President (Academic) Carl Amrhein and Vice President (Finance and Administration) Phyllis Clark sponsored by President Dehod

2010-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-10/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010-10/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2010-10/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-10/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2010-10/7b TURNER MOVES TO appoint (1) one member of Students’ Council to the Council Administration Committee

2010-10/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

2010-10/8i Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 10-10.01

2010-10/8j Rory Tighe, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 10-10.02

2010-10/8k Nick Dehod, President- Report
| 2010-10/8l | Nariman Saidane - Resignation from the Bylaw Committee |
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| 2010-10/8n | Aden Murphy, VP External - Report |
September 13, 2010

To: Students’ Council

Re: Report to Council

**Week of Welcome Involvement**
I was really excited to help out with Week of Welcome again for another year. As far as specific event attendance I was at the President’s Address in Hawrelak Park (Orientation), pancake breakfast for Wednesday and Friday, CSJ BBQ on Friday, Students’ Council Clubs Fair Booth Thursday, and I attended Wayne Lee and The White Panda on Wednesday and Thursday respectively. I feel like the events went extremely well and this WoW is definitely a contender for the best yet! I am however dreading the financials from the beer gardens because of the rain. I will keep you updated on any variances worth noting.

**PAW Meetings**
These continue and I feel there is not much to add here from the last report.

**Infolink ETLC**
We’ve had an initial discussion with the Dean’s Office (Engineering) regarding formalizing an operating agreement for merchandise sales—this is something we have not had in the past, but would greatly help to clarify roles and expectations of both parties.

**Health Centre Advisory Group**
The Health Centre Advisory Group (HCAG) will be meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2010 at 8:00AM. On the agenda are the following items: update on the UHC restructuring , update from the SU on fee structure, HCAG membership and terms of reference (if time permits).

**Sustainability Audit Meeting**
The first internal sustainability audit meeting is this Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 2:00PM. We’ve had to bump it around to accommodate schedules and Week of Welcome.

**Strategic Planning Committee Orientation Meeting**
Again, not much new from the previous report—the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 8:00AM.

**Personal Academics**
I have changed my enrolment for the Fall term: I’m keeping ECON 385 (Intermediate Macro II) and FIN 413 (Risk Management), but am registering in FIN 488 (Applied Corporate Finance).

Yours,
Zach
Prepared by: Rory Tighe, Vice President (Student Life)
To: Students' Council 2010/2011

Programming
Week of Welcome has come and gone. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all of the Students’ Union staff over the past week. Everyone helped out where they could and I think the week was a success. The CSD staff worked incredibly hard to make Orientation 2010 a success and this year we had one of the highest retention rates in a long time, so a big thank you to them. Student Group Services also had an incredibly successful Clubs Fair with fewer complaints and more group/volunteer recruitment then usual so I would like to tip my hate in their direction. Our Programming department also worked incredibly hard to make Week of Welcome a success and I think all in all, it went great, so a firm handshake to them! As I mentioned earlier, all of our staff pulled together to make the week happen so I am very proud of our entire organization for the level of commitment everyone showed.

Student Services
As I mentioned last report, the services review is under way and we should start getting results back by the end of September. I will keep you updated on what’s happening with that and provide you with a presentation soon. We are trying to move forward with moving the Peer Support Centre upstairs to the second floor of SUB to be closer and work more collaboratively with the University Mental Health Services.

Student Engagement Plan
I will be meeting with the Student Engagement Plan Group next Monday to update everyone on what is happening. The main thing at this point is information gathering over the next few months. I also plan on presenting you with updates on this at a council meeting in the near future.

Residences
The new Residence Community Standards are beginning their rounds through the University governance process. We have made some substantial progress in improving the new document but there is still some progress to be made.

I have also been in discussions with the Residence Halls’ Association (RHA) President about what his year will look like. We are going to be focusing strongly on increasing the RHA profile this year both with University governance and Residence students. We will be discussing how to establish election procedures for the RHA executive over the coming weeks.

Athletics Fees
Zach and I will be working to improve the transparency and administrative structure of the athletics fees over the year. I have met with the Dean of Physical Education and Recreation and have started a long process to do this. We will be using the Athletics and Recreation Fee Advisory Committee (ARFAC) to accomplish this goal.
Alcohol Policy
As some of you may have heard the University is currently re-evaluating its’ stance on pubcrawls. I have been working with the Alcohol Policy Review Committee to address the issue and make sure that an adequate consultation process is enacted before any policy change is put forward. After meeting with the relevant stakeholders, we have decided that pubcrawls will be allowed for Student Groups for at least the fall semester. We are currently developing an approval mechanism to make this happen.

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
September 14th, 2010

To: Students’ Council

Re: Report to Students’ Council

Greetings Council,

This report is fairly short for two reasons: First, most of time last week was allocated towards Week of Welcome & Orientation, partaking in numerous events to welcome students back. Second, many of the updates provided in my September 2nd report (included in the main agenda package) still provide a good overview of where those various initiatives are.

Welcome back to campus and best of luck in the coming semester.

**Academic Plan Consultation**

The formal consultation for the new Academic Plan (currently titled “The Vibrant Academy”) began at an Academic Planning Committee meeting last week. This consultation process continues tonight at Students’ Council. More to come tonight.

**Alumni Council Orientation**

Last week I attended an Alumni Council Orientation meeting. The Alumni Association will be revisiting their Strategic Plan this year. They will also be focusing on reaching out to undergraduate students with several initiatives including “Kick to Win” and “So You Think You Can Cheer?”. For more information on both of those, ask in Council or check out this link [http://www.alumni.ualberta.ca/](http://www.alumni.ualberta.ca/).

The Alumni Association is also interested in getting more students out to the Alumni Recognition Awards. This event is happening on Wednesday, September 22, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Winspear Centre. The event salutes University of Alberta Graduates who have made a name for themselves in their professions and communities. It’s a great event and tickets are free. If you contact me I should be able to help you get your hands on some.

**PAW Agreement & Functional Master Plan Meeting**

Late Friday I attended a PAW Centre meeting to discuss the budget and give feedback on the Functional Master Plan. The building layout is now much different than what was presented to Council last year, however all of the components discussed remain. We should be having a meeting in the next week to discuss our agreement with the University. There should be more updates in the coming weeks.

**Orientation/Week of Welcome/Clubs Fair**

My stress level this year for WOW was much lower however it still was a busy week. I made an effort the week before Orientation & WOW to get all of my projects and work in line so that I had time to go out
and greet students. On that front, I was able to help out with the pancake breakfast, worked the Students’ Council Booth in Clubs Fair, helped with a barbeque at CSJ, and gave away some prizes around campus for a couple of hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. I also attended all of the evening events (which were all successes from my perspective). I think that this years WOW was a big step forward on our efforts in previous years and a huge amount of thanks needs to be given to Vice President Tighe, the staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the week and summer. There are still some things that need to be sorted out but I think that much was learned again from this WOW and you will see even more improvements for next year.

Orientation this year also ran incredibly smooth and on many accounts was a big success. A big thank you must also be given to all of the staff and volunteers that made this event possible. The attendance for the President’s Address on Tuesday was superb (you couldn’t find a place to sit if you were one of the last groups in), and these first years were loud (we were in Hawrelak Park and apparently they could be heard at the Valley Zoo). Kudos again to all that helped out with this event.

Finally, Clubs Fair went equally well with only a few incidences. The set-up, organization, and presentation of the event was well executed and it’s exciting to see how having increased staff in Student Groups Services has served to improve this event.

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at president@su.ualberta.ca.

“To hell with circumstances, I create opportunities” – Bruce Lee
Hi guys,
Since semester has started I have taken on way more than I can handle and so I don't think I will be able to efficiently contribute to Bylaw committee as much as I thought I could.

Thank you,
Nariman Saidane
List of Candidates by Positions Contested - Updated

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**Updated**: Tuesday, September 14 @ 9:00am

*The Science Councillor position was not advertised as early as the others and thus the deadline was extended.*
To: Students’ Council of the University of Alberta

Good evening Council,

As it has not been too long since my interim report, I will keep this relatively brief. My past week has been spent in large part assisting with Week of Welcome. While this is not strictly in my portfolio, I believe that the first week of university is hugely important to new students on campus. I’m not concerned about lending some time to help out, especially if I get to interact with students.

CASA and CAUS

For a change, all has been quiet on the CASA front. The members are working on developing and improving a handful of policies, including the policy on tax credits. Things are humming along at home office, where National Director Zack, Government Relations Officer Spencer and Policy Research Officer Alex are working on a pre-budget submission.

In a bit of sad news, our Public Relations and Communications Officer, Jillian Flake has informed us of resignation. She is leaving on completely amicable terms to pursue another opportunity. Jill has worked for several years at CASA, and has contributed greatly. We’ll miss her.

Work will be speeding up provincially following the release of our pre-budget submission: “Sustaining Alberta’s Economic Advantage Through Smart Investments in Post-Secondary Education.” There will be a CAUS meeting on Thursday in Calgary, at which we will also be meeting with Harry Chase, the Opposition’s AET critic.

Gateway

The News Department of The Gateway has been doing a good job this year, writing good, well researched articles on issues on and off campus. This has meant that your SU execs have been doing a lot of interviews to contribute to these stories. Recently, I have done interviews on tax credits, copyright, the CAUS pre-budget submission, and student financial aid/the Partners Conference, with an upcoming interview on Canada’s post-secondary education sector in light of the recent OECD report.

Extra Reading

For those with a love of statistics, the report in question is the OECD’s Education at a Glance 2010. This 472-page document compares the performance of Canada’s education sector (primary, secondary and post-secondary) with those of the world’s developed countries. The good news is that Canada has the world’s highest post-secondary achievement rate, with 49% of the population 25-64 having attained some level of tertiary education. The bad news is that Canada’s complete lack of a national data strategy means that we don’t know how we compare on many measures due to lack of comprehensive, comparable data. This is something Canada needs to work on.