Tuesday, January 14, 2020
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall

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ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-16)

2019-16/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-16/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students’ Council will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers at University Hall.

2019-16/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-16/2a AGARWAL MOVES to allow the “OASIS: FAMF Proposal Presentation”.


2019-16/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-16/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-16/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-16/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2019-16/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-16/7a KIDD/DRAPER MOVE to approve Second Principles of Bill 7.

See SC-2019-16.01.

2019-16/7b DRAPER/STATT MOVE to approve the First Reading of Bill 8, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee and Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.


2019-16/8 GENERAL ORDERS
AGARWAL MOVES to approve the Organization for Arts & Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) question, as follows: "An increase in 50¢ (from $2.50 to $3.00) per student, per term beginning collection in September 2020 and ending in April 2022."

See SC-2019-16.03.

CLOSED SESSION

INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-16/10a Second Principles of Bill 7.

See SC-2019-16.01.

2019-16/10b First Reading of Bill 8.


2019-16/10c Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty Association Membership Fee Renewal Proposal.

See SC-2019-16.03.

2019-16/10d President - Report.


2019-16/10e Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-16.05.

2019-16/10f Vice-President (External) - Report.

See SC-2019-16.06.

2019-16/10g Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.


2019-16/10h Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-16.08.

2019-16/10i Students’ Council Attendance.


2019-16/10j Students’ Council Motion Tracker.

2019-16/10k Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-16.11.


2019-16/10m “OASIS: FAMF Proposal Presentation”.

Bill 7 second principles
Bylaw 100

20 Vacancy Petitions

1. Immediately following the by-election period for Students’ Council, as outlined in Bylaw 2400, the office of Discover Governance, with the assistance of the Chief Returning Officer, shall create a Vacancy Petition form for all faculties with vacancies and disseminate the form broadly, including to the Faculty Association in which the vacancy is held.

2. The Vacancy Petition form, to be filled out by the candidate, shall include:
   a. The name, e-mail, faculty, and ID number of the candidate seeking to fill the vacancy; and
   b. A signed acceptance of the petition by the candidate; and
   c. A signed letter for the candidate from their faculty confirming that they are in good academic standing under University regulations; and
   d. A signed agreement saying the petitioner will meet with Discover Governance to be briefed on how Students’ Council runs before their first meeting; and
   e. A list of at least 10 nominators including the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers; and
      1. A copy of Bylaw 100(20); and
      2. A link to the Vacancy Petition webpage.

3. In order for the petition to be declared valid, the candidate must collect a greater number of signatures from nominators than either 3(a) or 3(b), whichever is lower:
   a. 10% of the total student population of their faculty with a maximum of 60 signatures
   b. The mean voter turnout percentage for the last three (3) general Students’ Council elections

4. The Vacancy Petition form for Open Studies students shall include all requirements mentioned in (2) with the exception of collecting nominators’ signatures.

5. The completed Vacancy Petition shall be submitted to the Office of Discover Governance upon its completion for validation of nominators, if applicable.

6. The first valid Vacancy Petition submitted for a given faculty will trigger a seven (7) day period after which no other petitions will be received per vacant seat.

7. If no other valid Vacancy Petitions are received within the seven (7) day period, the successful candidate shall be declared a Councillor for the vacant seat for the remainder of that term.
8. If two or more candidates submit valid Vacancy Petitions for the same seat during the seven (7) day period outlined in (6), the candidate with the most signatures at the end of this period shall be the winner.
   a. Any candidate shall be allowed to retrieve their petition during the seven (7) day waiting period to collect more signatures, so long as the final petition is re-submitted by 5:00pm on the last business day prior to the deadline.
   b. In the event of a tie in the number of signatures, the Chief Returning Officer shall determine the winner by flipping a coin or other random-chance tie-breaking method in the presence of the Deputy Returning Officer or a member of the Office of Discover Governance.

9. Individuals that are ineligible to submit Vacancy Petitions include:
   a. Any member of Students' Council; or
   b. The Speaker of Students' Council; or
   c. The Chief Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer; or
   d. Any student who ran during the previous general election or by-election and lost to none of the above; or
   e. Any student who has previously used this mechanism in the last 365 days.

10. The period for Vacancy Petitions to be submitted shall be from the first business day following the fall by-election to February 1 of the subsequent year.

11. The Office of Discover Governance, with the assistance of the Chief Returning Officer, shall create and maintain a Vacancy Petition webpage to list the current status of all vacant Students' Council seats:
   a. The link to this webpage shall be included in the Vacancy Petition package; and
   b. This webpage shall be maintained with regular updates, deadlines and other relevant information; and
   c. At a minimum, the number of packages submitted in each faculty shall be updated daily during the seven (7) day deadline period.
Bill 8 First Principles

1. The Students’ Union is committed to increasing positive relationships with Aboriginal students and student groups, as well as continue to be an active actor in reconciliation at the University of Alberta.

2. Aboriginal Peoples - First Nation (status and non-status Indian), Metis, and Inuit - are the first peoples and caretakers of the land which we now call Canada. Canadian sovereignty flows from treaties and, in cases where no treaties have been signed, do not exist.

3. Aboriginal Peoples are both the fastest growing and youngest population in Canada, making up an increasing, but still disproportionate, percentage of undergraduate students at the University of Alberta.

4. Historically, Aboriginal students and Aboriginal student issues have been largely absent in the activities of the Students’ Union.

5. Recently, Aboriginal student advocacy by the Students’ Union and Aboriginal student leaders has increased, as both the Students’ Union and Aboriginal students/student groups attempt to promote reconciliation through the rekindling of relationships based on respect.

6. Should relationship continue to solidify between Aboriginal students/student groups and the Students’ Union, a level of certainty is required on both sides which ensures that Aboriginal student voices are included in decisions which affect them: “Nothing about us, without us.”

7. Increasingly, Aboriginal student issues and concepts around reconciliation have become a major part of candidates’ platforms in Students’ Union election in the last five (5) years.

8. This Bylaw will clarify the Students’ Union’s responsibility to consult and engage with Aboriginal students/student groups on issues and activities which could have an impact on their related interests.

9. This Bylaw will lay out the Students’ Union’s responsibility regarding its activities which may impact the related interests of Aboriginal students/student groups.

10. This Bylaw will codify the Students’ Union’s fiduciary responsibility to consult its members; specifically, in relation to its responsibility to Aboriginal students/student groups.

11. This Bylaw will layout principles by which the Students’ Union shall conduct itself when consulting and engaging Aboriginal students/student groups. Moreover, these principles will also act as the foundation by which the Students’ Union and its governing bodies engaging in relationship-building with Aboriginal students/student groups.

12. The Post-Secondary Learning Act states that it is the role of the student association, in this case the Students’ Union, to, “provide for the administration of student affairs [...] and the promotion of the general welfare of the students consistent with the purposes of the public post-secondary institution.” As the body representing all undergraduate students at the University of Alberta, the Students’ Union cannot meet its legislative mandate without consulting and engaging students.
13. This Bylaw will be Aboriginal-specific and not include activities, including advocacy, of the Union to which they are of general application.
Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies

Faculty Association Membership Fee Renewal Proposal
FAMF Proposal

In accordance with Bylaw 8200, Section 7 (3), this document outlines the details of the OASIS FAMF Proposal.

Purpose of the Fee

The purpose of the Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) is to allow OASIS to continue to provide arts students with an expanded range of services, events, and granting opportunities. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Free printing
- Arts Gala
- Arts con
- Individual, group, and department association grants

Amount and Duration

The amount of the fee will increase to $3.00 per student, per term (an increase from $2.50 per student per term). The fee shall last two years. Thus, the fee would begin collection in September 2020, and end in April 2022.

Scope

The fee encompasses all members of OASIS, as defined by Article III of our Constitution. Put simply, the fee will include every undergraduate enrolled in the Faculty of Arts (on North Campus). This group is usually approximately 6000 undergraduates.

Refund mechanism

The current refund mechanism has been deemed sufficient. A student may contact OASIS by email or in person at our office and request a cash refund. We have had not issues with this mechanism.
As can be seen in Figure 1, the FAMF makes up a significant portion of the fee. Thus, the allocation of the fee will be as part of the organizations general budget. However, this proposal
will continue a key promise of allocation – 50% of FAMF money will be redistributed as granting.

This ratio has proved to be immensely popular among Arts Students, as evidenced by our consultation (see our presentation to Council)

Financial Oversight

OASIS Council is comprised of 3 representatives from Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts + 1 International Councillor. In a role similar to Students’ Council, the OASIS Council has full oversight over the Executive Committee. OASIS Council, per the Constitution, has full oversight of our budget. The VP Finance gives regular updates, and all substantive budgetary changes must be passed at the Council level. Furthermore, the principles of the 2019-20 budget were passed at our AGM in Winter 2019. Similarly, the principles of the 2020-21 budget will be presented at an AGM during Winter 2020.

Granting is overseen by a committee, with student-at-large representatives making up the majority of the committee.

Proof of consultation

Proof of consultation, as required by Section 7(1) of Bylaw 8200, is attached. Attached are –

- Agenda and minutes of the general meeting
- Proof of attendance at the general meeting, as required by the Article VII of the OASIS constitution
- Agenda and minutes of a Council of Department Associations (CODA) consultation

Further consultation is outlined in our presentation to Council.

Endorsement of fee

After extensive consultation, OASIS Council and Executive Committee endorsed a $3.00, 2-year fee. This was conducted by e-vote. Attached are the minutes of the meeting before the secret vote.
Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Discussion Items
   a. The renewal of the Faculty Association Membership Fee
      i. FAMF 101
      ii. Budget Summary by VP Finance Chris Beasley
      iii. Current fee structure and dispensation feedback
      iv. 2020 Campaign
         a. Fee amount
         b. Fee term
         c. Suggestions and Feedback
      v. Final Questions
FAMF 101

What is OASIS?
OASIS, or the Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies, is the Faculty Association for the Faculty of Arts. We represent all undergraduate Students in the Faculty of Arts, providing advocacy, services, and events for all Arts Students.

What is my Faculty Association Membership Fee or FAMF?
Your Faculty Association Membership Fee, or FAMF is a mandatory fee paid by every undergraduate student towards OASIS. It amounts to $2.50 a semester, or $5.00 each academic year, and is collected as part of the fees you pay.

How is this money spent?
OASIS uses this money for a wide variety of purposes. We are obligated to grant half of our FAMF money (approximately $15 000 a year) to Department Associations, Student Groups that support Arts Students, and individuals. We also use this money to help support large events such as Arts Gala or Arts Con, as well as use this money to support our advocacy efforts. We use it to support services such as free printing. Please see attached financial summary for more details.

Why are we having this meeting?
The FAMF was first proposed and approved by the student body 2 years ago, for a two year term (an unusually short term for a FAMF). In order to continue receiving this money, we will need to go to referendum again, pending approval by Student’s Council. This referendum will require at least 15% turnout by Arts Students. This consultation meeting is the first step.
Financial Summary

Revenue 2018-19
- Sponsors: 14.3%
- Locker Sales: 2.9%
- Faculty of Arts: 5.7%
- FAMF: 77.1%

Expenses - Fall 2018
- Advertise OASIS: 0.3%
- Administration: 9.5%
- Other events: 0.5%
- WoW Swag: 27.4%
- Granting: 62.6%
Expenses - Winter 2019

- Granting: 27.8%
- Arts Gala: 35.7%
- Arts Con: 15.0%
- Bon Spiel (Sponsorship): 3.1%
- Other events+: 2.6%
- Administration: 8.8%
- Election: 0.9%
- Advertise OASIS: 0.8%
- Case Comp: 5.3%

Revenue Breakdown

- FAMF: 85.4%
- Faculty of: 6.3%
- Locker: 6.3%

(Estimated, 2019-20)
Fall 2019, estimated

(Please note that “Food” should read “Food Committee”)
FAMF General Meeting: Friday, November 8th 2:00 pm

Darren and Chris Explaing FAMF and the OASIS budget there were no student comments.

Fee Amount

Darren: Increase the fee structure?
-overall students who were in the group had said they believe raising the FAMF was okay. This was done by a vote.

Students “Get students to know about the oasis, up until this meeting I really had no idea who OASIS was and what a FAMF is.”
Student “your grant is your strongest argument. People will be more likely to say yes.”

Darren: Compare our organization fee to others….

Student “I am wondering what will a 3.00 fee bring that a 2.50 wouldn’t.”
- Darren: Granting is something that we will do with our FAMF, we are beginning to hit the ceiling of what we do with 2.50. Starting to engage with different departments. Such as fine arts which currently does not have a great relationship or interaction with
- Chris: Right now our budget is currently all allocated. The extra $3000 will allow us to offer more, which is rational. Even what we have right now there is still tons of room to prioritize certain things.
- Darren: we would like to become less dependent on the FAMF.

Student “How many more grants are you offering now and before the FAMF, And how many after?”
- Darren: Our granting ability was none existent before, and now we are able to give more. However, for the future, we are unable to know that.

Yimming “I suggest we cut down the arts GALA. I think the case competition, has a greater impact rather than the Gala. ALlowing them to gain experience.

David: The case competition is being put on with another organization, so it is a shared cost among other people. Last year was the pilot so we are unsure how students will uptake this.

Mcaley: Arts Galal was sold out, arts gala is important to art students based on the outcome, and how we have seen students react to it. Based on the reception of it (being sold out) I believe keeping the Arts Gala and its funding is important.
- We can always look at relocating the resources.

Yimming
- DO we have money for innovative ideas in OASIS? We can probably have money to take a risk and we need funding to support that.
Chris: there is no new funding to support new ideas, and conversations amongst the exec were put into the budget.

David: Arts Competition (revenue neutral), ORCA working with the faculty to
   - These are ideas we are putting forward but we don’t want to cut back on other things. However, this isn't to say that more funding that will be helpful, its just saying that we will have more opportunities elsewhere.

Fee Term

David
Do people believe that 2 years is a reasonable term? Where other faculties tend to have other terms. The reason why two years was proposed was that OASIS is a new organization.

McAley
We will also have to run a campaign again. This will be a drain on that (Our resources as students, time, money etc)

Comments:
Student “I’m for increasing the term.
   - Will people make know what it’s like to run a campaign if the attempt is to make it a sustainable levy. (This is in regard to the future, will OASIS be able to run a campaign if it is done every 4 years and there is no one on the exec with knowledge of it?)

Darren: OASIS FAMF is actually pretty low in comparison to the science $5.
   - Overall people seemed in favour

Comment: “The idea that the 4 years could make it difficult for students to know what you do. Considering right now there really isn't awareness of what it is?”

Comment “If there is always an ongoing fear that the FAMF might fail. Considering the FAMAF is new, general awareness would be hard for the OASIS. Perhaps 2 years is a reasonable term and then once oasis gains support to look to raising the term.”

Student “(however) Raising the FAMF every two years would be an issue. The goal shouldn’t be to continually raise the FAMF.

Vote on the FAMF Term:
Overall people were in favour of the 2 years.

Suggestions or Feedback
Final Thoughts
   - There were none
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm
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Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS)
CODA Meeting
November 8th, 2019 at 1:00pm MST
Humanities Fishbowl

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.

AGENDA (CODA 2019-2)

2019-2/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-2/1a Call to Order

2019-2/1b Approval of Agenda

2019-2/1d Chair’s Business

2019-2/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-2/3 COUNCIL BUSINESS

2019-2/3a Granting Report

2019-2/3b Faculty Association Membership Fee Renewal process

2019-2/3c FAMF granting ramifications

2019-2/3d FAMF Feedback

2019-2/3e Would you like to see any changes to the FAMF?

2019-2/3f Department association Reports

2019-2/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-2/5 ADJOURNMENT
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AGENDA (CODA 2019-2) 2019-2/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-2/1a Call to Order

At 1302hrs November 8th 2019, in attendance: David, Chris, Robert PSUA, Darren, Erin Sociology Undergrad, Jessie, Lauren English and film studies, Robin Undergraduate psychology association

2019-2/1b Approval of Agenda

David motions, Chris seconds, passes

2019-2/1d Chair’s Business

2019-2/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-2/3 COUNCIL BUSINESS

2019-2/3a Granting Report

Chris: Granting has been complete, $5900 total spread among DA’s. Cheques can now be received. $4500ish for other grants.

2019-2/3b Faculty Association Membership Fee Renewal process

FAMF is up for renewal, currently at $2.50. The reason grants have been approved is due to the implementation of FAMF 2 years ago. The first step is to consult with students in a general meeting (being held November 8th, 2019 at 1400hrs at the humanities fishbowl). FAMF makes up 85% of OASIS budget.
2019-2/3c FAMF granting ramifications

2019-2/3d FAMF Feedback

Darren poses the question: Are grants an important aspect of DA’s?

Fundraising takes up a lot of time when time can be invested elsewhere. Granting frees up resources and time so that DA’s can work on the betterment of the particular association.

PSUA has benefitted from the grant, as they can now run events with the additional funding.

David: Is a 2 year mandate appropriate, or should OASIS ask for a longer extension.

Due to tuition uncertainty, 2 years might be appropriate to remain at $2.50 and ask in 2 years time.

2019-2/3e Would you like to see any changes to the FAMF?

OASIS is still unknown in their purpose. Awareness for OASIS and FAMF is essential to the reputation and health of the organization. DA’s may be able to help in the FAMF campaign through awareness. To those who have been given grants must write why granting positively impacted them, this can be put on the website for better transparency.

2019-2/3f Department association Reports

PSUA: watch party past, annual curling January 19th 2020, possible Women in Governance in February

Sociology: speaker on November 21, also taco sale same day

English and film studies: Meeting with english and film studies support centre

Psychology: Christmas party end of November

Speech language pathologist after reading week
2019-2/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-2/5 ADJOURNMENT @ 1342hrs November 8 2019

Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS)
CODA Meeting November 8th, 2019 at 1:00pm MST Humanities Fishbowl
Form Overview

98 responses
Responses from students in every year of study. A good representation of students made up of it.
Over %50 of our responses were individuals who would rate themselves as not involved in governance.

If people are comfortable with an increase in the FAMF?
44.9 said yes.
29.6 said maybe
25.5 said no

Kyle: This is an indicator that we could raise it past $2.50.

What price would you most likely support
Form itself has in fact allowed vote for multiple options.

- ⅔ of people who responded are for increasing it.

Note that a majority indicate an increase.
Darren
Adding this on top of the consultation of the general meeting, students are still uncertain of us as an organization

Kyle
I don't think there is much debate, we will be going with a 2 year FAMF.

**Are you happy with the current services.**
**Issue with the form is there is multiple yes’s**

David:
Currently we are at capacity with our budget and with individuals stating they want more, this gives us shows support to the 3 dollar, as we will be able to provide more for students.

Chris
Take this as an indicator that people want their FA to be more present in their student lives. The mechanism by which we achieve that is raising our FAMF to $3.00.
Using our money more effectively, it's fair that every dollar we get… the additional money won't have to take into account the cost of existing, i.e; tape and supplies etc. Every additional dollar won't go to that rather going to expanding services. If it comes to using the next dollar more effectively we will be able to.
Darren:
We do need to be doing more with marketing.

Kyle
This does add credibility to us increasing our FAMF.

Marissa:
Our current budget does not take any sort of outreach programming or events at the beginning of the year

Comments

Kyle
It's dependent on how you frame it. People don't know who we are so should we be taking money from them or we need money to be able to offer more.

Chris
A high portion of the comments say we don't know who you are, but you are going to be getting more comments from people saying that we don't know who you are vs we know who you are.

Kyle
More people asking for more scholarships
Darren
We have gone from nothing of a presence and these don't come easily or quickly, especially for a new inexperienced organization like the other organizations do. Remember this is a new organization.

Kyle
The engineers are so ingrained with their faculty

Chris
Outreach, the gateway has an outreach of the entire student body and they only have about 200 responses. Furth we think the gateway met a good standard and if council agrees thats a substantive consultation then you should also agree that this was a substantive consultation.

Darren
Kyle and marissa thank you for busting your ass off.

Kyle
I would like to thank you for talking in classes.

Kyle
Alden Mulish did not do the form, I WILL FIGHT HIM

Quinn
The fact that a lot of people are willing to consider 3 is a good thing. Instead of an increase in money, they are more
The question is whether we are increasing we need to prove to students with our outreach

Darren
We already have a basis off consultation which can continually increase with our incoming Marketing campaign.

Robert
These numbers are not static they can change, as we gain more traction in the coming year.
McAley:
I think we should raise the FAMF to $3.00, and keep the term at 2 years.

My reasons are:
More granting was important feedback we received from the Google Form. To me, this comes at the expense of events. I understand people’s frustrations with Arts Gala having such a large budget in the Winter semester but I’m not sure what to do with that information - either we cut Arts Gala and hold smaller events instead or we keep Arts Gala. To me, funding cannot be reallocated from events to granting in a way which would make a huge difference - we have to keep holding events (in any capacity) in order to improve our outreach. An increase in income is the only way to increase our granting capacity.

I think it should stay at a 2-year term because our responses were quite varied and there wasn’t a clear majority voting for an increase in the FAMF amount. Keeping it at 2 years may help people feel more comfortable with raising it, and also allows OASIS to reevaluate in 2 years and decide if it needs to change the amount according to student feedback on the first raising of the FAMF (to $3).

Ana

So I think we should keep the FAMF at 2.50 since so many people are not aware of what OASIS is and we do but I think we could review it every three years instead of two, just so we don’t have to worry about it every other year.

Abby:
I think that the FAMF should be $3.00 for a 2 years period.
Since the survey that we sent out received a bunch of ‘maybes’ in regards to whether or not students were comfortable with an increase in the fee, even though they still put $2.50, and an even smaller amount of people putting ‘no’ on whether they want an increase in the fee, I think it shows that not everyone is fully aware of what we have to offer.
Also, only 45 people wanted to keep it same, compared to the 42 people that wanted to increase it to $3.00 (not including the results of those who wanted it to increase beyond that).
Basically - $3.00 allows us to expand our services over the next couple years, meaning we would be able to better serve/represent the asks of our DAs and the student body at large. Also, a 2 year term allows for some flexibility in how we use the fees, meaning we will receive more immediate feedback from students in the next FAMF campaign season.
Lastly, I don’t think we need to worry too much about transitioning (DAs or FA reps) if we prepare adequate transition materials, and make a more clear timeline as to how early the campaign should start. Then, we could fully educate students on what we do with the money/how it helps them, and have more time to receive better feedback on what we can do better!
Dear Council,

Welcome to 2020! A new decade! Like 2019, this year will bring its own challenges that I am excited to see through. The break was a nice time to unwind, to refocus myself, and to spend time with people I love. I feel truly blessed, and while the end of my term is near, I want to be present for the rest of it while I can. This report is a little early in the month, so I’ll be talking about my upcoming plans, and I’ll provide fulsome oral reports at our 3 meetings this month!

1. Executive Committee
   - The number one item we have been working on as a team has been the Students Not Silent campaign. We now have meetings on Friday’s to help create a plan for communication of changes to PSE in the future. Council has been cc’ed on the emails with dates, times and location.
   - We will be having our final retreat prior to the election season at the end of January to continue to do project mapping.

2. Internal University
   - University Budget
     - The 2019/20 cut is $79 million. After difficult conversations, the University is absorbing as much of the cut at the institutional level as possible, and applying the residual amount differentially between the faculties and units. At the institutional level, they have cancelled all possible maintenance and infrastructure projects, drawn upon limited financial reserves for investments and applied our small contingency fund. These actions total $34M. The remaining $45M shortfall will be handled through a one-time, in-year cut of 4.7% to the faculties and an average in-year cut of 8.0% to the central support units (applied differentially). While these cuts will be applied on a one-time basis for this year, the ongoing reductions to our funding will be rolled into the planning process for the 2020–21 budget. It’s not looking great and people are feeling the impacts very intensely already. More information from President Turpin here.
     - Charter of Student Rights & Responsibilities
       - Happy to say that this is moving along really well. Council will see a consultation presentation during GovWeek! This will be done by the end of my term.
     - Board/GFC/Senate Summit
       - I am on the planning committee for this summit and a topic we are hoping to focus on is key performance metrics! Interesting topic and very timely.
     - Universal Changeroom opening

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- Campus and Community Rec is doing a "grand opening" for their new Universal Change rooms, on January 20th @ 10am. The U of A will be the first Canadian post-secondary institution to install universal change rooms like this. I will be speaking at the event.

- **Presidential Search Committee**
  - VP Larsen and I will be spending several weekends on campus this month because we are starting interviews this month. As soon as we have more to update, we will do so.

3. **External Advocacy**
   - **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**
     - CASA’s dates for SuperCon (the AGM and our Advocacy days) have been decided. It will be over the reading week; however, I will be missing part of the conference because of the elections. As the primary delegate, I will have to proxy my vote to another school for the part of the conference I can’t be there for.

   - **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**
     - We are looking to hire an external consultant to help us with our advocacy for the future.

4. **Internal Students’ Union**
   - I am hosting **Election Workshops** this year, open to the public!! I have a lot to say about the elections and candidates wanting to run, so please feel free to reach out. All the conversations I have with candidates is confidential and I will give all candidates honest answers if they reach out!

   - At our Mid-Year Managers meeting, we are doing a KAIROS Blanket Exercise for our staff. This is the first time it’s happening, and will be the first time some folks are participating in an exercise as such.

   - At our **Communications Group** we discussed a topic I love - UASU swag! I promised something was going to come when I was VPA, and it sure is!

Thank you for reading my report and I look forward to any questions you may have either via email or during question period. My office hours will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,

Akanksha Bhatnagar

University of Alberta Students’ Union President

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Hello Council,

I had a wonderful Christmas in Calgary with the family and was able to relax after quite some time. I hope you all had a restful holidays and are ready for the new semester ahead of us! Lots to look forward to, a new semester, new decade, and new opportunities.

1. **Student Leaders Week (Formerly GovWeek)**

   Student Leaders Week (SLW) is fast approaching in just about a week! Leadership is multifaceted and includes many components including governance. As a student you will have numerous opportunities to become a leader in whatever field you are in. Student Leaders Week is happening on January 21 to 23rd, with engaging sessions from public speaking, to managing a campaign. The topics for the sessions for the week are as follows:

   - **Monday January 20th:**
     - Sustainability & Capital Plan Focus Group (11AM - 12PM; Orion Room)
     - Defining Leadership (2PM - 3PM; Orion Room)
     - Illusion or Influence? Increasing youth engagement in Parliament (4PM - 6PM; SUB Atrium)
   - **Tuesday January 21st:**
     - Social Media and Campaigning (12:30PM - 1:30PM; Orion Room)
     - Public Speaking (2PM - 3PM; Orion Room)
     - Students’ Council Open House (5PM - 9PM; SUB Atrium)
   - **Wednesday January 22nd:**
     - Social Media and Campaigning (12PM - 1PM; Orion Room)
     - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in Leadership (2PM - 3PM; Orion Room)
     - Indigenous Governance and Leadership Panel (4PM - 6PM; SUB Atrium)
     - Wings and Things (8PM - 10PM; RATT)
   - **Thursday January 23rd:**
     - Governance 101 (12PM - 1PM; Orion Room)
     - How to Manage a Campaign and Stay Sane (2PM - 3PM; Orion Room)
     - Your SU Townhall (4PM - 6PM; Orion Room)

2. **Council of Faculty Associations**

   COFA has been quite productive in the past few weeks and months. The COFA joint board meeting will be occuring in a couple weeks with some exciting items on the agenda.

   1. COFA Joint statement on the budget cuts and increases in tuition / removal of the STEP program. This statement is in the process of being developed and reviewed by FA presidents in order to release.
2. **COFA Collaboration Fund**: The COFA Collaboration fund terms of reference were looked at during Senior Board, and we are close to finishing this to promote more collaboration on campus. Senior Board has decided to give out two $500 awards to help promote collaboration between Faculty Associations. We are currently finalizing the Terms of Reference for the distribution, eligibility and usage of the funds.

3. **Open Education at UAlberta**
Myself along with Krysta McNutt (OER Program Lead, CTL) will be presenting about Open Education at the Committee on the Learning Environment in February which I am very excited about. I hope that this presentation allows for knowledge of what OERs are to spread across campus, saving students dollars. We will be getting feedback on this presentation at the Open Education at UAlberta Committee. If you have any feedback or ideas for this, I’d be happy to chat!

I will be taking part in a KAIROS blanket exercise, which I have never done before so I am quite excited about it.

My January Office Hours are by appointment, so please let me know if you would like to meet about anything and everything! As always, I have candy in my candy bowl!

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students’ Union Vice President Academic

Joel Agarwal
Dear Council,

Happy new year! I hope everyone had a restful holiday that allowed for time to reflect on how the next and last few months of this year can be spent. For myself, I was able to reflect on the last year-and-a-half as VP External and CASA Chair, and what my last 4 and 5 months respectively will look like. On a personal note, I am writing this report from Ottawa where I am participating in the Parlement Jeunesse Pancanadien. The PJP is a mock parliament held in the Senate of Canada and brings together francophones from across the country for debate, amendments, and friendship-making all in French! I have the honour this year of being the Government House Leader.

1. Senate Plenary: On December 5-6, I participated in the Senate winter plenary where the provincial budget was the topic of great discussion. Many Senators were very concerned with the direction the provincial government is taking, and all student Senators were very vocal about the gravity of impacts on students. Part of the plenary was held in SUB, where we also provided our excellent catering.

2. MP Lake Meeting: On December 17, EAA Nelson and I met with MP Mike Lake to discuss the UASU’s federal advocacy priorities. This included student financial aid, employment, Indigenous student support, international students, and open education resources. We highlighted in particular the need for federal support in the wake of the provincial budget and its impacts on students. MP Lake was receptive to certain asks, in particular those concerning international students and our comparison of tax credits to up-front grants in student financial aid.

3. Augustana Political Policy: Additionally on December 17th, I spoke with Philip and Rebecca from the Augustana Students Association to advance the work on the Augustana Political Policy. I hope to have the first reading of the policy drafted in the next couple of weeks, and it will cover areas such as academic, municipal, wellness and residence concerns, among others.

4. GALD Presentation: On December 18, VP Statt and I gave a presentation about the UASU to the Global Academic Leadership Development program. GALD brings post-secondary administrators and faculty from China to Canada to learn about our post-secondary systems exclusively at the University of Alberta. They were all very interested in how students’ unions function in Canada, which is very different compared to China.
Looking forward:

5. KAIROS Blanket Exercise: On January 14, I will be participating in the exercise with Executives and Core Managers of the SU. Having participated in at least 5 in the past, I look forward to the opportunity to learn something new as is what happens every time.

6. CSJ Scholarship: On January 17, I will be meeting with an Associate Dean of Campus Saint-Jean to discuss the Fellowship for Full-Time Studies in French scholarship that will not be distributed this year by the provincial and federal governments. I hope to present more information on this situation at future meetings.

7. CAUS Planning: On January 27 & 28, EAA Nelson, President Bhatnagar and I will be in Calgary with CAUS members to do advanced planning for the arrival of the spring budget.

8. The Future of the Student Movement: A large priority of mine in concluding my position as CASA Chair is working to better unify the national student movement. Over the next few weeks, I will be engaging in calls with various non-CASA-affiliated students’ associations to discuss the need for greater national unity towards the federal government. This is especially important given provincial difficulties towards post-secondary education in provinces such as Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

In the coming months, I hope to conclude my work with the UASU in a collaborative, effective, and respectful manner. If there are topics or projects from Council that I can be of help with, please do not hesitate to ask.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students’ Union Vice President (External)
Adam Brown
Dear Council,

With the conference of the holidays, this is going to be a bit of a smaller report this earlier in the month. However, there are still a few interesting updates, keep reading for this month’s deep dive into the specifics!

**The Businesses**

**Financial Update on Business Performance**

While not all businesses are exceeding budgeted expectations, we have seen some positive trends in a few places this year. Take a look at the graph for a summary of some of those trends!

![SUBmart sales year over year](image)

**The Committees and Conferences**

**The Business Advisory Group (BAG)**

It’s finally happening! The first-ever BAG meeting will be happening this Wednesday and will introduce members to our operations, sign NDAs, and begin the discussion on how to improve our service delivery to our members! Stay tuned for interesting recommendations and ideas coming from the group of incredibly talented and smart individuals!

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YourSUTownHall
YourSUTownHall is right around the corner (at the end of the Student Leaders Week)! Students should have an accessible format by which they can hear about the operations of their SU. This town hall will encourage accountability to the student body for how the SU uses student fees in its operations. The town hall will be a 2-hour long event that is hosted near the end of Student Leaders Week and thoroughly explains the business direction of the SU of over the previous year. Specifically, it will explain such items as business finances (explained with plain language so that all students can understand), major changes in business strategy, and the results of any new operational initiatives that were started in the last year. By establishing this as an expected annual event, I intend to improve students’ trust in their SU and give them yet another opportunity to be critical of the businesses and services we offer to them.

The event will also incorporate an interactive session after the presentation which will encourage students to provide their ideas and feedback on how to improve our businesses and services.

The Collaborations
Reusable Dish Program Expansion
There is a very exciting project that Sustain SU is heading up regarding our reusable dish service! The project will be intended to introduce reusable clamshells to our food court in a similar way to how MacEwan attempted to bring on reusable dishes a couple of years ago. We're hoping to have the pilot started sometime before April of this year and I have the utmost hope in the project’s success with the leadership of two of our wonderful council alumni on top of its (solid work Rojine and Mechelle!).

The Follow-Ups
Breakfast at The Daily Grind
We’ve brought breakfast to The Daily Grind! Don’t know if you recall La’ Express’s breakfast sandwiches, but it'll be almost identical to those. Breakfast sandwiches will come in at $2.99 for the sausage and egg and $5.50 for croissant sandwiches. Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive so far and sales are alright. I’m looking forward to seeing how it performs in this new semester.

A More Sustainable Food Court
Some changes have started to have been made on this item, although it's not complete yet. This is due, in part to the disruption caused by the winter break, but I’ll be following up this month to have the remaining plastics offered in the food court removed.

Sustainability and Capital Plan
Here we go, folks! Now that Council has passed the motion to allow the Sustainability and Capital Plan to go to referendum, we are hard at work for planning that campaign! Akankshsa’s the lead on this, so let her know if you have any questions or want to get involved in any way!

If you ever want to meet to discuss ideas, concerns, or just talk, you can shoot me an email and I will do my best to find a time to meet!

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students’ Union Vice President Operations & Finance
Hey Everyone!

Happy new year! I hope all of your holidays went well, I’m excited to see what we can all accomplish in the upcoming months before our time here is done. The upcoming weeks are going to be very busy as I’ve got a lot of projects on the go, the details are included below!

1. **Pride Crosswalk**

Last week I met with Andrew Sharman and the University Architect to finalize the pride crosswalk initiative and I am proud to say that the meeting went very well. The University will be installing a pride crosswalk between SUB and Van Vliet once the snow clears in the spring. I am currently working with the University and the Landing Student Advisory Committee on this initiative to hash out all of the final details but the crosswalk will be reflective of Trans/BIPOC/LGBTQ2S+ Pride colours. We are planning to have the architect map out the space where the crosswalk is to be painted and then engage the community in the actual painting of it, where there will be a grand unveiling and a media release from the Students’ Union and the University.

2. **HUB Indigenous Art Mural**

Right before the break we sent a call out to Indigenous students on campus through the Aboriginal Students’ Council, First Peoples’ House and the Transition Year Program to receive input from students towards what they would like to see included in the mural. From this, I have worked to curate a form to call out to the artist community to acquire Indigenous artists from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit backgrounds to paint the mural, inviting Indigenous students from the fine arts faculty to be involved as well. I will be working with the First Peoples’ House and the Aboriginal Students’ Council to coordinate engagement sessions where we can collect more feedback for what to include in the mural and we are aiming to have the mural painted over the February reading week.

3. **SU/PLLC/Dean of Students Mental Health Video Premier**

Over the past few weeks I have been working with the Dean of Students’ Office and the Peter Lougheed Leadership College to plan an event to premier the mental health videos that the PLLC worked to make last year as their big project. The event will take place on SUBstage on January 15th from 11:30 to 2:30, where we will show the videos, host therapy dogs, showcase mental health services on campus through tabling, and include a photo booth. Our campus mascots will even be there! After the videos are shown, I will be moderating a panel with 4 campus members who are invested in campus mental health and come with a breadth of knowledge to share with you all, I highly encourage you all to come if you are free!
4. Presidential Search Committee
All of my weekends this month are getting taken up with the Presidential Search Committee as we work to hire a new President for the University of Alberta. While I cannot share any material information, the committee is progressing well and I am excited to continue working with them through the interview and selection process.

5. CORA Strategic Plan
This month, CORA will be completing the draft of their strategic plan. This plan works to highlight advocacy and operational goals for the next 4 years and will work to solidify the associations as they transition year over year.
Part of this plan was to find ways in which we can work with Residence Services to strengthen the associations and find new ways in which they can support the associations. At the last Residence Advisory Committee, the University agreed to supporting the association CRO’s in the elections and using their social media channels to help boost messaging for election engagement and voter turnout.

That’s all the bigger news from me y’all, feel free to ask me anything!

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students’ Union Vice-President Student Life
Jared Larsen
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**Registered Guests:**

- Philip (M) - Angeline Goodin
- Mark Kassier - Archie Brand
- Adam Lade - Archie Brand

**Notes:**

Meeting finished beforehand at finishing candidate. Only two roll calls due to break being missed. All new councillors in attendance but not on sheet.

Signed: Catherine Boczurz
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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.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-15)

2019-15/1  SPEAKERS BUSINESS
SPEAKER: Determined not to special order 2019-15/2a from the late additions.

2019-15/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students’ Council will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers at University Hall.

2019-15/2  PRESENTATIONS

2019-15/2a DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to allow a presentation from The Gateway surrounding their dedicated fee unit.

Abstract:

The Gateway is the University of Alberta's official student media source. Their Editor-in-Chief, on behalf of the Gateway Student Journalism Society, will present on why The Gateway is looking to increase its DFU this year, its plans should a DFU increase go through, and other important context for the DFU question.

Presenter(s):

- Andrew McWhinney, Editor-in-Chief

CARRIED

2019-15/3  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.
BOARD AND 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.

OPEN FORUM

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations & Finance, into whether the Students’ Union publishes a public outline of its investment holdings.

STATT: Responded in the negative.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations & Finance, as to why the proposed Sustainability and Capital Fund fee has been lowered from $27 to $25 per term.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the reduction was a response to student consultations.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the President, as to whether the results of the Sustainability and Capital Fund consultation will be made public.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that survey results are public and available within SC-2019-15-LA-20191203.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he will push the Council of Alberta University Students to take more direct action in advocating government.

BROWN: Responded that the protest which he organised in the last month is an example of direct action. Considered that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations’ upcoming advocacy week in Ottawa will be successful. Determined to shift the direction of advocacy toward the federal government.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to what role he will play in helping students organise for direct action.

BROWN: Responded that he organising the Student Not Silent campaign as well as an informal working group.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations & Finance, as to whether he can provide an update on the developments occurring in University policy concerning booking spaces for nonacademic purposes.
STATT: Responded that he has consulted affected students and is advocating the University to review and improve their policy to allow student clubs greater access to University space.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether CAUS is planning to take any direct action in relation to the Alberta Spring Budget.

BROWN: Responded that CAUS is actively considering this issue.

AUFSJ: Inquired, to the President, as to what efforts the Students' Union can make to improve the amount of French-language postering at Campus Saint Jean.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that she will follow-up with AUFSJ on this issue next week.

2019-15/6

QUESTION PERIOD

CHEN: Inquired, to the President, as to why executives can join committees without being elected as members.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that executives are appointed to committees as ex-officio members in bylaw.

KONRAD: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations & Finance, as to whether he can provide more information about the tie he is wearing.

STATT: Responded that he is wearing ties in December as part of the Dressember charitable campaign to end human trafficking.

CHEN: Inquired, to the President, as to how executives can better support the committees on which they serve.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that committees should receive greater support from the Office of Discover Governance in their onboarding.

CHEN: Inquired, to the President, as to why there is no transitional document for Nominating Committee.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the chair, in the last term, did not prepare one.

CHEN: Inquired, to the chair of Bylaw Committee, as to if he can clarify how members of committees are automatically removed from their positions if they fail to meet attendance requirements. Inquired, furthermore, as to why this regulation does not apply to executives.

DRAPER: Responded that councillors are removed from their committee positions after missing three consecutive meetings. Clarified that this regulation does not apply
to executives as their ex-officio positions are connected to the nature of their executive portfolios.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he can provide an update on Campus Saint Jean’s funding issues.

BROWN: Responded that Campus Saint Jean was founded on the basis of an agreement between the Francophone community, the University, and the Government of Alberta which set out funding obligations which have not been maintained.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the President, as to how the Students’ Union can ensure that the University Freedom of Speech Policy is not weaponised in a manner that creates unsafe spaces.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Students’ Union will emphasise the need to treat issues academically.

2019-15/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-15/7a TSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students’ Council to Audit Committee.

TSE nominated BATYCKI: accepted.

CARRIED

2019-15/7b KIDD/DRAPER MOVED, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the First Principles of Bill 7. See SC-2019-15.02.

KIDD: Outlined that the Bill concerns reducing the number of signatories required for vacancy petitioning to be 1% of a given faculty (capped at 60 individuals).

BHATNAGAR: Considered that the 60 person cap could be adjusted to be softer.

BEASLEY: Suggested that the 60 person cap is important as it ensures that petitioned councillors are representing the views of their faculty.

KIDD: Clarified that the cap is designed to force students to expand outside their friend groups.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that 1% may be too small a threshold for small faculties.

BOSE: Proposed setting a minimum number of signatures.
**KIDD/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to amend First Principles to state that the threshold will be a minimum of 30 signatures and a maximum of 60 signatures instead of the 1% existing standard.

Withdrawn

LARSEN: Proposed implementing an exception for Open Studies Students.

KIDD: Responded that such an exception already exists.

BOSE: Proposed maintaining the 1% threshold which, if below five people, requires vacancy positions to get ten signatories.

KIDD: Determined to edit this threshold in the creation of Second Principles.

**KIDD MOVED** to delete the First Principles statement that ‘Bylaw committee suggests reducing the number of signatures to be 1% of the undergraduate student population of the faculty with the vacancy (Capped at 60 individuals).’

CARRIED as friendly.

CARRIED

2019-15/7c **DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED**, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the Second Principles of Bill 3.

See SC-2019-15.03.

DRAPER: Noted that this Bill, among other changes, allows legitimate candidates to use their preferred names as part of campaigning.

BHATNAGAR MOVED to delete the phrase ‘or slate’ as part of Bylaw 2200 Section 47(a).

Carried as friendly.

VARGAS ALBA MOVED to amend Bylaw 2200 Section 11(3)c to read ‘nomination papers soliciting the given and/or preferred name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee; and’ as well as Bylaw 2300 Section 6(2)b to read ‘nomination papers soliciting the given and/or preferred name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee, the position the nominee wishes to contest, and nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) and at most twenty (20) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators;’

Carried as friendly.

CARRIED

2019-15/7d **DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED** to approve the Sustainability and Capital Fund question.
"The Students’ Union Building (SUB) is a key asset for students at the University of Alberta. Beyond being a place on campus to meet with your friends, study, grab lunch, or catch a movie, SUB revenues provide more than $3 million in funding each year to support student services and initiatives, in addition to creating hundreds of job opportunities on campus.

As a non-academic space on campus, SUB is not eligible for direct government capital grants—yet still requires more than $25 million to address accumulating deferred maintenance costs. This maintenance needs to be addressed in order to ensure its sustainability and value to students—as both a social space and an important revenue source.

The University of Alberta Students’ Union (UASU) proposes to create a permanent Sustainability and Capital Fund to help provide funding that allows for the renovation and improvement of Students’ Union-controlled spaces on campus like SUB. The Capital and Sustainability Fund would:

- Provide funding for projects that improve the environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability of Students’ Union spaces;
- Provide up to $10,000 of funding for each approved student sustainability project that will positively impact the campus community.

Students’ Council would be responsible for approving all expenditures from the Fund. All Fund projects must demonstrate a clear contribution to environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability.

The Fund would be financed by a fee subject to the following rules:

- The fee will be initially set at $25/term;
- Students’ Council may reduce the fee if financial circumstances allow;
- The fee will be reviewed after five years; and
- The fee will be applied to students enrolled in Fall, Winter, and Intersession (Spring/Summer) terms;
- The fee can only increase according to the Alberta inflation rate;
- Augustana will be exempt from the fee.”

BHATNAGAR MOVED to amend the phrase ‘SUB revenues provide more than $3 million in funding each year to support student services and initiatives' to read ‘SUB revenues provide more than $3 million in financial benefits each year to support student services and initiatives,' Carried as friendly.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that the question is unclear as to the amount of the Alberta inflation rate.

BOSE: Expressed concern that the Engineering Students’ Society was not consulted in the creation of this question.
BHATNAGAR: Suggested that Bose should have provided Council with ESS’ feedback. Noted that faculty associations were consulted as per the Report: Consultation on a Sustainability and Capital Fund. Suggested that the Fund will provide a long-term and preventative solution to the Students’ Unions deferred maintenance challenges.

SUNDAY: Inquired into why the Fund limits the funding of student sustainability projects below $10,000 but does not subject Students’ Union projects to a cap.

TSE: Expressed concern that the proposal uses the term ‘permanent’ when the Fund will be reviewed every five years.

KIDD: Supported the motion. Appreciated that the General Manager consulted councillors thoroughly on the creation of the Fund.

LARSEN: Noted that the fee is supposed to be permanent because the Students’ Union will continually upgrade its building.

DUMOUCHEL: Clarified that the Fund can be revised or removed every five years in plebiscite or annually by Council. Clarified that the question cannot specify the amount of the Alberta inflation rate as it varies. Clarified that student sustainability projects are capped at $10,000 to ensure that the Fund is not dissipated entirely on non-Students’ Union projects.

BOSE: Expressed concern that the Fund is an overly expensive and thinly veiled proposal to renovate the Myer Horowitz Theatre which students have twice rejected. Proposed having two funds: one which focuses on sustainability and another which focuses on deferred maintenance.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that only 15% of the Fund will be used for sustainability projects. Expressed concern that the proposal is greenwashed and dishonest. Proposed that the Students’ Union increase the proportion of the Fund used for advancing sustainability.

TSE: Proposed making it clear in the question that students can terminate the fee and the Council will review the fee.

HADDOUCHE/AGARWAL MOVED to extend the meeting by one hour. CARRIED

DUMOUCHEL: Suggested that it is not possible to separate the sustainability from deferred maintenance.

ESMAIL: Inquired into whether students are getting good value for money for this fee.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that external donors will contribute funds for the renovation of Students’ Union spaces if students are charged the fee.
BOSE: Suggested that 52% of the fees collected as part of the Fund will be used for the Horowitz Theatre.

In Opposition: Bose
In Abstention: N/A

**DRAPER/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to suspend Standing Orders to discuss 2019-15/7e.

2019-15/7e **DRAPER/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve The Gateway DFU question.

- “The fee will increase from $3.54/semester to $5.50/semester per semester per student, to be assessed to students enrolled in the Fall and Winter semesters.
- Students enrolled in Spring/Summer semesters will pay a fee which will increase from $0.54/semester to $1.50/semester
- Off-campus students will pay the fee
- Part-time students will pay the full fee
- Students may opt-out of paying the fee.

*Do you support these changes to The Gateway's fee?*

BHATNAGAR: Inquired into whether the question is supposed to have a preamble.

DRAPER: Responded that Bylaw Committee was not provided a preamble and not all questions in the past have used them.

CARRIED
Statt abstains.

2019-15/7f **DRAPER/AGARWAL MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students’ Council to Nominating Committee.

AGARWAL nominated DRAPER: accepted.
BROWN nominated HARRIS: accepted.
CARRIED

**HARRIS** is declared appointed to Nominating Committee.

2019-15/7g **KIDD/LARSEN MOVED** to approve the First Principles of the Student Poverty Policy. See SC-2019-15.04.

CARRIED

2019-15/7h **KIDD/AGARWAL MOVED** to approve the First Principles of the Academic Quality Policy.
See SC-2019-15.05.

CARRIED

2019-15/7i  **BROWN/SAYED MOVED** to approve the First Principles of the Public Transit and Active Transportation Policy.
See SC-2019-15.06.

BROWN: Outlined that this Policy advocates for a year-round, affordable, and high-quality system of active and public transportation.

LEY: Emphasised that the Policy should remain committed to advancing active transportation in biking.

BROWN: Invited Ley to participate in the creation of Second Principles.

CARRIED

**DRAPER/BEASLEY MOVED** to suspend Standing Orders and extend the meeting to 10:30pm.
CARRIED

2019-15/7j  **LARSEN/KIDD MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of Residence Policy.
CARRIED

**STATT/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to except the Gateway from the petition process for its upcoming plebiscite. 
Withdrawn.

LEY: Noted that it is not possible to waive bylaws via a vote of Council.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed reconsidering this motion in January.

KIDD: Expressed concern that passing the motion may violate Students’ Union bylaw and endanger the Gateway’s plebiscite.

STATT: Noted that there are interpretations of the bylaw that allow Council to waive the requirement to collect signatures in a position as part of a plebiscite. Determined to discuss the motion in January.

2019-15/8  **GENERAL ORDERS**

2019-15/8a  **STATT/AGARWAL MOVES** to ratify the proposed changes to the Collective Agreement between The University of Alberta Students’ Union and CUPE Local 1368.
See SC-2019-15.08.
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2019-15/9l  Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

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2019-15/9n  Students’ Council Attendance.

2019-15/9i  Students’ Council Motion Tracker.

2019-15/9j  Executive Committee Motion Tracker.


ADJOURNED AT 10:30PM.
OASIS Faculty Association Membership Fee

Presented by: Darren and Kyle
Introduction

- Purpose of the fee
- Amount and duration
- The scope of membership
- The dates the fee is to begin and cease being collected
- Refund mechanism
- Allocation of fee
- Financial Oversight
- Proof of consultation
- Endorsement of fee by the Association
The purpose of the Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) is to provide arts students with an expanded range of services, events, and granting opportunities. Examples include:

- Free printing
- Arts Gala
- Arts Con
- Individual, group, and department association grants
Amount, Duration, and Scope

After extensive consultation with Arts students, OASIS would like to propose a fee of $3.00 per student per semester over a term of 2 years. This fee will cover every undergraduate arts student at the University of Alberta North Campus. Approximately 6000 arts students are currently enrolled at the University of Alberta North Campus.

The dates are:
Refund Mechanism

Previously, OASIS’ refund mechanism was to send OASIS an email or to come into our office (2-10 Humanities) for a cash refund.

We have run into no issues with this mechanism.
Allocation (2019-20)

- Website: 2.8%
- Food Co-…: 10.3%
- New Loc…: 2.1%
- Administ…: 2.1%
- Office O…: 6.9%
- Granting: 69.0%

- Case Comp: 1.2%
- Food Committee: 8.9%
- Arts Con: 17.6%
- Granting: 23.7%
- Arts Gala: 45.1%
Allocation 2018–19

Expenses - Fall 2018
- Granting 62.6%
- WoW Swag 27.4%
- Other events + 0.5%
- Advertise OASIS 0.3%
- Administration 9.0%

Expenses- Winter 2019
- Arts Gala 35.7%
- Arts Con 15.0%
- Bon Spiel (Sponsorship) 9.1%
- Other events + 2.6%
- Administration 8.8%
- Election 0.9%
- Advertise OASIS 0.9%
- Case Comp 5.3%
Given the financial breakdown of OASIS, we will continue to allocate the fee as part of our general budget.

We will continue to keep the condition that 50% of the fee collected as part of the FAMF will be redispersed as grants.
Financial Oversight

- OASIS Council is comprised of 3 representatives from Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts + 1 International Councillor
- OASIS Council, per the Constitution, has full oversight of our budget. The VP Finance gives regular updates, and all substantive budgetary changes must be passed at the Council level.
- Furthermore, the principles of the 2019-20 budget were passed at our AGM in Winter 2019.
- Granting is overseen by a committee, with student-at-larges making up the majority of the committee
Proof of Consultation

As required by Section 7(1) of Bylaw 8200, OASIS consulted its Department Associations and its membership at a General Meeting.
Department Associations

OASIS consulted with its Department Associations at a meeting of CODA (Council of Department Associations). See related materials.
General Meeting

OASIS held a General Meeting in accordance to Article VII, Sections 7.05 and 7.06 of the OASIS Constitution to consult the general membership on the renewal of the FAMF fee. See related materials.
Endorsement of the fee by the Association

The OASIS Executive Committee and Council, after extensive consultation, voted in favour of a $3.00 per student per term fee on December 11, 2019 at 10 AM.
Further Consultation

The OASIS FAMF consultation team created a survey in order to gain a wider breadth of feedback from arts students. From this survey we gained specific insight and feedback from a diverse set of arts students:

- Student engagement could be increased through enhanced advertising and outreach
- Granting is very popular and with more funds, more grants could be awarded to students
- Feedback suggested a greater diversity of events and currently OASIS at financial capacity to host events
Student Engagement

Advertise the services you offer better (i.e. most students do not know about free printing)! Most people are like, "What on earth is OASIS?"

Truly I did not even know this was something we could use or that I was associated with, so making this more known and getting students more involved would be better.

Better publicity at the beginning of the year and before events happen. As students we can get free printing? I think many students don't know about all the things this offers.
Granting

More granting/scholarships

More grants perhaps?

More Granting to smaller groups

More individual grants

More individual grants!
Diversity of Events

- More activities/events
- More casual social events
- More student gathering opportunities
Feedback on Current Services

Are you happy with the current services and events OASIS provides?

98 responses

- 49%: Yes, I like the current amount
- 38.8%: Yes, but could be more
- 4%: Yes, but could be less
- 1%: No, I'm overall not happy
- 1.2%: Yes
Our Dataset

Our survey reached had 98 responses, representing Arts Students from nearly every department.
Diversity of Responses

On a scale of 1-5 how involved in student governance are you?

98 responses

- 1: 30 (30.6%)
- 2: 22 (22.4%)
- 3: 18 (18.4%)
- 4: 15 (15.3%)
- 5: 13 (13.3%)
Year of Study?
98 responses

- 1st: 30.6%
- 2nd: 26.5%
- 3rd: 25.5%
- 4th: 10.2%
- 5th +: 7.1%
Results

Note that a majority of respondents (67) indicated that they would be willing to pay more than $2.50 a semester.
Results

What term duration would you most likely support?

98 responses

- 2 years (Current term duration): 80 (81.6%)
- 3 years: 12 (12.2%)
- 4 years: 18 (18.4%)
Summary