

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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 6:06PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-25)

2018-25/0 **SMUDGING CEREMONY**

2018-25/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2018-25/1a Announcements - This the final Students' Council meeting of the 2018/19

academic session.

The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**, **April 23**,

2019 at 6:00PM in **Council Chambers**, at University Hall.

2018-25/1b Presidents' Farewell Address

2018-25/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-25/2b RIPKA/FLAMAN MOVED to allow the presentation of "Studentcare & The

Health & Dental Plan"

Abstract: Studentcare will present an overview of our Health and Dental plan as

well as any changes to be aware of.

Presenters:

• Colten Yamagishi

See SC-2018-25.08.

2018-25/2a FLAMAN/LEY MOVED to sponsor a presentation from The Gateway.

Presenter(s):

• The Gateway Staff

Abstract:

At the last meeting of the year, The Gateway bestows a number of very prestigious awards to that recognize the highlights of this year's Students' Council term.

2018-25/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Andre BOURGEOIS, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

Emma RIPKA, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report. Akanksha BHATNAGAR, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Reed LARSEN, President - Report.

2018-25/4 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.

CJSR.FM Board - Report.

2018-25/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2018-25/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2018-25/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-25/7a BOURGEOIS/MOGALE MOVED, on behalf of Policy Committee, to approve Second Reading of the EDI Policy.

See SC-2018.25.08.

BOURGEOIS: Established that the Committee made three editorial/grammatical amendments since Council considered the Policy in First Reading.

19/1/0 - CARRIED

2018-25/7b RIPKA/BILAK MOVED to approve the 2019-20 Students' Union budget and fee amounts as presented.

See SC-2018.25.09 to SC-2018.25.14.

RIPKA: Noted that, in the order papers, she attached a guide to interpreting the

budget in addition to the relevant spreadsheets. Emphasised that Council is considering whether the budget accords with the budget first principles.

BOURGEOIS/RIPKA MOVED that the Board Finance and Property Committee Fees in Schedule 3 represent a 3% increase in health and dental fees as follows: Health (full time & part time) = Fall enrollment \$140.60 & winter enrollment = \$93.73. Dental (full time & part time) = Fall enrollment \$151.62 & winter enrollment = \$101.07. The same amounts for all Full Time, Part Time, Off-Campus Fees.

BOURGEOIS: Noted that the Health and Dental Committee met on two occasions and unanimously voted to accept the proposed 3% increase to the plan fees.

FLAMAN: Supported the motion. Emphasised the importance of having a Health and Dental Reserve Fund to provide security if ever there was a large increase in the number of claims. Noted that there was a strong use of the reserves in the last year.

KIM: Supported the motion. Noted that the Committee recommended and passed a 12% increase four years ago. Noted that the current increase intends to prevent against large increases of this nature. Confirmed that the Fund was also used in the last two years.

SUNDAY MOVED the previous question. CARRIED.

17/2/0 - CARRIED

SUNDAY: Commended Ripka on creating a guide for interpreting the budget.

BELCOURT: Expressed concern that the budget for ARRC was used for translation purposes without ARRC's knowledge. Inquired into whether the Committee will have a budget in the 2019-2020 term.

RIPKA: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that the ARRC budget is part of Line 78 (Governance).

FLAMAN: Expressed concern that the budget lines do not add up in the student services section.

LARSEN: Emphasised the importance of having a balanced budget.

BILAK: Noted that the conferencing and events department has very strong projected growth targets.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether there will be certainty, in future, that the ARRC budget will not be utilised for other purposes without the consent of ARRC.

FLAMAN: Noted that Lines 36-34 show large fluctuations in the revenues from budgets.

RIPKA: Responded that ARRC can create a budget at the beginning of the term to ensure there are funds set aside of its activities. Responded that there are internal transfers that can create large fluctuations in revenue and expenditure.

SUNDAY: Noted that CAC has a stable yearly budget. Inquired into why budget stability was not provided for ARRC.

LEY: Inquired into why InfoLink projects a 70,000 dollar revenue this year but projected no revenue last year.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that grants and restructuring may make the student services budget to appear to be inconsistent.

LARSEN: Noted that some budget lines are moved and transferred.

RIPKA: Clarified that CAC has a stable budget as it has predictable expenditures that serve all of Council such as jackets.

STATT: Determined to investigate the issue of the ARRC budget in the next term.

RIPKA: Noted that she requested a budget from ARRC to ensure there were funds set aside but no budget was provided. Reaffirmed that there are funds to support ARRC in this proposed budget.

19/1/0 - CARRIED

2018-25/7c

BHATNAGAR/LEY MOVED to approve the Second Reading of the Assessment and Grading Political Policy.

See SC-2018.25.15.

LEY: Established that additions to the Policy include a definition of student success and Resolution 7 concerning connecting students to the processes that allow them to raise concerns and make appeals.

19/1/0 - CARRIED

2018-25/7d

SUNDAY/BHATNAGAR MOVED, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to accept the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee Recommendations as amended.

See SC-2018.25.17.

SUNDAY: Established that these Recommendations for relating to advocacy, education, and Council intend to effect change and dynamically evolve over time.

RIPKA: Supported the motion.

STATT: Supported the motion citing its operational recommendations.

BELCOURT: Supported the motion citing the strength of its pillars.

LARSEN: Considered that the Students' Union is improving its relations with Indigenous people on an ongoing basis. Noted that the Recommendations will require work, investment, and accountability.

TSE: Supported the motion citing its governance pillars in particular.

BHATNAGAR: Supported the motion as enacting the wishes of Aboriginal people instead of merely consulting and researching them without delivering change.

BROWN: Expressed excitement at framing external advocacy in accordance with the Recommendations. Considered that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations will be excited to engage with the Recommendations.

BOURGEOIS: Supported the motion. Commended Sunday and Cutarm for their work in developing the Recommendations.

TSE: Noted that the Recommendations encourage members of the Executive to receive training on aboriginal peoples of Canada. Inquired into whether this training includes the Indigenous Canada Massive Open Online Course

SUNDAY: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that there are other internal and external training opportunities as well.

SUNDAY MOVED to add Cheryl Makokis to the current membership list on page 2 of the Recommendations. Carried as friendly.

20/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-25/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2018-25/8b FLAMAN/BOURGEOIS MOVED to ratify the appointment of James Thibaudeau to the position of Chief Returning Officer for the 2019-2020 academic year.

FLAMAN: Established that Thibaudeau was a councillor and former executive candidate. Noted that the Chief Returning Officer Selection Committee selected Thibaudeau in a competitive process and submit his name to Council. **SUNDAY/BILAK MOVED** to enter the meeting in camera

CARRIED

SUNDAY/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera. CARRIED

BOSE: Proposed that the next CRO be appointed in the same manner as Council selects the Speaker. Expressed concern at the fitness of the Elections Office to select the candidate.

HADDOUCHE: Recommended that the CRO Selection Committee re-evaluate the proposed candidate.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that Bose' suggestion could result in councillors lobbying for their preferred candidate to be selected in order to unjustly influence the elections process. Emphasised that the appointment process should remain independent from Council.

HUSSEIN: Expressed concern that members are opposed to the selection of Thibaudeau on the basis of their personal relationship with the candidate and not on the basis of his fitness for the CRO position.

9/2/8 - CARRIED Brown abstains.

2018-25/8a LEY/BROWN MOVED to amend Council Standing Orders as attached.

See SC-2018.25.07.

FLAMAN: Noted that these changes are the products of review and deliberation by Council Administration Committee.

LARSEN: Identified the largest changes as reforming the nominations procedure, adding an recurring closed session period, reducing presentation times to 30 minutes, and allowing for commentary in Open Forum.

SUNDAY: Supported the motion. Noted that the reform also added an additional sentence as part of the Oath of Office.

BHATNAGAR: Suggested that councillors meet with their incoming counterparts and complete their transitional documents.

17/0/0 - CARRIED

FLAMAN MOVED to strike Section 24.8 from Standing Orders on the basis that it is antiquated and few people take advantage of it. Vote not completed (joke motion).

2018-25/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS** 2018-25/9a Vice-President (External) - Report. See SC-2018.25.01. 2018-25/9b Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report. See SC-2018.25.02. 2018-25/9c Students' Council Motion Tracker. See SC-2018.25.03. 2018-25/9d **Executive Committee Motion Tracker** See SC-2018.25.04. 2018-25/9e Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-24) See SC-2018.25.05. 2018-25/9f Students' Council - Attendance. See SC-2018.25.06. 2018-25/9g Council Standing Order - Amendment(s) See SC-2018.25.07. 2018-25/9h Second Reading - EDI Policy See SC-2018.25.08. 2018-25/9i Students' Union Budget and Fee - Document(s) See SC-2018.25.09 to SC-2018.25.14. 2018-25/9j Second Reading - Assessment and Grading Political Policy See SC-2018.25.15. 2018-25/9k Vice-President (Academic) - Report. See SC-2018.25.16. 2018-25/9l Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee Recommendations

See SC-2018.25.17.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06PM.