

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday November 16, 2010  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-16)

2010-16/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2010-16/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-16/2c The Student Refugee Program presented by Christopher Olsen and Alexandra Rydz. Sponsored by Councillor Kusmu/Gordon

Abstract: Uniquely Canadian and the only one of its kind in the world, the Student Refugee Program enables Canadian students to sponsor incredibly motivated refugees to acquire world-class education at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Over a thousand forced migrants have had their lives changed through the SRP, and have gone from being refugees to Canadian forces of change because of Canadian university students like those at the University of Alberta. This presentation is brief overview of the Student Refugee Program at this University and the SRP Open House on Nov 18th.

2010-16/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-16/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010-16/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2010-16/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-16/6a **HUYNH/RAO MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #21 that Students' Council adopt the political policy, Sustainability, in second reading.

Principles:

1. that the Students' Union shall encourage the University to develop innovative solutions to environmental issues through the School for Energy and the Environment;
2. that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University for the continued adherence to the highest environmental standards in its operations;
3. that the Students' Union advocate for the inclusion of topics in sustainability in course curriculum where appropriate;
4. that the Students' Union seek to actively engage the student population

in sustainability initiatives and education.  
5. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Please see document LA 10-16.01

**2010-16/6b**

**KUSMU/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 22 in second reading. Principles:

1. That the Elections Review Committee consist of five (5) members of Students' Council, including up to a maximum of one (1) member from the Executive Committee, and the Chief Returning Officer as a non-voting member.

Please see document LA 10-16.02

**2010-16/7**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2010-16/8**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2010-16/8b**

Rory Tighe, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 10-16.03

**2010-16/8c**

Policy Committee- Report

Please see document LA 10-16.04

**2010-16/8d**

Bylaw Committee- Report

Please see document LA 10-16.05

**2010-16/8e**

Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 10-16.06

**2010-16/8f**

Elections Review Committee- Report

Please see document LA 10-16.07

**2010-16/8g**

James Eastham, VP Academic- Report

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Nick Dehod, President- Report

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### **XIII. SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS the University has long recognized the influential position of the institution in addressing issues of sustainability and environmental management;

WHEREAS energy efficiencies resulting from investment in viable alternatives yield long term benefits to the University;

WHEREAS the University is expanding its capacity to create its own solutions with the School for Energy and the Environment;

WHEREAS integrating sustainability topics into course curriculum is a very practical way for the University to participate in global sustainability practices;

WHEREAS students who are actively engaged in sustainability initiatives and education are more likely to live, and encourage others to live, a sustainable lifestyle in the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to develop innovative solutions to environmental issues through the School for Energy and the Environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall advocate to the University for the continued adherence to the highest environmental standards in its operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for the inclusion of topics in sustainability in course curriculum where appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union seek to actively engage the student population in sustainability initiatives and education.

- (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded on a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Council Administration Committee; and
  - (c) do not expire, but shall be reintroduced by the chair of the Council Administration Committee at the first meeting of each year's Students' Council.
- (4) General orders of Students' Council
- (a) are any non-procedural motions of Students' Council that do not adopt, amend, or rescind other legislation; and
  - (b) expire concurrently with the authority of the Students' Council that adopted them unless otherwise specified in the motion.

## 12. Standing Committee Membership

- (1) The Bylaw Committee and the Grant Allocation Committee each consists of seven (7) members of Students' Council.
- (2) The Budget and Finance Committee consists of
- (a) six (6) members of Students' Council; and
  - (b) the Vice President (Operations and Finance).
- (3) The Policy Committee consists of
- (a) six (6) members of Students' Council;
  - (b) the Vice President (Academic);
  - (c) the Vice President (External); and
  - (d) the Vice President (Student Life).
- (4) The Audit Committee consists of seven members of Students' Council who are not also members of the Executive Committee.
- (5) The Council Administration Committee consists of
- (a) five (5) permanent members of Students' Council, and
  - (b) all members of Students' Council except the Speaker and the General Manager.
- (6) The Elections Review Committee consists of
- (a) five (5) members of Students' Council;
  - ~~(b) a maximum of one (1) member from the Executive Committee; and~~
  - (b) including up to one (1) member from the Executive Committee; and
  - (c) the Chief Returning Officer as non-voting member.
- ~~(7) The Awards Committee consists of~~
- ~~(a) the Vice President (Academic) or designate,~~
  - ~~(b) seven undergraduate students selected annually by Students' Council, and~~
  - ~~(c) a secretary, appointed by the chair, as a non-voting member.~~
- ~~(78)~~ Notwithstanding any provision in this bylaw, standing committees may appoint nonvoting members to themselves by passing regulations to this effect as part of their standing orders.

**Prepared by:** Rory Tighe, Vice President (Student Life)

**To:** Students' Council 2010/2011

### **Programming**

It looks like we may have to put the Students' Union musical on hold until next year due to lack of resources. The programming department is running at maximum capacity and I wouldn't want to see our annual programs suffer to try and incorporate more this year. I will likely recommend that we dedicate additional resources to that department in the future.

### **Residences**

The new Residence Community Standards is continuing its path through university governance. We have recently been told that there will be a review committee established to review these changes over the next two years to make sure that they are working. We are also working to have the new lease and residence specific rules finished as soon as possible, ideally before the policy is fully approved.

The proposed rent increases for this year are in between 0% - 2% depending on the residence. As I mentioned last report, there is also a proposal to raise the Lister Hall mandatory meal plan rates. This proposal would tie the meal plan to CPI and, to account for the accumulated CPI over the past three years, raise the minimum plan by 7.7% for next year. The proposal would also eliminate the lowest meal plan over the next 3 years. Ancillary services will likely be presenting to our council this month to go through these proposals in greater detail.

The Residence Halls Association had its' first meeting, which I attended, last weekend and it generally went well. There are a lot of big questions being asked regarding the purpose, mandate and structure of the RHA. I will continue to work closely with the council and the President to develop the RHA.

### **Student Survey**

We will be launching our undergraduate student survey this month, ideally by the end of next week. We are just finalizing some of the questions and prizes but it looks good so far. We are also using Studentvoice (an outside company) this year to make sure that we are getting statistically valid answers in the most efficient way.

### **Student Services**

I have continued to meet with our managers of student services over the past two weeks. We have collected a ton of useful information and are looking at ways that we could use this process on a more regular timeline. We will be continuing the process and are still hoping to have everything completed by the end of the semester.

### **Microwaves**

The SU has purchased two more microwaves for CAB and they are in place. ISSS has agreed to maintain them and I have already gotten some good feedback from students. Over the next couple of weeks I will be drafting up a long term plan for maintaining and purchasing

microwaves on campus and will likely be talking to individual faculty associations about it in the near future. Once again, if you have any thoughts on any of this I would love to hear them.

### **Fees**

The Registrars office has contacted us indicating that they will be moving forward with changes to the fees website over the next while. It is too early to have a timeline or great detail on what the new page will look like, but I am confident that it will be more clear for students.

As always, 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](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca)



## Season 102 - Episode 13

**Starring: Aditya RAO, Rapahel LEPAGE FORTIN, Steven HUYNH, Kimberley FERGUSON as Joel FRENCH, Antonia JOHNSON, Aden MURPHY, James EASTHAM, and FENTIMAN as Rory TIGHE Rory TIGHE with Natalie COX as Chair**

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Previously on the P.C.:

1. The P.C. is wondering if it's even worth timing the VP reports any longer. The result is always the same.
2. The P.C. prepared the second readings of the Sustainability Policy.
3. The P.C. also reviewed its mechanism of executive reports and its formatting of policies and made the following Standing Order Changes:
  - a. COX/FERGUSON MOVE THAT the Policy Committee amend Standing Orders to include "Format of Political Policies" 22. Political Policies will be formatted as per a Schedule A to Standing Orders.
  - b. COX/FERGUSON MOVE THAT the Policy Committee amend Standing Order (30) to read "Each member of the Executive Committee, who is in attendance at a meeting of the Committee, shall provide the Committee with an oral report. Each member of the Executive Committee, who is not in attendance at a meeting of the Committee, shall provide a written report. Executive Reports to the Committee shall consist of each member of the Executive listing each policy they are responsible for, as determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Policy Committee at a meeting of the Policy Committee prior to June 1, and reporting on actions taken regarding the policy."

Next time on the P.C.:

1. The P.C. will look at the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, Student Loans, and Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment policies.
2. Will the new exec reporting formats benefit the VPX in his battle to report as swiftly as the VPSL? Stay tuned!

*"Students' Council, here we come!"*

# (BY)LAW & ORDER

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Starring: Ngina wa KAAI (proxying for Jenn PARSONAGE), Natalie COX (came later-so Brit LUIMES was his proxy until her arrival), Farid ISKANDAR, Kim FERGUSON (proxying for Malori STAN), Sangram HANSRA (came later-so Kim FERGUSON was his proxy until his arrival), Raphael LEPAGE FORTIN (proxying for Malori STAN) and Petros KUSMU as Chair.

This week on Bylaw:

- Bylaw's November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting discussed a lot bit more on the Impeaching the Executives and Councillors off of Council by researching a little bit more with a dated document that has tried to implement a similar bylaw years ago (thanks Craig TURNER!) and Lister Hall Association's related Bylaws (thanks Rory TIGHE!).
- We will be getting a presentation from Councillor's LUIMES and FERGUSON about related Bylaws from the UofC and other institutions and hopefully finalize the impeachment process.
- Additionally, we focused a lot of our time working with Bylaw 100 and Bill #22

Next week on Bylaw:

- Upcoming Bylaw's Meeting, we'll finalize the impeachment process and start translating it into bills that we can submit to Council in first reading.
- Our next meeting is on November 18 (upcoming Thursday!) @ 5PM in SUB 6-06.
  - FYI: In case you forgot, Bylaw is now on ON COUNCIL Thursdays @ 5PM, for now.
  - FYI: The best attendees get free Orange Juice Boxes.
- If you're not a part of Bylaw but want to be a part of this HISTORICAL AND IMPORTANT BILL TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL, then feel free to drop by and give some of your input. 'Please come?'

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*"In the Students' Union, the students are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the Executives, who get remittances and free food, and the Students' Councillors, who only get the free food (and some scholarship money), too—but that's barely anything. C'mon.). These are their bylaws."*

November 15, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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**PAW Centre Planning Committee**

On Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 9:00am, another PAW Centre Steering Committee meeting will be taking place—myself and Marc will be attending.

**Chillin' 4 Charity**

On Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 11:00am, the JDC West Chillin' 4 Charity event will be taking place. I expect a handful of SU exec that are still in Edmonton to be taking the plunge.

**Student Group Capital Purchasing Discussion**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 11:00am, Student Group Services, Rory and myself will be discussing how to move forward offering capital items for student groups instead of offering capital grants.

**Grant Allocation Committee Meeting**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 5:00pm, the Grant Allocation Committee will be meeting in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Updates about awards will be on the agenda.

**AUFSJ Campus Association Transfer Payment (CATP) Meeting**

On Friday, November 19, 2010 at 9:30am, a meeting to discuss the campus association transfer payment (i.e. SU Membership Fee remittance) will take place with James and myself, along with representatives from the AUFSJ.

**DFU Discussion**

On Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 4:00pm, part two of the DFU discussion is slated to occur. Ideally, we will continue the discussion we had prior to council retreat, and maybe hammer out a plan moving forward.

**BC Trip**

On Friday, November 12, 2010, a group of us toured both the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. It was great to meet the executive teams and both institutions and see what initiatives are being undertaken. Particularly interesting is the New SUB project at UBC, you can check it out here: <http://mynewsb.com/>

My favorite part of the trip was the Student Involvement Centre at UBC, particularly the free-to-use poster and design materials that were restocked by staff.

Yours,  
Zach

## *Elections Review Committee*

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Hi Council,

As Cr. L'Abbé was unavailable for the latest ERC meeting, I acted as chair. At this meeting, ERC decided on the recommendations they are putting in their report. The report will be drafted and submit to council by the end of November. Here is a teaser for you all:

- Changes to the ballot counting system → single transferable vote (STV). (Pay attention to Cr. Ross's presentation to learn what STV is all about).
- If changing our voting system to STV is not the will of council, we will need to address the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board's recommendations to clarify Bylaw 2000 (63).
- Elected senators.
- Mandate of ERC. Making ERC an "as needed" committee.

I hope this sampler has whet your appetite for the first ever Elections Review Committee Report.

Cheers,

Natalie  
(Cr. Cox)

### **COFA:**

A few things on the COFA front: I have met with the ISSS to discuss their progress six months in to their probation. I've been very impressed with what they have accomplished in such a short time. We outlined an initial timeline for getting them off of probation, Council could see a presentation from them as soon as February.

The NSSA , the SGA and myself have been in contact about the NSSA conditions of probation. We are in the process of making some changes to the conditions, I will keep council informed as these talks progress.

The SGA and I met with the President of the Augustana Students' Association last Tuesday. We discussed the relationship that the SU has with its campus associations and the provision of SU services at Augustana.

### **Meeting with the Provost:**

The Executive met with the Provost and Deputy Provost to discuss areas we can work together this year. Usually this meeting gets held earlier in the year, so most of the discussion was not new.

### **Residence Community Standards:**

Residence Community Standards went to GFC Exec, both the SU and the GSA presented their concerns with the proposal, and will be meeting with the Dean of Students and the OSJA to address them before the Nov. 29 GFC meeting.

### **Vancouver Trip:**

A number of representatives traveled to Vancouver for the day on Friday. We toured the UBC and SFU campuses, looking at a variety of things. The information that I gathered will be useful in informing the discussions that the University is having surrounding the creation of a "Welcome Centre", as well as improving advising.

November 16th, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Greetings Council,

I am currently in Ottawa with Vice President Murphy as part of CASA Fall Lobby Conference. I will be coming back early on Thursday night so that I am back for a Board of Governor's Retreat on Friday morning. If you need to contact me for any reason, send an email or contact one of our Vice Presidents and they should be able to get a hold of me quickly. See you in a week.

### **CASA Lobby Conference Fall 2010**

As mentioned above, I am in Ottawa for the week meeting with MP's to discuss our recommendations in CASA's Fall 2010 Lobby Document, *Doing PSE Better: Smart Solutions*. Here is a quick run down of some of the items we are focusing on:

- Amendments to the Canada Student Loan Program
- Improving Access to aboriginal students
- Amendments to Bill C-32 (copyright and book import tax)
- Making it easier for international students to get an off-campus work permit
- Expanding multiple-entry student visas to more students
- Creating a national Canada Education Transfer

We'll give you an update on how things went at our next Council meeting.

### **UBC & SFU Trip**

As we mentioned at the last Council meeting, several executives and staff members did a day trip to view facilities at UBC & SFU. The focus was primarily on gaining ideas for what a Lower Level Renovation could look like, with specific attention to improving student groups and clubs space. It also helped us gain a sense of some of the other services and businesses being provided by different student associations as well as what approach they are taking with sustainability in mind. If you would like more insight into what we saw, feel free to follow-up next week.

### **Tuition & Rents Approval**

The formal approval process for tuition has begun. At the Academic Planning Committee meeting last week I spoke and voted against the motion for the increase. With student unemployment up 24% since the beginning of the recession and having lost \$56 million worth of financial grants for post-secondary education, accessibility continues to remain a concern of the Students' Union. Both tuition and rent will still be taken to the Board Finance & Property Committee and finally to the Board of Governors. My voting will remain the same. Provincially, we will continue to advocate for an increase to base operating

funding and increases and improvement to provisions for financial aid. These will both be a part of our discussion with the Minister of Advance Education & Technology when CAUS meets with him at the end of the month.

### **Head Shave/Post-Secondary Education Roundtable**

If you have not already heard, I will shaving my head for cancer at the ESS' 7<sup>th</sup> annual head shave. I have asked our Provost and Vice President (Academic), Carl Amrhein to join me in participating and we will now be raising money as a team. Please spread the word and help raise some money for the event.

The time is not confirmed, but I will likely be shaving my hair immediately following the Post-Secondary Education Roundtable that is happening on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 1:00pm in Dinwoodie Lounge. Again, please spread the word on this event

Again, I'll be back at Council next week if you have any questions. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, email me or follow-up with one of our Vice Presidents.

**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](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).