

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
6:00PM  
Cascade Room, Students' Union Building**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2019-01)

2019-01/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-01/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-01/2a **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to allow a Community Engagement Consultation Presentation and Table Top Engagement.

**Presenters:**

- Emily Ball, Director of Community Relations
- Alexis Ksiazkiewicz, Associate Vice-President, Government & Community Relations

**Description:** The University of Alberta is undergoing community consultation on items such as branding and engagement. This presentation will act as a way for us to be informed about the procedure, but also engage in a consultation.

2019-01/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-01/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-01/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-01/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2019-01/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-01/7a **SUNDAY MOVES**, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to re-affirm the appointment of Katherine Belcourt as an Aboriginal Student Council representative on the Committee.

2019-01/7b **SUNDAY MOVES**, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to re-affirm the appointment of Jocelynn Proulx an Aboriginal Student Council representative on the Committee.

2019-01/7c **HADDOUCHE MOVES**, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to approve the 2018/2019 ARRC Recommendations.

2019-01/7d **CHEN MOVES**, on the recommendation of Nominating Committee, to appoint

Isha Godara to the Student Group Committee.

2019-01/8

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2019-01/8a

**STATT MOVES** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Aboriginal Students' Council DFU Board.

2019-01/9

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-01/9a

President - Report.

See SC-2019-01.01.

2019-01/9b

Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-01.02.

2019-01/9c

Vice-President (Student-Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-01.03.

2019-01/9d

Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

See SC-2019-01.04.

2019-01/9e

Board of Governors LEY - Report.

See SC-2019-01.05.

2019-01/9f

Discover Governance - Presentation.

See SC-2019-01.06.

**Date:** May 7 2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2019/20 Report #1

Dear Council,

Welcome to my first Council report as President! I am so excited for our year together. I'm a little nervous, but overall feel so loved and supported by the people around me. I never saw myself here, and sometimes I am still so shocked. Thank you for the opportunity, and I hope I can do you all proud.

### 1. Executive Committee

- The 2018/19 and 2019/20 Executive teams were on our Transition Retreat for a week. It was bittersweet leaving our old team behind, but so amazing to transition into this new team. Luke Statt continues to impress me with his chill vibes, and strong knowledge set about business operations. Jared Larsen has such a kind soul, and I can't wait to see him do great things. Adam Brown continues to be one of my best friends and watching him excel in his role is something I am so honoured to do. Joel Agarwal is succeeding my portfolio as VPA, a portfolio I love so deeply, and there is no one better suited; he shows empathy in his work and his commitment to learning is undying. This team has shown me so much love already, and to be their President is truly my honour.
- VP Agarwal and I will be meeting with his VPA Counterpart from the Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) over lunch today.

### 2. Internal University

- **Board of Governors**
  - My first Board meeting will be Friday, May 10th. Items include the Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, discussing the Advisory Search Committee for new UAlberta President and an update on the governance updates.
- **General Faculties Council (GFC)**
  - As President, the only two GFC Committee's I will be sitting on will be the Academic Planning Committee (APC) and the Council of Student Affairs (COFA).
  - APC will be meeting on May 8th, I will provide updates at the next meeting.

### 3. External Advocacy

- **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**
  - CASA is our federal advocacy group. More information can be found [here](#).
  - VP Brown and I will away again from May 24th to June 3rd for the CASA Foundations Conference.
- **Council of University of Alberta Students (CAUS)**
  - CAUS is our provincial advocacy group. More information can be found [here](#).

**Akanksha Bhatnagar, President**

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- VP Brown and I will away from May 10th to 15th in Canmore for our Changeover Conference. We will be setting the priorities for CAUS for the year, and I hope to discuss Open Educational Resource (OER) funding there.

### **5. Internal Students' Union**

- We have made some changes to our Marketing Department to better utilize our talented staff. Julianna DuPree is our new Manager of the Department and has already started meeting with VPs and myself to help support our goals.

### **6. External Community**

- I am hosting a table-top session for women in leadership at EQUALI-tea. This event is our opportunity to inspire young women in our high schools to vote, become politically engaged and realize how they can help lead our future. I am looking forward to meeting these amazing young women, and know I have so much to learn from there.

Thank you for reading my first report! I look forward to any questions you may have. My office hours this semester will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me a message!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President  
**Akanksha Bhatnagar**

**Date:** 06/05/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2019/20 Report #1

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Dear Council,

It is May already and I am incredibly excited to be starting this new year as VP Academic and working with you lovely folks! Retreat was last week, and I learnt quite a lot - it was a steep learning curve with many presentations and sessions, where I learnt a lot more about what the role is like. Definitely a bit overwhelming with the amount of information and being thrown into the deep end, but I am ready to work hard for those who elected me.

This year I have some exciting projects to work on and continue from previous years. The nature of the VP Academic portfolio means that many projects and advocacy files are long term, over the course of years. That being said, the numerous committees that I sit on are where the 'battles' are fought so to speak. Much of my time right now is spent catching up on emails, and planning for the year. One of my passions is undergraduate research and getting undergraduate students more involved in understanding the benefits to their academic careers.

I will be in Dublin for the Worldwide Universities Network Conference from May 19th - May 24th, where I will be attending many sessions from Sustainable Education, Undergraduate Research and Equal Opportunities in Universities. I am excited to be representing the University of Alberta Students' Union, and bringing back some important information to better our academic culture here on campus.

In other news, I recently moved houses and realized that I have way too much stuff! Also, in case you wondered, moving a hundred year old upright piano is quite difficult, so please don't do it yourself if you're ever in that predicament.

Once again, I am excited to be working with you all this year and moving forward to a better academic environment on campus! If you ever want to talk, or have some interesting ideas, feel free to email me and I would be more than happy to meet! I'm all moved into my office now, and I have a bowl of candy (so please come say hi) - I always have an open door policy!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic  
**Joel Agarwal**

**Date:** 05/07/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice-President (Student Life) 2019/20 Report # 1

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Dear Council,

Welcome to my first executive report! Our executive team spent the last week at our transition retreat and I found it to be immensely helpful and impactful. I spent the weekend moving houses, and finally got some time to relax and unwind on Sunday night. I'm feeling very optimistic about the upcoming year and excited to start working on our goals and projects. I hope that this year will be an opportunity for us all to grow, share knowledge, and inspire positive change on our campus and in our community.

#### 1. Student Group Committee

The Student Group Committee is composed of two members from Students' Council, the Vice-President (Student Life), Vice-President (Academic), and four students-at-large. The committee is responsible for the oversight of student groups, and may make determinations in regards to complaints against student groups and appeals by student groups to decisions made by Student Group Services. Today, the internal committee met to work to resolve some concerns with bylaw 5100 and the creation of this committee, and I'm excited for this committee to begin operating soon.

#### 2. Personal Announcements

Vice-President Statt and I will be in Montreal near the end of the month for the Studentcare conference, where we will be learning about mental health and the Health and Dental Plan. If anyone has questions about Studentcare, I am happy to meet or chat over email after the conference.

#### 3. Office Hours

I will hold my office hours from 12:00-1:00PM on Monday for the Spring and Summer months. During this time you are welcome to drop into my office in SUB 2-900 to chat. If this time does not work for you, you are welcome to schedule an appointment by emailing [jared.larsen@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:jared.larsen@su.ualberta.ca)

#### 4. Closing

Thank you very much for reading my report. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you, and I feel confident that we have a great year ahead of us. Feel free to contact me at any time, and I will be sure to get back to you within two business days. Finally, if you haven't seen Endgame yet, go see Endgame.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life)  
**Jared Larsen**

**Date:** May 6, 2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance 2019/20 Report # 1

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Dear Council,

After a busy Executive Transition Retreat and one day in the office, I am feeling a bit overwhelmed, but also exceptionally excited with what I think all of us can achieve in the year ahead. While the initial learning curve is steep, I look forward to overcoming it and beginning work on a number of important points.

### **After The First Day In The Office**

As this is only the second day I have been in the office, I don't have any notable updates to inform the council of, except that I will be working to have the proposed executive compensation package ready for the next council meeting. Also, I am finalizing some things for the Councillor appreciation cards and hope to have them ready for you by next week - get ready for some discounted coffee and food!

I am also excited to announce that I am now the new chair of the Finance Committee for the year, and will be one of two executive members who actively sit on the Aboriginal Relations Reconciliation Committee.

### **Upcoming Conference with Student Care**

Vice President Larsen and I will be leaving for the Student Care Conference on the 22nd of this month, and I look forward to learning more about the health and dental plan there.

### **The Broad Spring/Summer Plan**

As I mentioned after the election, the focuses I have for summer are the development of the student advisory committees, the evolution of the Students' Union website, and the creation of a student-run cafeteria at CSJ. While the goals are, of course, susceptible to change if issues arise, I hope to see these three points more or less met by the start of the Fall term.

Once again, I look forward to working with all of you over the next year! If you ever want to swing by and talk, my office hours this month will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 or by request!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance

**Luke Statt**

# Discover Governance



# What is Discover Governance (DG)?

- ▶ A unique service of the UASU that exists to support all student representatives at the U of A
- ▶ Four staff, two of whom are almost entirely dedicated to Students' Council

# Mission

To facilitate improvements to the quality and effectiveness of all levels of student governance at the University of Alberta through impartial professional development, advisory, and support services to student representatives and representative groups.

# Key Operations

- ▶ Governance Education
- ▶ Administrative Support
- ▶ Impartial Advising
- ▶ Governance Research

Question, concern,  
or idea?  
Ask DG!

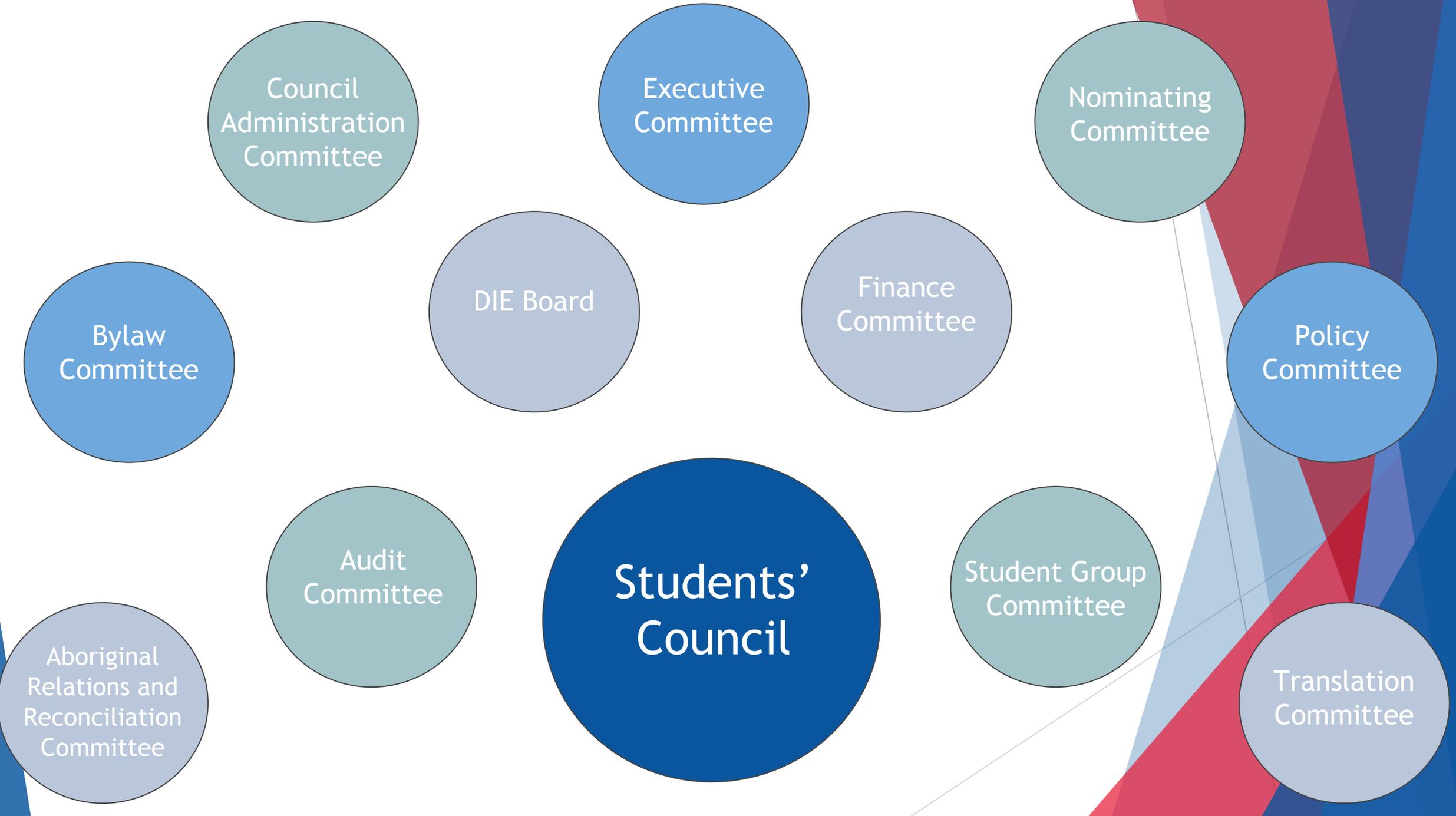
# Roles and Responsibilities

For Students' Council



# What is the SU?

- ▶ official body that represents ALL undergraduate students
- ▶ advocates for students at the University of Alberta (to both the institution and to all levels of government)
- ▶ *run by students for students*
- ▶ sensitive to the needs of the individual and student body as a whole



Council  
Administration  
Committee

Executive  
Committee

Nominating  
Committee

Bylaw  
Committee

DIE Board

Finance  
Committee

Policy  
Committee

Audit  
Committee

Students'  
Council

Student Group  
Committee

Aboriginal  
Relations and  
Reconciliation  
Committee

Translation  
Committee

# Roles Within Council



# The Speaker

*The Speaker is the presiding officer of all meetings of the Council.*

- ▶ moderates, guides and leads Council meetings
- ▶ facilitates discussions and debate
- ▶ makes and enforces rules on parliamentary procedure
- ▶ supports Council in fulfilling its legislative mandate
  - ▶ ensures that the decisions which are made by Council fall under the broader vision of the Student's Union
- ▶ is a non-voting member

# The SU Executive Team



# The President

*The President is the primary spokesperson of the SU.*

- ▶ oversees SU Affairs
  - ▶ supports all of the other executives
  - ▶ oversees SU's strategy, operations, employees, advocacy, etc.
  - ▶ pretty much does everything you can think of
- ▶ responsible for heading major projects, working with various leadership institutions and councils
  - ▶ sits on the Board of Governors and the General Faculties Council
- ▶ advocates on behalf of university students to all levels of government
  - ▶ talks to the media and attends events

# The Vice Presidents

## *VP Academic*

- ▶ responsible for advocacy relating to academic affairs
- ▶ works with and supports all student faculty and department associations
- ▶ oversees the Academic Relations Group
  - ▶ delegates of the VPA
  - ▶ provide student input on advocacy activities
- ▶ extremely involved in committees, subcommittees, various councils and associations

## *VP External*

- ▶ external advocacy
- ▶ working with municipal, provincial and federal governments on issues that impact students
- ▶ works closely with MLAs and MPs
- ▶ works with post-secondary lobbying groups
- ▶ Sits on CAUS and CASA
  - ▶ represents University of Alberta students at a provincial level

# The Vice Presidents

## *VP Operations and Finance*

- ▶ oversees the SU's budget
- ▶ responsible for strategy and operations at SU's businesses
  - ▶ oversees the operation of SUB
- ▶ sits on committees and boards related to the dispersal of Dedicated Fee Units (such as the Health and Dental Plan)

## *VP Student Life*

- ▶ non-academic advocacy on issues that impact students
  - ▶ can range from issues relating to residence to issues regarding mental health on campus
- ▶ responsible for developing the programming and large events put on by the Student's Union
- ▶ responsible for Student's Union services such as the Peer Support Centre

# Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

- ▶ The Board of Governors is the ultimate governing and decision making body on campus
- ▶ The Undergraduate Board of Governors representative serves as a voice for undergraduate students on the Board of Governors
- ▶ a voting member of the Board of Governors, the Students' Council and the General Faculties Council

# Councillors

- ▶ represent their respective faculties at Council meetings
- ▶ communicate with and consult students within their faculty, as well as collaborate with other Councillors to advocate for students
- ▶ represent undergraduate students in one of the two most important forums in which student voices are heard on campus

# Submitting Items



# Board and Committee Business

- ▶ Recommendations or motions coming from a committee
- ▶ Bylaws and policies usually go here
- ▶ Will usually be recommended by the chair of the committee

# General Orders

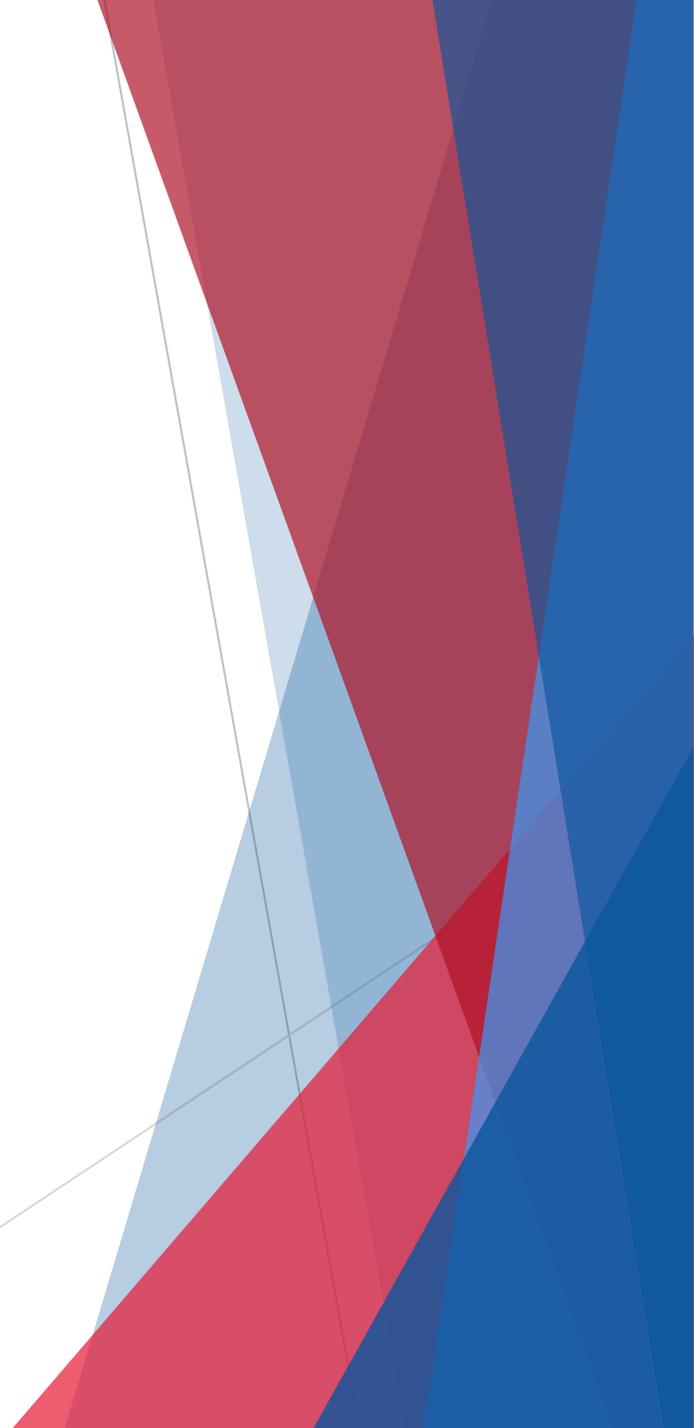
- ▶ All other major motions go in this section
- ▶ Motions can come from any voting member of Council
- ▶ Motions may be first principles of bylaws, a decision Council wishes to make or position Council wants to put on the record
- ▶ Usually only stay in effect for that year of Council
- ▶ Example: Motions to impeach or censure
- ▶ Example: Motion to accept the ARRC Recommendations

# Deadlines

- ▶ Items for the Order Paper are due before 8:00 AM on the Friday before the meeting
- ▶ Items for the Late Additions are due before 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting
- ▶ Late Additions must be special ordered onto the main agenda

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# Committee Participation



# Adding to the Agenda

- ▶ Any member of a committee may add an item to the committee's agenda
- ▶ Each committee has a different submission deadline - check the Standing Orders
- ▶ Submit items to [council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca)

# Can't make it?

- ▶ Appoint a proxy
- ▶ Notify the Chair and the Admin Assistant within 24 hours that you will not be present