
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

NRE 1-001

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-14)

Meeting called to order at **6:08 PM**.

2016-14/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-14/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

2016-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-14/2a Campus Food Bank - Becoming a Dedicated Fee Unit - Presented by Caitlin Phare, Executive Director of Campus Food Bank Society - Sponsored by VP Paches

The Campus Food Bank will update Student's Council on the current status of their operations, their initiatives, and what they believe is the most sustainable strategy to continue to serve students in need.

Presentation was cancelled, and will be moved to another meeting.

2016-14/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report

2016-14/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

CAC - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2016-14/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2016-14/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER

(Questioned during last SC meeting held on November 1, 2016):

In the finance section of your report, you highlight marketing budget, please expand on the level of engagement you had.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

In following up with Councillor Farooq's question in regards to how many people our Facebook ad's for GovWeek reached, please see the following breakdown which was supplied by our Marketing and Communications Department.

There were five Facebook posts made for Govweek, four of which were boosted (the post was part ad, part unpaid post). Below are the number of people that were reached for each post.

- 1: Total: 934 of which 0 was paid
- 2: Total: 6,155 of which 4,315 was paid
- 3: Total: 3,702 of which 2,859 was paid
- 4: Total: 1,349 of which 959 was paid
- 5: Total: 2,155 of which 1,920 was paid

We also spent money on the event on FB. It reached a total of 19,000 people of which 7,798 was paid.

There were also some posts ahead of the event (unpaid) about signing up for speaking, etc along with a survey post after the event. Those posts reached the following: 1,890; 2,074; 2,184; 907; 567; 412.

COUNCILLOR BROPHY TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

What is the exciting news you mentioned in your board report?

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

There were a lot of questions of how the charter applies in university governance. It was very interesting to learn about the charter in terms of our university. At the conference where I attended with Board members of other institutions such as Norquest, etc. It was very interesting to see what kind of people sit on boards. Such as Norquest, they have two year programs so they don't get second or third year students so they tend to pick students in their first year. They also have older students. It was very interesting to see all the different types of boards out there. I will be submitting a written report soon.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

In your report, you mentioned that there was another meeting of the Ad Hoc committee on academic governance and you said you were going to recommend changes. Do you have any updates on the exciting happenings of this committee?

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER RESPONSES:

I do not know what the recommendations will be but I speculate and expect that there will be somewhat substantial recommendations. As of yet, we have not really delved into the fine-tuning of how academic governance works. We're simply looking at our overall structure and adhering it what other institutions are doing. I am going explain academic committee a little since I know I have had hard times understanding it in the past. There is the GFC and the GFC has a lot of sub committees. There's APC, etc. Ad hoc committee is looking at how decisions are made at these committees. There has been a number of concerns raised in these meetings. I don't have any exact examples of changes that have been made but there is there is only two students on it, and I'm the only undergraduate student on it. And interestingly, I'm not on it in my capacity as VPA but I'm on there as a student. So, I am there to represent students and I will make council aware of any significant changes. If you also have thoughts on how you think academic governance should work, I really welcome that feedback.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

Can you expand on the fee collection and how that is moving forward as you still said that there is some ongoing discussion on it?

VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

The fee collection was a long and confusing process for everyone involved. What happened was that about two weeks, I thought I had a final answer on how the collection will go but then I was receiving conflicting information from the two ligases involved. Fees are going to be collected from undergraduate students in the residences that were for the motion that were approved. It was an opt out fee so we are thinking about how to collect from students who do not opt out or do not pay the fee. We will be reimbursed from Resident Services for students who do not opt out and do not pay the fee for this year. This way we will receive the entirety of the amount we had expected for this year. This process is not sustainable so we will be having discussions on how this will be done in future years

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER TO COUNCILLOR MONDA:

Do you have any updates on your efforts on unionization in regards to Residences?

COUNCILLOR MONDA'S RESPONSE:

Yes, I do. The plans got delayed was delayed due to some legislative and legal complications but now the employee vote on unionization will be taking place tomorrow, and Thursday. There is a change from the original plans due to those legislative issues. We are now voting to join the NASA General Unit, rather than forming our own unit as part of NASA. In the end, that is a minor difference.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

Champagne talked about the process of which professors get tenure. Because research papers are read so infrequently on average, is there plans to change the process but which professors make tenure?

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

The frequency that their papers are read does not reflect the quality of the paper so I don't want that to be misconstrued. At GFC earlier this year, we talked about how to evaluate courses and professor performance. I will leave it up to VP Banister to give her two cents.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

There is something called the faculty evaluation committee that professors go through to get tenure. This is faculty specific and they each have their own formula for deciding who gets tenure for what. To be my knowledge, how much of their research is read is not part of that formula.

We could look into that. There is discussion of FEC currently, but not in this context.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

Since you sit on this Ad hoc committee to evaluate academic government, can you share your thoughts on what we areas need to be looked at and improved on?

VICE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE:

My thoughts are not fully developed since each meeting I'm swayed by peers since they have different perspectives than me which is valuable. My first thought it to continue protecting student representation on all of the committees. We want to make sure we are not losing student spots on any of the GFC sub committees and the act of governance is key. Second is making sure everything is transparent and easier to understand. I've heard lots of feedback from students and non-students that for example, agenda's for GFC are quite hard to read for students. By making sure things are spelt out in more common words and not so much in a high academic governance terminology is important so that students actually understand in an accessible way. Other things are transparency and clarity in process, balance of delegation, and informing administrators and associations on how student government works.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

You mentioned that faculty councils report to GFC. From my past experience of sitting on the Faculty of science Council, I noticed that they meet less and less over the years.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

That's concerning to hear that your faculty council is not meeting on a more frequent basis. It's to my understanding that most meet more frequently than that. That's actually an interesting trend in governance, for GFC used to meet every month but now they only meet a handful of times a year. In terms of regulating how frequently they meet, I'm don't necessarily think that's in the purview of the Ad Hoc task force. If a reporting structure would be to point in place, GFC would be alerted to the fact that any council for some reason wouldn't be meeting frequently that could put some pressure on those administrators to do that.

2016-14/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-14/7a DFU Plebiscite Question #1 - APIRG

CHRISTENSEN/MAHAL MOVES to approve the APIRG DFU question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) seeks to foster positive social change and empower students with the tools to become active, engaged citizens. Annually, APIRG distributes \$30,000 in direct granting to student and community-led social initiatives.

The conditions of the funds will include:

1. Students shall have the option to opt out via the SU website at the beginning of each term and receive a full refund of their fee;
2. The fee will be assessed only in the Fall and Winter Terms;
3. APIRG continues to function as a student-run non-profit organization in accordance with its mandate of “research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest” as per Schedule 6000 of the Students’ Union Bylaws.
4. The Board will be made up of up to 9 elected or appointed members, 1 SU Councillor, and up to 2 continuity appointments from the previous Board year. The Board must have a majority of elected members.
5. Augustana Students are exempt.
6. Off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar, are included.

Do you support a fee of \$3.50 per term, in each of the Fall and Winter semesters, for full-time students and \$1.75 per part-time students to fund APIRG?

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN introduces the motion. Councillors debate how this will affect the Augustana students’ ability to receive grants and other funding. Vice President Ghossein notes that APRIG has other services that they offer such as a library in the office in HUB mall on the North Campus and that’s why Augustana students might be exempt as they wouldn’t use these services.

Vote for those in favor of item 7b:

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GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE, COUNCILLOR DEJONG AND COUNCILLOR YIM ABSTAINS.

MOTION CARRIED

2016-14/7b DFU Plebiscite Question #2 - WUSC

CHRISTENSEN/ NDATAIRWA MOVES to approve the WUSC DFU question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

The World University Services of Canada (WUSC), through the Student Refugee Program (SRP), has been helping bring refugee students to the University of Alberta for over 25 years. It helps these people access this life changing program. WUSC helps bring refugee students to the University of Alberta by operating the Student Refugee Fund. All student fee dollars will go to the student refugee fund.

A fee of \$0.48 per student assessed in the Fall and Winter semesters, supports the Student Refugee Fund which sponsors one refugee student every year at the University of Alberta.

The conditions for the fund shall include:

1. Students cannot opt out of this fee.
2. This fee shall be assessed to both Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.
3. The board shall be composed of: Co-Chairs (2), Treasurer, Secretary, SRP Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and a SU Councillor
4. At least one member of Students' Council shall also sit on this board.

Do you support a \$0.24 fee per student per semester, for full-time and part-time students, in both Fall and Winter semester for the Student Refugee Fund?

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN introduces the motion.

Vote for those in favor of item 7b:

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MOTION CARRIED

2016-14/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2016-14/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-14/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-14.01

2016-14/9b Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance.

Please see SC 16-14.02

2016-14/9c Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-14.03

2016-14/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 16-14.04

2016-14/9e Report from the Bylaw Committee.

Please see SC 16-14.05

2016-14/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-14.06

2016-14/9g Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-14.07

2016-14/9h Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-14.08

2016-14/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-14.09

2016-14/9j Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-14.10

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 6:53 PM.