
**Tuesday, December 11, 2018
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-15)

2018-15/0 SMUDGING CEREMONY

2018-15/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

SPEAKER: Congratulated Mogale and Agarwal as recipients of the Council Scholarship.

2018-15/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019** at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers at University Hall.

2018-15/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-15/2a RIPKA MOVED to present "Update on the Capital Plan".

Presentation Title: Update on the Capital Plan

Abstract: This presentation will be an update on the capital plan and the proposed student spaces fee that was presented to Council in September. It will depict the consultation process, the feedback we've received, how that feedback is being incorporated into the proposal, and the next steps."

Presenters: Emma Ripka

SUNDAY/FLAMAN MOVED to table item 2018-15/2a until the next meeting.
FAILED

RIPKA/KIM MOVED the previous question.
CARRIED

2018-15/2b **BHATNAGAR/SUNDAY MOVED** to present "GovWeek 2019".

Presentation Title: GovWeek 2019

Abstract: GovWeek 2019 will be held from Jan 21st-25th. This presentation is to update Council on the work of the GovWeek Planning Committee and for us to brainstorm way we can ensure Council engages with GovWeek.

Presenters: UASU VP Academic Akanksha Bhatnagar

See SC-2018.15.14.

CARRIED

2018-15/2c **BHATNAGAR/FLAMAN MOVED** to present "Law Students' Association Membership Fee Proposal".

Presentation Title: Law Students' Association Membership Fee Proposal

Abstract: The LSA is pursuing a FAMF renewal. Their presentation will outline their FAMF Proposal as per Bylaw 8200.

Presenters:

- UASU VP Academic Akanksha Bhatnagar
- LSA President Alyssa Kim
- LSA VP Finance Lydia Roseman

See SC-2018.15.15.

CARRIED

2018-15/2d **LARSEN MOVES** to accept a presentation on "Community Engagement".

Presenters: Emily Ball, Director, Community Relation – Office of Government and Community Relations

Abstract: The University of Alberta holds community engagement as one of its core goals — to engage across disciplines, campuses, faculties, and units to create interdisciplinary learning experiences for our students, staff and faculty that prepare them to face the complex nature of today's challenges and workplaces. It's a key part of the university's institutional strategic plan, For the Public Good.

Beginning in September 2018, the university has embarked on a consultation process to gather input from internal and external community partners. Led by the Office of Government and Community Relations within University Relations, this work will span roughly twelve months. The consultation process will

include a series of Table Tops events, Open Houses, and on-line engagement opportunities. Those who wish to participate will be asked to provide opinions, share ideas, share expertise or experiences, identify concerns and help to explore or develop solutions regarding the university's engagement with its community partners. Feedback from the consultation will be used as the basis for the development of a community engagement plan grounded in a community conversation.

The Office of Government and Community Relations would like to conduct a Table Top with the Students' Union Executive early 2019 and is looking for direction on how to involve students and student groups in the consultation process.

See SC-2018.15.17.

RIPKA/PALMER MOVED to indefinitely table item *2018-15/2d*.
CARRIED

2018-15/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Andre BOURGEOIS, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Emma RIPKA, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Reed LARSEN, President - Report.

2018-15/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.
First Alberta Campus Radio Association - Report.

2018-15/5

OPEN FORUM

2018-15/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2018-15/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-15/7a

BHATNAGAR/FARRIS MOVED to approve First Principles of the Students in Governance Political Policy.

See SC-2018.15.10.

BHATNAGAR: Clarified that Council should review the merit of the Policy and, thereafter, Policy Committee will render relevant changes. Noted that amendments included language updates and improvements and a new focus on the role and treatment of undergraduate students at Committees.

22/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-15/7b **BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED** to approve First Principles of the Quality Instruction Political Policy.

See SC-2018.15.11.

BHATNAGAR: Established that amendments included language updates and improvements, the addition of Resolution 8 relating to accessibility and digestibility of Universal Student Ratings of Instruction, discussion on the role of open educational resources, and defining the nature of instruction.

22/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-15/7c **BILAK/STATT MOVED**, on behalf of Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Experiential Learning Political Policy.

See SC-2018.15.12.

FARRIS: Established that amendments included language updates and improvements, adding Fact 4, adding Resolution 1, updating Resolution 2, extending the scope of Resolution 3 with increased advocacy support, updating Resolution 4, updating Resolution 5, and adding Resolution 6. Commended the support of the Undergraduate Research Initiative and Community Service Learning.

BOURGEOIS: Supported the Policy. Emphasised the importance of holistic funding as per Resolution 6 that will support persons who face barriers in accessing conferences.

22/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-15/7d **BOURGEOIS/SUNDAY MOVED** to approve Bill #6, Changes to Student Group Oversight, in First Principles.

Whereas

The Students' Union is responsible for student affairs under the Post Secondary Learning Act;

The University of Alberta is the one of the only Universities in Canada where student group oversight is not conducted primarily by the

Students Union;

The Students' Union must establish a fair, consistent, and robust process for student group recognition and oversight;

The University of Alberta does not wish to give up its own authority to recognize and derecognize Student Groups' ability to use the U of A name, insignia, and space;

Therefore

A new bylaw shall be drafted outlining a fair, consistent, and robust process for student group oversight which will include, at minimum, the processes for recognition, derecognition, complaints and investigations, and event registration.

The processes will include, at minimum, a committee of Students' Council that makes final decisions about student group oversight, and a process for appeal to the DIE Board.

Existing bylaws that concern student groups and student representative associations will be amended to agree with the Student Group Bylaw.

BOURGEOIS: Established that this motion follows-up the presentation Council received at *2018-14/2b*.

KIM: Noted that the Bill is phrased in the style and manner of a policy with the provisions concerning advocacy. Inquired into how Bourgeois envisions changes to bylaw resulting from this motion.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that the Bill is designed to outline a clear process for moving forward. Noted that this Bill, if carried, will involve creating a new bylaw and updating relevant provisions of existing bylaws. Noted that Discover Governance has drafted these changes but will not present them for consideration until Council confirms the direction of oversight changes.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the committee for oversight would most likely receive an operational designation.

BOURGEOIS: Responded in the affirmative.

KIM: Inquired into why the Bill was not first presented at Bylaw Committee.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that the Bill, if passed, will then see First Principles reviewed at Bylaw Committee.

KOBES: Inquired into what a new bylaw would provide beyond amending

existing bylaw. Expressed concern that the creation of another bylaw will create unnecessary complexity.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that that new bylaw creates a developed process for dealing with student groups in a fair and consistent manner.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether Kim, as chair of Bylaw Committee, considers that the Bill should have been received at Bylaw Committee prior to coming before Students' Council

KIM: Responded that consulting Bylaw Committee at first instance is standard practice. Proposed committing the item to the next meeting of Bylaw in January.

BOURGEOIS: Suggested that the Bill should first be received by Students' Council in a Council-Bylaw-Council review process which allows more persons to be involved in the review and promotes good governance. Noted that Discover Governance recommended this process and acts in good faith.

KIM: Expressed concern that Bourgeois incorrectly represented the review process in contrast to his proposed pathway as bylaw-council-bylaw. Clarified that the review process has Council, of thirty-two members, still making the final decision.

SPEAKER: Clarified that Standing Orders do not outline a specific procedure and both Bourgeois and Kim outlined potential pathways for legitimation.

SUNDAY/FLAMAN MOVED to commit item *2018-15/7d* to Bylaw Committee.

RIPKA: Supported the motion. Suggested that the role of Bylaw Committee is to ensure proposed changes, as in the Bill, are simple and ready for review at Council. Expressed concern that there was miscommunication between persons and committees.

FLAMAN: Emphasised that the review and development of the Bill, in this case, was fully completed by the Office of Discover Governance.

BHATNAGAR: Expressed concern that the motion is redundant as the item will come forward at Bylaw Committee irrespective its result. Noted that Discover Governance undertook years of preparatory work occurred prior to this Bill. Noted that this Bill is only to confirm the direction of the changes.

SUNDAY: Emphasised that First Principles should be reviewed by Bylaw first. Suggested Bhatnagar is incorrect as carrying the item will result in Bylaw reviewing the Second Principles rather than the First Principles.

STATT/BOURGEOIS MOVED the previous question.
CARRIED.

22/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-15/7e **LEY/KIM MOVED** to approve the Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) Referendum Question.

See SC-2018.15.16.

LEY: Established that he drafted the question neutrally, comprehensibility, and in keeping with the style and structure of other questions. Noted that the proposed funding and fee conditions come almost directly from the Aboriginal Student Council proposal.

17/0/3 - CARRIED

Belcourt abstains.

Sunday abstains.

FARRIS/AGARWAL MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

CARRIED.

2018-15/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2018-15/8a **BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED** to approve the Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal from the Engineering Students' Society.

BHATNAGAR: Established that this item is follow up from the presentation Council received at *2018-14/2a*. Noted that this motion is to confirm that the Society can pursue implementing a \$10 fee in the upcoming elections.

STATT: Acknowledged the integrity of the Society's financials and consultation. Supported the motion.

HADDOUCHE: Commended the scope of the 57 page consultation, reasoning, and proposal document. Supported the motion.

BHATNAGAR: Noted that faculty associations are supposed to provide events, advocacy, and services to their students and this fee aligns with these goals. Supported the motion.

LEY: Inquired into which chartered accountant completed the independent practitioners review engagement report. Expressed concern that Flaman was unable to locate information on the companies that completed the report in past. Inquired into whether the blank status line relating to the Spring, Summer, and Fall terms in the budget for this last year violates the Society's financial reporting obligations.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the accountant was Tarik Jomha of JR & Company LLP. Clarified that Audit Committee would decide whether the blank status line contravenes reporting obligations. Noted that the Society mismanaged records in past but paid a fee of approximately \$10,000 to ensure full disclosure and an investigation in the interest of good governance and financial accountability.

MOGALE: Expressed concern at the extent of consultation. Encouraged the engineering councillors to deliver an opinion on the item.

BOSE: Expressed concern that funds allocated to conference attendance are used primarily by vice-presidents of the Society and not students.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Society sent small teams of both vice-presidents and around five or six general students to conferences. Noted that the Western Engineering Student Society's Group and the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students do similarly. Noted that these conference opportunities are open to all engineering students.

SUNDAY: Requested that the vice-president operations and finance confirm whether she identified errors in the proposal as presented.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Noted that the Society did its due diligence in transparency and financial responsibility.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into whether the Society can provide data on the conference attendance of regular students as compared to Society executives.

RIPKA: Emphasised that Council is supposed to approve the question for review by engineering students and not the debate the value of the fee itself.

ADWAN: Supported the motion.

PALMER/CUTARM MOVED to Suspend Standing orders extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.

CARRIED.

KOBES/BOURGEOIS MOVED the previous question.

CARRIED.

17/2/2 - CARRIED

Cutarm abstains.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed amending the Council schedule. Expressed concern that the open-house GovWeek Students' Council meeting of January 22 is slated to occur at Campus Saint-Jean where it should occur in Council Chambers.

BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED to amend the Students' Council schedule

such that the meeting of *2018-17* will occur in Council Chambers and the meeting of *2018-18* will occur at Campus Saint-Jean.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether Saint-Jean students approve of this change.

HADDOUCHE: Supported the motion.

20/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-15/9

INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-15/9a

President - Report.

See SC-2018.15.01.

2018-15/9b

Vice-President, Academic - Report.

See SC-2018.15.02.

2018-15/9c

Vice-President, External - Report.

See SC-2018.15.03.

2018-15/9d

Vice-President, Operations and Finance - Report.

See SC-2018.15.04.

2018-15/9e

Vice-President, Student-Life - Report.

See SC-2018.15.05.

2018-15/9f

Students' Council - Attendance.

See SC-2018.15.06

2018-15/9e

Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2018.15.07.

2018-15/9f

Executive Committee Motion Tracker

See SC-2018.15.08.

2018-15/9g

Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-15)

See SC-2018.15.09.

2018-15/9h

First Principles - "Students' in Governance" Policy

See SC-2018.15.10.

2018-15/9i First Principles - "Quality Instruction Political Policy"

See SC-2018.15.11.

2018-15/9j Experiential Learning - Political Policy

See SC-2018.15.12.

2018-15/9k Executive Committee - Goals Update, 2018

See SC-2018.15.13.

2018-15/9l GovWeek Presentation

See SC-2018.15.14.

2018-15/9m Law Students Association - FAMF Renewal Proposal 2019

See SC-2018.15.15.

2018-15/9n ASC Referendum Question

See SC-2018.15.16.

2018-15/9o Community Engagement Presentation - Presentation and Document(s)

See SC-2018.15.17.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32.