

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
6:00PM  
3-04 Pavillon Lacerte, Campus Saint Jean**

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.

**ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-19)**

- 2019-19/1      **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**
- 2019-19/1a      **Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.**
- 2019-19/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2019-19/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2019-19/4      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2019-19/5      **OPEN FORUM**
- 2019-19/6      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2019-19/7      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-19/7a      **KIDD/DRAPER MOVE** to approve the Second Principles of the Quality Instruction Policy.  
  
See SC-2019-19.01.
- 2019-19/7b      **LARSEN/KIDD MOVE** to approve the Second Principles of the Sexual Violence Policy.  
  
See SC-2019-19.02.
- 2019-19/7c      **BROWN/SAYED MOVE** to approve the Second Principles of the Public Transit and Active Transport Policy.  
  
See SC-2019-19.03.
- 2019-19/7d      **STATT MOVES**, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the 2020-2021

Budget Principles.

See SC-2019-13.04.

2019-19/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-19/9 CLOSED SESSION

2019-19/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-19/10a Quality Instruction Policy - Second Principles.

See SC-2019-19.01.

2019-19/10b Sexual Violence Policy - Second Principles.

See SC-2019-19.02.

2019-19/10c Public Transport and Active Transport Policy.

See SC-2019-19.03.

2019-19/10d President - Report.

See SC-2019-19.04.

2019-19/10e Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-19.05.

2019-19/10f Vice-President (External) - Report.

See SC-2019-19.06.

2019-19/10g Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

See SC-2019-19.07.

2019-19/10h Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-19.08.

2019-19/10i Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-19.09.

2019-19/10j Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-19.10.

2019-19/10k Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-19.11.

2019-19/10l Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-18) - Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

See SC-2019-19.12.

2019-19/10m Budget Principles - 2020/2021.

See SC-2019-19.13.

## Quality Instruction Political Policy Review

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Team: Councillor Kidd, VP Agarwal

### 1 Facts

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OLD	NEW
<p>1. The University of Alberta is a publicly funded research and teaching intensive institution and the core academic mission values “excellence in teaching, research, and creative activity that enriches learning experiences, advances knowledge, inspires engaged citizenship, and promotes the public good”</p>	<p>1. <b>The University of Alberta is a publicly funded research and teaching-intensive institution. One of its core academic mission values “excellence in teaching, research, and creative activity that enriches learning experiences, advances knowledge, inspires engaged citizenship, and promotes the public good”.</b></p>
<p>2. Quality in undergraduate instruction affects every student on campus and provides them with a positive, safe, memorable, and learning-rich experience throughout their degree.</p>	<p>2. Quality in undergraduate instruction affects every student on campus and provides them with a positive, safe, memorable, and learning-rich experience throughout their degree.</p>
	<p>3. <b>Students pay high tuition and in turn, expect that they are receiving high-quality education and instruction while in their undergraduate degree.</b></p> <p><b>i. Students also expect that they are being taught by quality, well educated instructors</b></p> <p><b>ii. Students often pay high costs for educational materials that do not</b></p>

	<p>always reflect the quality of these materials.</p>
<p>2. Outstanding instruction in undergraduate education reflects positively on the University.</p>	<p>4. Outstanding instruction in undergraduate education reflects positively on the University.</p>
<p>Excellence in instruction requires effective and clear communication and interaction between students and instructors</p>	<p>5. Excellence in instruction requires effective and clear communication and interaction between students and instructors</p>
<p>4. Student feedback and evaluation of instruction provides students with a voice in their learning environment and can aid instructors to improve their teaching philosophy.</p>	<p>6. Student feedback and evaluation of instruction provides students with a voice in their learning environment and can aid instructors to improve their teaching.</p>
<p>5. Smaller class sizes, with more accessibility to an instructor, are proven to increase the quality of instruction.</p>	<p>7. Smaller class sizes, with more accessibility to an instructor, are proven to increase the quality of instruction</p>
<p>6. Quality instruction prepares students with transferable skills well-suited for the workforce and continuing educational endeavours</p>	<p>8. Quality instruction prepares students with transferable skills well-suited for the workforce and continuing educational endeavours.</p> <p>i. When asked for student responses to an agree/disagree question on a 0-100 slider scale: "I feel like my experience at U of A is preparing me to find a good job." The average rating on that scale was 58.5 <a href="#">1</a></p>
<p>7. Academic faculty members need access to high-quality, progressive professional development coupled with supporting policies relating to teaching and learning.</p>	<p>9. Academic faculty members need access to high-quality, progressive professional development coupled with supporting policies relating to teaching and learning.</p>

<p>8. Establishing a culture that promotes excellence in teaching requires institutional commitment, investment and innovation, including support for the scholarship of teaching and learning.</p>	<p>9. Establishing a culture that promotes excellence in teaching requires institutional commitment, investment and innovation, including support for the scholarship of teaching and learning.</p>
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## 2 Resolutions

<p>1. The Students' Union will advocate for continued and growing institutional commitment towards excellence in instruction, including support for innovative teaching practices and for the scholarship of teaching and learning.</p>	<p>1. The Students' Union will advocate for continued and growing institutional commitment towards excellence in instruction, including support for innovative teaching <b>pedagogies</b> and for the scholarship of teaching and learning.</p>
<p>2. The Students' Union will advocate for the continuous modernization of our curriculums to adapt to our dynamic environments.</p>	<p>2. The Students' Union will advocate for the continuous modernization of our curriculums to adapt to the dynamic <b>changes in research and knowledge. This will further enhance student learning and incentivize instructors to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies, such as open educational resources.</b></p>
<p>3. The Students' Union will advocate for conditions that promote the importance of teaching at an institutional and grassroots level across our diverse campuses.</p>	<p>3. The Students' Union will advocate for conditions that promote the importance of <b>high quality</b> teaching at an institutional <b>and grassroots</b>-level across our diverse campuses.</p>

<p>4. The Students' Union will advocate for the support of experiential and co-curricular learning integration with instruction to enhance student learning and incentivize instructors to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies.</p>	<p>4. The Students' Union will advocate for the support of experiential and co-curricular learning integration with instruction. <del>to enhance student learning and incentivize instructors to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies.</del></p>
<p>5. The Students' Union will advocate that the University recognizes the importance of professional development in an instructor's performance evaluation in Faculty Evaluation Committees.</p>	<p>5. The Students' Union will advocate that the University recognizes the importance of professional development in an instructor's performance evaluation in Faculty Evaluation Committees.</p>
<p>6. The Students' Union will advocate that instructors be required to present evidence of their current and past teaching professional development experience as part of their annual review.</p>	<p>6. The Students' Union will advocate that instructors be required to present evidence of their current and past teaching professional development experience as part of their annual review.</p>
<p>7. The Students' Union will advocate for increased and ongoing communication between students and professors through mid-semester teaching evaluations.</p>	<p>7. The Students' Union will advocate for increased and ongoing communication between students and professors through mid-semester teaching evaluations <b>such as URSIs.</b></p>

<p>8. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta broaden the scope of teaching evaluations.</p>	<p>8. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta broaden the scope of teaching evaluations, <b>in line with the Institutional priorities of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).</b></p>
<p>9. The Students' Union will advocate for the sustainability of the Universal Student Rating of Instructors (USRI's) database, and ensure they are easily accessible and digestible for all students.</p>	<p>9. The Students' Union will advocate for the sustainability <b>and accessibility</b> of the Universal Student Rating of Instructors (USRI's) database.; <del>and ensure they are easily accessible and digestible for all students.</del></p>
	<p><b>10. The Students' Union will advocate for a clear and student friendly mechanism in French and English to report an instructor who fails to meet the standards of quality instruction.</b></p>
	<p><b>11. The Students' Union will advocate that all new instructors will be required to take a mandatory course on developing their teaching through the Centre for Teaching and Learning.</b></p>
	<p><b>12. The Students' Union will advocate that instructors with low USRI ratings will utilize the available resources through the Centre for Teaching and Learning to continue to develop</b></p>

	their teaching techniques. <a href="#">2</a>
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Sources:

1. Perceived Career Value of a University of Alberta Education  
<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/PerceivedCareerValueofaUAlbertaEducation.pdf>
2. Effective Teaching and Learning: A Framework for Multifaceted Assessment, Council on Student Affairs, January 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

# Sexual Violence Political Policy Review

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Team VP Larsen, Councilor Isaac, Councilor Marinakis, Councilor Tse

## 1 Facts

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1. Sexual violence impacts University of Alberta students.
2. People of all demographics are at risk of sexual violence.
3. On a national average, some **demographics of people** experience disproportionately high rates of sexual violence. These groups include women, **LGBTQ2SIA+** people, people of colour, Indigenous Peoples, immigrants and newcomers to Canada, and people with disabilities.<sup>1</sup>
  - i. **Indigenous women, children and Two-Spirit people are almost three times as likely to experience sexual violence than non-Indigenous women.**<sup>2</sup>
  - ii. **The racialized and gendered violence that is faced by Indigenous women, children, and Two-Spirit people is a direct result of ongoing colonialism in Canada.**<sup>3</sup>
4. Demographics **of people** that experience higher rates of sexual violence often encounter unwanted sexual attention while on University property, such as at University gym facilities and residences.
5. Research shows that the majority of Canadians do not have a clear understanding of sexual consent.<sup>4</sup>
6. Alcohol **and/or substance** consumption is often used as an illegitimate excuse to justify acts of sexual violence.
7. Sexual violence can have severe mental, emotional, **spiritual**, and physical impacts on survivors and their communities.
8. **While societies are beginning to adapt**, contemporary societies still accept myths and stereotypes about sexual violence. Furthermore, common attitudes, norms, and practices often tolerate, normalize, excuse, or condone sexual violence.
9. Students are primary stakeholders in the prevention of campus sexual violence and must be adequately consulted when the University makes decisions on sexual violence prevention and process management.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/svawc-vcsfc/index-en.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2016001/article/14631-eng.htm>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Executive\\_Summary.pdf](https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Executive_Summary.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.canadianwomen.org/about-us/media/1-3-canadians-know-sexual-consent-means/>

10. Information on how to report instances of sexual violence should be readily available to students, faculty, and staff.
11. Not all survivors choose to report an instance of sexual violence or move forward with any sort of formal process. The way a survivor chooses to proceed is at their discretion, and a variety of supports should be available to them regardless of their decision.

## 2 Resolutions

1. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta modify and continually update their sexual violence policy to be increasingly comprehensive and survivor-oriented.
2. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta thoroughly consult students, including the Students' Union, when changes are being made regarding University policy on sexual violence.
3. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta specifically consult interest groups of individuals who are disproportionately affected by sexual violence when making decisions surrounding campus sexual violence.
4. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta be transparent in releasing periodical and timely information and statistics about campus sexual violence.
5. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta make information on how to report instances of sexual violence easily accessible and widely distributed across University of Alberta campuses, including but not limited to residences, gyms, sororities, and fraternities.
6. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta provide sufficient funding to improve sexual assault support services across campuses.
7. The Students' Union will advocate that the Government provide sufficient funding to improve sexual assault support services across campuses.
8. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta respect the difference between a disclosure of sexual violence and a formal complaint.
9. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta provide mental and physical support to students regardless of whether or not the survivor chooses to report.
10. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta provide academic and housing accommodations to affected students regardless of whether or not the survivor chooses to report.

11. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta provide continuous appropriate guidance to students who choose to report.
12. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta educate students, staff, faculty, volunteers, and users of gym facilities on conduct that could be considered as unwanted sexual attention.
13. The Students' Union will advocate that Residence Services continue to develop its framework to prevent and respond to instances of sexual violence in residences.
14. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta educate the student body on the correlation of alcohol and substance consumption with acts of sexual violence.
15. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta provide restorative justice as an option on a case-by-case basis with the fully informed consent of the survivor.
16. The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta commit to the periodic and timely revision of their disciplinary and hearing bodies to ensure they are following student-centred best practices.
17. The Students' Union will advocate for the hiring of the Sexual Assault Response and Implementation Coordinator, or equivalent.

**Public Transit and Active Transportation** Political Policy - 2019 Review Draft  
 VP Brown, VP Larsen, Councillor Sayed, Councillor Vargas Alba

## 1 Facts

### A. Public Transit

<p>1. Public transit is a common mode of transportation used by University of Alberta students that benefits the quality of life of all members in the community.</p>	<p>1. Public transit is a common <b>and sustainable</b> mode of transportation used by University of Alberta students that benefits the quality of life of all members in the community.</p>
<p>2. The U-Pass is to be implemented in the academic years consistent with the referendum conditions.</p>	<p>2. The U-Pass is to be implemented in the academic years consistent with the referendum conditions.</p> <p>i. <b>For the majority of students, the U-Pass is a mandatory fee with very specific restrictions. Many students who see no need to take transit have to pay this fee regardless.</b></p>
<p>3. The post-secondary bus pass provides a more affordable public transit option for students than a regular adult pass.</p>	<p><del>3. A post-secondary bus pass provides a more affordable public transit option for students than a regular adult pass.</del></p>
<p>4. Public transit expansion would allow improved access for University of Alberta students to commute within the service area.</p>	<p>4. Public transit expansion would allow improved access for University of Alberta students to commute within the service area.</p> <p>i. <b>According to the 2018 Students' Union Annual Survey Report, "hundreds or even thousands of students in far-flung neighbourhoods spend more than two hours a day commuting to and from U of A by public transit." (p. 59)</b></p> <p>ii. <b>Many students who attend the University of Alberta live in the broader Edmonton</b></p>

	<p>Capital Region, and would be better serviced by an expanded inter-municipal transit system.</p>
<p>5. Smartfare technology would reduce the possibility for U-pass fraud and reduce the need for a U-Pass replacement fee.</p>	<p>5. Smartfare technology, used in cities such as Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver, would reduce the possibility for U-pass fraud, reduce the need for a U-Pass replacement fee, and make the transit system more efficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This technology is being piloted in Edmonton.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Students who are employed with the University are not eligible for employee transit benefits. That leaves student employees who are not enrolled in a class for the spring/summer semester without a more affordable option than the adult bus pass.</p>	<p>6. Students who are employed by the University are not eligible for employee transit benefits. That leaves student employees who are not enrolled in a class for the Spring/Summer semester without a more affordable option than the adult bus pass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. As of 2019, the cost for a monthly transit pass is \$97, while the cost for a four month transit U- Pass is \$148.</li> <li>ii. Many out-of-city students who attend the University of Alberta during the Fall and Winter remain in Edmonton during the Spring and Summer and face much higher costs to access transit.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Students often feel unsafe using public transit.</p>	<p>7. Students often feel unsafe using public transit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Riders deserve public transit that is safe, accessible, and frequent.</li> </ul>
	<p>8. When checked for proof of payment on transit, students who have forgotten their U-Pass may often be penalized financially in ways that add unexpected financial burden.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Fines for fare evasion in Edmonton cost \$250, and tend to be disproportionately punitive when compared to fines for speeding<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>II. Indigenous people and People of Colour in Edmonton tend to be disproportionately fined for fare evasion, when compared to non-Indigenous and non-minority riders<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul>
	<p>9. While the City of Edmonton offers reduced bus fares with the Ride Transit Program, recently graduated students may find themselves above the established Low Income Cut-Off while still needing financial assistance in paying for passes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. For students in the lowest income bracket, a Ride Transit Program subsidized pass will cost less than a U-Pass.</li> </ul>
	<p>10. Over the last few years, the idea of Fare-Free Public Transit has become increasingly discussed in Edmonton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Over the last few years, large cities around the world have turned to fare-free models of Transit.</li> <li>ii. Calgary’s C-Train offers fare-free transit in its downtown core.</li> <li>iii. In Edmonton, issues relating to large costs in transit, including fines, year-round access, and affordability would be resolved if the city implemented fare-free public transit.</li> </ul>

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<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/paquette-slams-disparity-of-fines-for-traffic-transit-offences>

<sup>2</sup><https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/indigenous-people-racial-minorities-over-ticketed-on-edmonton-transit-data-shows>

## B. Active Transportation

	<p>11. Scramble crosswalks enhance walkability, increase pedestrian safety and allow for the prioritization of pedestrians.</p>
	<p>12. Edmonton's bicycle lanes have led to an increase in rider safety and a rise in cyclists around the city.</p>
	<p>13. Bicycle infrastructure on campus, including bike equipment and security, is not always properly maintained, increasing fear of bike theft on campus. This deters students who would otherwise bike to campus.</p>

## 2 Resolutions

### A. Public Transit

<p>1. The Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services carefully monitor service demand arising from U-pass implementation, consider input from stakeholders and commit all resources necessary to maintain reliable, safe and timely service.</p>	<p>1. The Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services carefully monitor service demand arising from U-pass implementation, consider input from stakeholders and commit all resources necessary to maintain reliable, safe and timely service.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The Students' Union will support the development of the Capital Region Intermunicipal Transit Network.</p>
	<p>2. The Students' Union will advocate for universal Fare-Free Public Transit in Edmonton and the Capital Region.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. The Students' Union will oppose any</p>

	<p>increases to fare costs in Edmonton and the Capital Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. The Students' Union will work to centralize Fare-Free Public Transit as a main piece of advocacy from the Edmonton Students Alliance.</li> <li>iii. While the Students' Union supports Fare-Free Public Transit as the ultimate solution for public transport in Edmonton, it will still advocate for more fair costs and standards in the interim.</li> </ul>
<p>2. The Students' Union negotiates a new, long-term U-Pass contract to be implemented upon the expiry of the current contract.</p>	<p>3. The Students' Union negotiates a new, long-term U-Pass contract to be implemented upon the expiry of the current contract.</p>
<p>3. The Students' Union advocates for the integration of Smartfare technology into the ONECard system.</p>	<p>4. The Students' Union advocates for the integration of Smartfare technology into the ONECard system.</p>
<p>4. The Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services expand their current service systems, prioritizing the implementation of Smartfare technology, to better meet the needs of the University of Alberta students.</p>	<p>5. The Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services expand their current service systems, prioritizing the implementation of Smartfare technology, to better meet the needs of the University of Alberta students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Students' Union advocates for an expanded public transit system that includes, but is not limited to, more frequent routes, expanded routes, and optimized routes that reach all parts of Edmonton, including suburban and rural areas.</li> <li>ii. The Students' Union supports the creation of express transit lines between main</li> </ul>

	<p>commuter hubs and campus, to be operated during peak transit hours.</p>
<p>5. The Students' Union advocates to and works with the University and relevant stakeholders to ensure that students employed by the University, but not currently enrolled in classes, be provided with a more affordable alternative than the adult bus pass.</p>	<p>6. The Students' Union advocates to and works with the University and relevant stakeholders to ensure that students employed by the University, but not currently enrolled in classes, be provided with a more affordable alternative than the adult bus pass.</p>
	<p>7. The Students' Union will advocate for lower costs for transit passes in the Spring and Summer for students who cannot access a U-Pass.</p> <p>I. The Students' Union will advocate for the expansion of the U-Pass to students enrolled in Spring and Summer experiential learning opportunities either on- or off-campus.</p>
	<p>8. The Students' Union will advocate for decreased fines for fare evasion, as well as improved anti-bias initiatives for public transit employees and peace officers.</p>
	<p>9. The Students' Union will advocate for the City of Edmonton to address the discrepancy between the cost of U-Pass and the lowest tier of the Ride Transit subsidized transit pass.</p> <p>i. The Students' Union will advocate for the expansion of the Ride Transit Program to a higher Low Income Cut-Off</p>

**B. Active Transportation**

	<p>10. The Students' Union will advocate for the installation of Scramble Crosswalks where 87</p>
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	Avenue intersects with 114 Street and 112 Street.
	11. The Students' Union will advocate for the installation of bicycle lanes throughout campus.
	<p>12. The Students' Union will advocate for the increased maintenance, lighting, and security of bicycle lock spaces.</p> <p>I. The Students' Union will call for the communication of stronger bicycle security from the University administration.</p>

Sources:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-transit-smartfare-machines-installed-1.5189916>  
<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/2018UndergradSurveyReport.pdf>

**Date:** Feb 6, 2020

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2019/20 Report #14

Dear Council,

2020 has already been very challenging. Our community went through some very tough times, and I do hope we can remember how intimate this world is, and how important it is to love the people around you unconditionally. I've been busy, but gearing up towards the UASU Executive Elections, and then continuing to gear up for our transition period. Read ahead as I try to encapsulate my past month!

### 1. Executive Committee

- The number one item we have been working on as a team has been the **Students Not Silent campaign**. VP Brown has been taking point on this along with some students.
- 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**
  - We are in the intensive rounds of consultation regarding tuition costs, student financial aid, bursaries & awards, mandatory non instructional fees (MNIFs), rent rates, meal plans rates, etc. Quite clearly, the financial picture at the University is looking rough, because of the impacts of Budget 2019. Budget 2020 will really push us to come together to be resilient, partners, and really think about the detrimental impacts this has had on students.
  - We are now also having to respond, within weeks, to the newly imposed performance-based metrics as discussed at last meeting.
- **Charter of Student Rights & Responsibilities**
  - Happy to say that this is moving along really well. We will have a final version approved by GFC by the end of my term.
- **Board/GFC/Senate Summit**
  - This summit went incredibly well with Alex Usher and Cheryl Poth as great speakers. They both said that too many metrics is very worrisome, but some could be used in a positive light - they said to aim for around 10. Right now, it's looking like the Government wants around 20.
- **Presidential Search Committee**
  - VP Larsen and I spent every single weekend with this committee, and needless to say the conversations are incredible. I'm looking forward to the end result in a few months.

**Akanksha Bhatnagar, President**

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### 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.
  - I will be out of office from Feb 16th - 19th and back in the office for the evening of the 19th.
- **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**
  - We are looking to hire an external consultant to help us with our advocacy for the future.
- The menstrual product initiative was featured on [CTV!](#)

### 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!
  - I've spent a lot of time one on one with a few candidates, so that has taken up time.
- 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! Definitely keep April 6th in the calendars!

A reminder that the Executive Committee will have a reduced number from Feb 14th - March 5th. If you need to contact us, just be more patient with a response, or just give me a call. 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,



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

**Date:** 02/11/2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #13

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Hello Council,

It's been an incredible past few weeks with some very exciting things happening on and around campus! Things are tumultuous, sure, but there the machine is moving. Things are moving forward and student voices are slowly but surely being listened to. Here are a few things I've been up to in the past little while.

### **1. Free & Affordable Textbook Content in the Classroom**

Huge breakthrough in the Open Educational Resources (OERs) file this week! At GFC Committee on the Learning environment, Krysta McNutt (OER Program Lead, CTL) and myself presented on Open Education with a comprehensive overview of what OERs are, OER in America and Canada, a comparative look at BC Campus initiatives, as well as what can be done here at the University of Alberta. There was surprisingly great uptake, which warranted some incredibly positive conversations among deans, chairs, faculty, instructors, and staff here at the UofA. I'm excited to say that we are making huge strides in education and recognition of OERs. There were some great ideas that came out of that meeting from having an OER theme at the next years Festival of Teaching and Learning, to actually getting rid of TopHat, an app that students have to pay for in order to answer questions in the classroom. I am hoping to continue pushing on this file to remove the many fiscal barriers within the classroom. The Chief Librarian at the UofA is very interested in OERs!

### **2. Council of Faculty Associations**

We held the COFA Joint Board meeting for the Winter Semester which was quite well attended. There were very good discussions on some various important topics.

1. Faculty updates, better understanding the landscape of what is happening with each FA.
2. Sustainability Capital Plan Consultation presented by President Bhatnagar. Really value the feedback that was received from this discussion.
3. COFA Joint statement. As you've heard before, COFA has been working on creating a joint statement to release in the next little while. It is important that all fourteen Faculty Associations are represented in a united voice advocating for student needs.
4. COFA Collaboration Fund: The COFA Collaboration fund terms of reference will be looked at more in the next COFA meetings to implement which I am very excited about.
5. GFC Student Vacancies filling updates. In many conversations with the University over the past few months, we have reached some agreement on how we can help fill student seats on GFC. You can ask me about this at Council!

### **3. Meeting with Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research)**

I met again with Dr. Florence Glanfield, the first Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research) at the University of Alberta along with other key Indigenous students and staff to discuss the implementation of the next Aboriginal Student Success Survey which was done in 2015 last. We are currently currently working on finalizing the survey questions (very similar to the 2015 one in order to analyze 2020 results with the 2015 results as per the ARRC recommendations).

### **4. Students' Union / Registrar's Office (SURO) Meeting**

Myself as well as the SU executives met with the Registrar's Office (RO) as part of our regular discussions to keep the relationship and communications with the RO strong. We had great discussions about the ROs annual plan organizational priorities which I was happy to see included staff training, EDI, PD, Access and Diversity as well as new administrative and IT technologies to better serve students.

### **5. Students' Union Policy**

Been working with policy committee on some great academic policies such as Quality Instruction, Experiential Learning and many others! I am happy to see such incredible progress in ensuring that the quality of education is high despite the cuts and increases in tuition.

My February Office Hours are by appointment, so please let me know if you would like to meet about anything and everything.

Cheers,



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

**Date:** 06/02/2020

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #13

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Dear Council,

Happy February! We are getting into a very stressful time of year for many reasons, so please remember to self-care. Personally, I have a very busy next month with travelling so if you want to chat about anything, contacting me sooner than later is always better.

**1. Alumni Council Priorities Committee:** On January 13th, this committee met to continue discussing how the Alumni Association can better serve different types of alumni. This includes better understanding the transition from student to recent grad. I brought up ways the Alumni Association can be useful through a) not asking for donations for the first number of years post-graduation; b) providing networking and career development opportunities; and c) asking them to volunteer to keep them connected with the University and give them experience.

**2. Alberta Mental Health Grant:** At the end of March, the Post-secondary Student Mental Health Grant will expire. Since 2013, the University of Alberta has received \$1 million every year to fund the delivery of crucial mental health services. Despite the UASU and Council of Alberta University Students having asked the government several times whether this funding will be renewed in the upcoming provincial budget, we have received little to no information describing the future of this grant.

**3. Performance-based Funding Model:** On Monday, January 20, the provincial government announced their plans to implement a new performance-based funding model. While this type of model is used in many countries around the world and can be a useful way to fund post-secondary, we have several concerns about the way it is being implemented in Alberta. I spoke to CTV, CBC-Radio Canada and Global news on the 20th, highlighting that the government is using too rushed a timeline and that there are many more questions than answers and even now this has not changed. Expecting metrics to be ready for the beginning of April is a far too rushed and not well thought out way to handle millions of dollars of funding to the University. Post-secondary expert Alex Usher pointed out at the Senate-GFC-Board of Governors summit that no government has ever moved to implement a model like this while simultaneously also cutting funding, which was done in the last budget. We and CAUS have communicated to the government our deep concerns and recommendation that they take this process much slower, which seems to have fallen on deaf ears, to use the expression.

**4. CAUS planning:** From January 27-29, EAA Nelson and I went to Calgary for a CAUS planning conference. We discussed the development of a new strategic plan for CAUS (of

which the current one is very poorly written and outdated), as well as how CAUS can best respond and support its members in the release of the next provincial budget.

**5. Finance Committee Presentation:** On February 4, I was invited (on short notice) to present to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance regarding CASA's recommendations for the upcoming federal budget. Our presentation highlighted the need for student financial aid for graduate students, an improvement of grants for trades students, and reiterating our long-standing ask of eliminating the work-integrated learning work permit that international students must apply for and simply including the ability to do WIL in their study permit. The presentation was received well and I was asked solid questions from MPs regarding the need for financial aid, given difficulties happening in various provinces including Alberta.

**6. ESA meeting:** On February 5, the Edmonton Student Alliance met to discuss plans for the rest of the year. This included a potential municipal advocacy lobby days, transitioning next year's executives, and how the ESA can support students through municipal advocacy during this difficult time due to the provincial government.

**7. CASA SuperCon:** Coming up, I will be away from the office from February 13-25, as I am attending a Quebec Student Union caucus on behalf of CASA and then heading to Ottawa and then heading to Ottawa for SuperCon. Due to the federal election schedule, CASA decided to combine their advocacy week and AGM conferences into one. I will send the lobby document to Council once it is published on the CASA website, but their will be focuses on financial aid, the implementation of UNDRIP, and more! I hope this will have a big impact on the federal government's priorities in post-secondary.

On a personal note, I was pleased to attend both the Business and Arts faculty associations galas over the month of January. Both events were done very well! I also attended the CSJ "Classique Héritage" event with VPs Statt and Agarwal, a fantastic day of hockey and fun in French!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External)

**Adam Brown**

**Date:** February 6, 2019  
**To:** Students' Union Council  
**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 13

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Dear Council,

Elections are upon us! I will be taking a leave of absence soon, but have been very hard at work to close off projects and find ways to do the most with the time I have left. The report might seem a little scarce this week, but that is due to another large project that many of you will soon hear about.

### **The Businesses**

#### **Dewey's sees one last improvement**

Well, there might not be a lot of time left, but Dewey's has one last surprise for the keen observers. We put up a new sign to catch peoples attention better! Check it out below:



### **The Collaborations**

#### **Big Things Are Coming**

Got a very exciting project that has been taking a lot of my time that should be announced soon (if it hasn't already been by the time your reading this). All I'll say is that the UASU has heard students and we have taken a look at our partnerships, agreements, and any other areas we could utilize to provide some plausible options to our student members for dealing with financial uncertainty.

### Room Booking Policy Solutions

After some work with the RO e were able to come up with some interim solutions for the Dace clubs and other active clubs on campus that we no longer about to use many of the rooms on campus they used to be able to use.

### The Follow-Ups

#### YourSUTownHall

YourSUTownHall has now come and gone! Students had the opportunity to engage with the SUs operations in an accessible format. This town hall encouraged accountability to the student body for how the SU uses student fees in its operations. 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. On the whole, I'm pretty happy with how things went and I hear some really great feedback from the students who were there. I am hoping to see this continue to grow as new executives come in.

#### The Business Advisory Group (BAG)

Well, the first BAG meeting happened! We took the time in our first meeting to talk about the SU as a whole and have some conversation about the future expectations for the committee. The next meeting will take place during my leave of absence, but I have the utmost confidence that our business director will do a great job chairing it without me.

#### Reusable Dish Program Expansion

The Reusable Dish Program Expansion is well underway now! I have had a couple more meetings with SustanSU and we believe we have found a good place to source the containers from now and have worked out a number of the kinks in the logistics of their distribution. Were hoping to have this new aspect of the service up and running soon, so stay tuned!

#### Sustainability and Capital Plan

The Sustainability and Capital plan has seen a lot of work in planning and preparation for the upcoming referendum. Some thought has gone into marketing materials and communication and i think it will do well once it hits the forums in a couple of weeks.

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

**Date:** 02/11/2020

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report February 11

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Hey Everyone!

I hope you've all had a nice last few weeks as we get things all in order before elections season. To all of you running for an executive position or a council position, best of luck to you! Feel free to read through my report and I'll do my best to answer any questions you may have.

### **1. PLLC Mental Health Video Premier**

On January 15th, I worked with the Dean of Students' Office and the PLLC to premier their mental health videos, which they worked on over the course of the last year. Three of the videos were displayed for many to watch, followed by a panel discussion which I moderated. We focussed on the panelists' personal anecdotes to the videos and touched on the de-stigmatization of seeking clinical and counselling treatment for mental health struggles. I found the panel discussion to have been very good and I was pleased to see people engaging with the panelists after the discussion was over.

### **2. HUB Indigenous Art Mural**

Over the last few weeks we have been engaging members of the Indigenous community to voice what they would like to see included in the mural. From that, I have worked with the First Peoples' House to create a write-up of what is to be included in the mural and have been working to source artists. Due to the construction timeline in HUB mall and the flow of people on campus, the University has decided to postpone the installation of the mural to June/July - this will save us a few thousand dollars in installation costs as well and allow the artists to stay in HUB.

### **3. CORA Strategic Plan**

The Council of Residence Associations has just about completed their strategic plan for the 2020-2024 years. This plan will help to guide advocacy and set organizational goals for each institution, as well as help to establish CORA's role in advocacy and operational oversight. This is the first strategic plan that CORA has created, so I'm excited to see it executed over the coming years!

### **4. Residence Association Elections**

I have been working with all of the Residence Associations to help them get set up for their elections. We have worked to partner CRO's with administrative staff from Residence Life to help with voter engagement and social media promotion, as well as booking rooms for forums etc. We have also amalgamated the CRO position for HCA and ECSA to help with governance oversight and a better connection to both the CRO of the SU and Residence Life administrative staff.

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**Jared Larsen, Vice-President Student Life**

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### **5. Board Finance & Property Committee Presentation**

On February 27th, I will be presenting to the Board Finance and Property Committee regarding residence rates. At this meeting, Facilities & Operations will be proposing a 5% increase to all residence rates, a 10% increase to the new 8-month lease buildings, and affirming the new prices for the renovated Mackenzie Tower - which are a 106% increase from prior to renovating. In the presentation, I hope to demonstrate to the board that the cost of living for first year students is simply too high and they are going down a dangerous path by renovating all the first-year towers to be at the new price points. This presentation has a lot of information going into it, so if you'd like to know more please feel free to come and ask!

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**



	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
01	2019-05-06	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO appoint Luke Statt and Adam Brown to the Students' Council Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve BarBurrito as a food court tenant in 1-29 as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO send the President, VP External, EAA, and Reed Larsen to the CAUS Changeover retreat as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C National Conference hosted by SAMRU as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO recommend Akanksha Bhatnagar and Jared Larsen to the University Presidential Search Committee to be ratified by Students' Council		Regrets from VP Brown
06	2019-06-20	5/0/0	BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a contingency request of no more than \$30,000 for theatre seat cushions as presented.		
06	2019-06-20	5/0/0	<b>BROWN/STATT MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$500 for Executive Media Training as presented.</b>		
07	2019-06-27	4/0/0	<b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$1000 for the Senate Student Postering Session as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Statt
08	2019-07-02	5/0/0	BROWN/STATT MOVED TO APPROVE a Contingency Request of \$6000 for SUBmart Coolers as presented.		
13	2019-07-29	5/0/0	BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE submitting a bid for the AMICCUS-C Regional Professional Conference 2020 as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
14	2019-08-20	4/0/0	STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE a disbursement from the Casino Fund of no more than \$14000 for Meeting Centre Keypads as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
14	2019-08-20	4/0/0	<b>BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED TO APPROVE a Project Allocation of no more than \$3200 for UASUperks as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Brown
14	2019-08-20	4/0/0	AGARWAL/LARSEN MOVED TO APPROVE the Campus Engagement Coordinator Job Description as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
14	2019-08-20	4/0/0	<b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO APPROVE a Project Allocation of \$100 for COFA Food as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Brown
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>BROWN/STATT MOVED TO approve the Get Out the Vote Project Allocation for no more than \$4500 as presented.</b>		
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Menstrual Products Project Allocation for no more than \$1000 as presented.</b>		
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve the Dewey's Banner Project Allocation for no more than \$1200 as presented.</b>		
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>LARSEN/STATT MOVED TO approve the RezFest Project Allocation for no more than \$5000 as presented.</b>		
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Public Awareness Campaign Project Allocation for no more than \$1500 as presented.</b>		
17	2019-08-29	5/0/0	<b>BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign Project Allocation for no more than \$500 as presented.</b>		
19	2019-09-05	5/0/0	BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO APPROVE the Job Description for Senior Manager Student Services as presented.		
19	2019-09-05	5/0/0	BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED TO APPROVE the Job Description for Manager, Administrative Services as presented.		
20	2019-09-17	5/0/0	<b>BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED TO make a Project Allocation not to exceed a total of \$1800 for the Stride Gender &amp; Governance Panel as presented.</b>		
20	2019-09-17	5/0/0	<b>LARSEN/STATT MOVED TO make a Project Allocation not to exceed a total of \$952 for the Stride Gender &amp; Governance Panel as presented.</b>		
20	2019-09-17	5/0/0	BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO host the CAUS Counterparts Conference Nov 19-21, 2019 as presented.		
	2019-09-30	5/0/0	<b>AWARWAL/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$850 for the CSJ BBQ as presented.</b>		
	2019-10-10	5/0/0	<b>LARSEN/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$150 for BarNone as presented.</b>		
	2019-10-10	5/0/0	<b>STATT/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$2050 for the Dewey's Bash as presented.</b>		
	2019-10-24	5/0/0	<b>LARSEN/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$210 for the This is What it Feels Like exhibit as presented.</b>		
	2019-11-04	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Conference Request of \$714 for the OpenEd 2019 Conference as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
	2019-11-04	4/0/0	<b>AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$1000 for the COFA Collaboration Fund as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Brown
	2019-11-04	4/0/0	STATT/LARSEN MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C Western Regional Professional Conference a as presented.		Regrets from VP Brown
	2019-11-12	4/0/0	<b>STATT/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of no more than \$500 Survey Prize Funding as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Larsen
	2019-11-12	4/0/0	<b>STATT/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$850 for a Food Warmer for Daily Grind as presented.</b>		Regrets from VP Larsen
	2019-11-12	4/0/0	STATT/AGARWAL MOVED TO approve a Casino Fund release for \$3260 for SUB furniture as presented.		Regrets from VP Larsen



# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
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 6:30PM.

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-18)

2019-18/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-18/1a      Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.

2019-18/2      PRESENTATIONS

**LARSEN/BOSE MOVED** to suspend standing orders Section 7.2.  
CARRIED

2019-18/2a      **Title:** "Board of Governors Presentation"

**Presenter(s):**

- Kate Chisholm - Chair, Board of Governors, University of Alberta

**Abstract:**

Kate Chisholm, Q.C, is a Senior Vice-President and the chief of Legal and Sustainability at Capital Power. She is the Chair of the University of Alberta Board of Governors. She will be at Students' Council to discuss and take questions on the challenges and opportunities facing the University this year, and the longer-term future of the institution.

**LEY/LARSEN MOVED** to allow the "Board of Governors Presentation".  
CARRIED

2019-18/2c      **Title:** "Campus Clean Air Working Group Consultation"

**Presenter(s):**

- Andrew Leitch - Director, ERM Programs, Risk Management Services

- Kevin Friese - Associate Dean of Students, Health & Wellness

**Abstract:**

Last year the university's General Faculties Council asked administration to come up with a strategy to minimize student, staff and faculty exposure to smoke and vapour from cigarettes, inhaled cannabis, vapes and hookah pipes on University of Alberta campuses.

The Provost asked a working group representing students, faculty and staff to consider options. The group concluded that a strategy would require significantly increased limits to smoking and vaping on U of A campuses, up to making the university completely smoke-free and vape-free. (Today, smoking and vaping is allowed in most outdoor locations, as long as it's not within ten metres of doors, windows that open, and air intake vents. Cannabis smoking and vaping is permitted in specific locations.)

The co-chairs of the working group are requesting the opportunity to share the options being considered by the working group, provide early insights into the findings of the campus consultation, and gather the student perspective on this important topic.

**LARSEN/BOSE MOVED** to allow the “Campus Clean Air Working Group Consultation” presentation.  
CARRIED

2019-18/2b

**Title:** “Organization for Arts & Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF)” Presentation”

**Presenter(s):**

- Kyle Daniel

**Abstract:**

"The Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) is seeking to renew its Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF). In accordance with Bylaw 3100 (4), this presentation is seeking approval from Students' Council to move forward toward referendum simultaneous with the March executive elections. This presentation will outline the consultation as required by Bylaw 3100 (1). The proposed fee (\$3.00 per student per semester over a period of two years) will enable OASIS to be in a better financial position to provide Arts students with important services such as granting as well as events to celebrate Arts at the University of Alberta."

**AGARWAL/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to allow the Organization for Arts & Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) presentation.

See SC-2019-18.07.

CARRIED

2019-18/2d **Title:** “Studentcare Health & Health Plan Overview”

**Presenter(s):**

- Kristin Foster – Director, Partnerships & Development – Studentcare

**Abstract:**

The Extended Health & Dental Plan is one of the most significant services offered by the Students’ Union for its members. The Plan is administered by Studentcare. Kristin, from Studentcare, will provide an overview of The Plan, a snapshot of its usage and answer any questions Council may have.

**STATT/BROWN MOVED** to allow the "Studentcare Health & Health Plan Overview ".  
CARRIED

2019-18/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-18/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2019-18/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-18/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2019-18/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-18/7e **VARGAS ALBA/HADDOUCHE MOVED** to appoint one member of Students’ Council to Policy Committee.

BOSE nominated DRAPER: accepted.  
KIDD nominated DHILLON: accepted.  
HADDOUCHE nominated DIXON: accepted.  
BOSE nominated KONRAD: accepted.

DRAPER is declared appointed to Policy Committee.

2019-18/7f **DRAPER/BOSE MOVED** to approve Second Principles of Bill 7.  
See SC-2019-18.09.

CARRIED

2019-18/7a **STATT/LARSEN MOVED** to appoint two (2) members of Students’ Council to the Health and Dental Plan Committee.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

"The Students’ Union has offered an optional Health & Dental Plan since an

undergraduate student referendum in 2009. The Plan is partly overseen by the Students' Union Health & Dental Plan Committee (HDPC), which serves many different functions. The committee is responsible for creating policy and setting direction for the structure and delivery of the SU Health & Dental Plan. It is also responsible for providing feedback to the Health & Dental Plan provider, Studentcare, on communications, coverage, service, and all components related to the plan. The committee also reviews and approves any benefits or premium changes and acts as the approval and reviewing body for any appeals, claims, exemptions, or special requests made by students. The Health & Dental Plan Committee typically meets three or four times a year and so is a modest time commitment for a great opportunity to develop unique skills and experience."

BOSE nominated DHILLON: accepted.  
SAYED nominated TSE: accepted.  
BADESHA nominated KIDD: accepted.  
DHILLON nominated BADESHA: declined.  
VARGAS ALBA nominated DIXON: withdrawn.  
BOSE nominated KONRAD: declined.

DHILLON and KIDD are declared appointed to Health and Dental Plan Committee.

2019-18/7b

**KIDD/LARSEN MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Student Poverty Policy.  
See SC-2019-18.01.

KIDD: Outlined that Second Principles aim to ensure that the Students' Union advocates for and undertakes greater research to identify the needs of impoverished students and offers supports to address them.

CARRIED

2019-18/7c

**BROWN/KIDD MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Tuition Policy.  
See SC-2019-18.02.

BROWN: Outlined that the Policy was renewed to ensure its provisions were updated and presented in a logical order.

CARRIED

2019-18/7d

**TSE/BOSE MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.

TSE nominated HARRIS: accepted.

HARRIS is declared appointed to Audit Committee.

2019-18/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2019-18/8a **AGARWAL/MCKENZIE MOVED** 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-2019-18.03.

CARRIED  
Beasley and Draper abstain.

2019-18/8b **BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED**, pursuant to Section 3(11) of Bylaw 6100, to call a referendum on The Gateway DFU question as approved in motion 2019-15/7e, and to direct the Speaker to inform the Chief Returning Officer of Students' Council's authorization of this referendum within 24 hours of the conclusion of this meeting.

BHATNAGAR: Noted that this motion will help the Gateway's proposed dedicated fee unit to proceed to referendum irrespective of standard petitioning requirements.

CARRIED

**BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to enter Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

BHATNAGAR: Outlined that she is seeking a councillor to participate in an Alberta Prime Time televised interview focused on student mental health for January 29th at approximately 1:45pm.

**BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to enter Committee of the Difference.

CARRIED

2019-18/9 CLOSED SESSION

2019-18/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-18/10a Second Principles - Student Poverty Policy.  
See SC-2019-18.01.

2019-18/10b Second Principles - Tuition Policy.  
See SC-2019-18.02.

2019-18/10c New OASIS FAMF Proposal Revision.  
See SC-2019-18.03.

2019-18/10d Students' Council Attendance.  
See SC-2019-18.04.

2019-18/10e Students' Council Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-18.05.

- 2019-18/10f Executive Committee Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-18.06.
- 2019-18/10g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-17) - Tuesday, January 21, 2019.  
See SC-2019-18.07.
- 2019-18/10h "Organization for Arts & Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) Faculty Association  
Membership Fee (FAMF)" - Presentation.  
  
See SC-2019-18.08.

ADJOURNED AT 9:35PM.

Date: 06/02/2020

To: Students' Council

Re: Proposed Budget Principles 2020-21

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### Budget Principles 2020-21

This is intended to serve as an outline of the fiscal priorities of the University of Alberta Students' Union for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021. This document is legislated under Students' Council Standing Orders and is mandated as a responsibility of the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) under Bylaw 1100.

### Preamble

The Students' Union is guided by our Strategic Plan. Our mission is to serve, represent, and engage students.

We offer services and businesses that provide for the needs of students.

We organize events and programs that build community on campus.

We advocate for student interests to the University, government, and the greater community.

We provide and create space for students to relax, study, and socialize

### Our guiding values are:

- Do what's right, not what's easy
- Inspire change for the world
- Act with unbridled compassion
- Always keep moving
- Learn from the past to improve tomorrow

### Our critical success factors and goals are:

#### Empowering our students

- Support and advocate for the creation of a charter of student rights.
- Support and advocate for the adoption of more versatile, effective, and fair discipline and dispute mechanisms.
- Ensure student leadership reflects the student body.
- Invest in professional development opportunities for our student representatives, student groups, volunteers, and student staff.
- Improve access to Students' Union spaces, resources, and expertise.

#### Building our relationships

- Differentiate between the responsibilities of the Students' Union and the University.
- Foster a collaborative culture between Students' Union governing bodies and operations.

#### Strengthening our organization

- Develop and adhere to an improved student consultation framework.

- Enhance annual planning processes and implement multi-year forecasting to ensure the Students' Union can support the programs that students need.
- Encourage collaborative efforts between departments.
- Promote an inclusive and engaged culture in the workplace.
- Explore and pursue more revenue-generating opportunities.
- Support the creation and maintenance of accessible online spaces.
- A modernized online presence helps the Students' Union meet students where they are, and adapt to the ever-changing best practices of the digital world.
- Continue to refine and develop the brand identity of the Students' Union.

Serving all students

- Grow the physical presence of the Students' Union.
- Support and encourage diverse programming across campuses.
- Remove barriers to community involvement and participation in Students' Union programming.
- Strengthen our collective voice by engaging students in advocacy.
- Connect students to academic and personal support services.

The Students' Union consists of the following departments and units: (edited)

- Students' Council
  - Speaker of Students' Council, Council Administration Committee
- Executive Committee
  - VP Academic, VP External, VP Operations and Finance, VP Student Life, President
- Discover Governance
- Elections Office
- Research and Advocacy
  - Council of Alberta University Students, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
- Services: Operations
  - InfoLink, Student Group Services, Jobkin, Renting Spaces, InfoLink registries
- Services: Leadership and Recognition
  - SU Awards, Alberta Student Leadership Summit (in conjunction with the University of Alberta), Student Group Granting, Co-Curricular Record, Emerging Leaders Program, Stride.
- Services: Involvement
  - Safewalk, Sustain SU, Peer Support Centre, Orientation, the Landing
- Businesses
  - SUBmart, SUBprint, Room at the Top, Dewey's, Horowitz Events Centre, Daily Grind
- Entertainment: Programming
  - Week of Welcome, Antifreeze, Campus Cup, other programming as needed
- Marketing and Communications

- Student Handbook, Design Studio, Sponsorship, SUTV, UASU Perks
- Facilities and Operations
  - Facilities and Maintenance, Room Rentals, SUB Tenant Leasing
- Administration
  - Administrative Support, Accounting, Human Resources, IT

### Fiscal Considerations

Budget principles shall outline the basic direction for the creation of the budget. The following adjustments lie outside of budget principles and, while they should be considered in the submission, are at the sole discretion of Students' Council and/or any other legislative body outlined in Bylaw:

- Alberta Consumer Price Index (ACPI) calculations for 2020-21
- Total membership revenue based on a blend of enrolment estimates and historical enrollment trends put forth by the University of Alberta in 2020
- Changes to the Post-Secondary Learning Act by the Government of Alberta
- Students' Union Membership Fee increases (beyond inflation) and decreases
- Students' Union Dedicated Fee increases (beyond inflation), decreases, creation, and/or elimination

### Principles

1. In the event that a section of this document conflicts with any other section, the Finance Committee shall identify such a conflict and propose any necessary changes in the presentation of the final budget.
2. Total operating and capital expenditures will not exceed the amount of total operating and fee revenues. The only exception to this would be Council approval on a budget that includes multi-year projections to resolve any deficits.
3. Capital budgeting shall be apportioned at the discretion of the Financial Controller and Vice President (Operations and Finance) after the operating budget has been created. Using the set amount of capital funds allocated, decisions for use of capital funds shall be made by the Core Manager responsible for each unit.
4. Growth in a department shall be offset by a variety of strengthened revenue streams in that department, where possible.
5. All departments must work within the mandate of the Students' Union; activities or operations deemed to be beyond its scope shall be eliminated. The 2019-24 Strategic Plan shall be used as a guide to assess the relevance and value prior to such decisions.
6. External entities such as dedicated fee units and operating grants shall be managed as per existing Students' Union Bylaws and applicable contracts.

7. Unless otherwise noted, operating and fixed costs increase at a rate relative to the previous fiscal year no higher than inflation for the province of Alberta; the activity of the Students' Union will continue in a manner consistent with the precedent set in previous fiscal years.
8. The Students' Union shall implement all necessary financial restraints and audits as required by the Post Secondary Learning Act and its own Bylaws and Standing Orders.
9. Unionized staff costs shall change as specified in the CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) Local 1368 collective agreement of 2019-22. Out-of-scope staff are entitled to a Cost of Living Increase and a merit increase in accordance with their respective employment agreements and appraisal outcomes.
10. Operating and dedicated fees shall increase in accordance with the Students' Union Bylaw 3000, as set out in the 1992 referendum approving increases based on the Alberta Consumer Price Index (ACPI). Based on estimates, ACPI for 2020-21 will be approximately 2.25%.
11. Funds will be allocated to develop non-fee reliant revenue sources.
12. Resources shall be made available for recurring projects of the Executive Committee, provided they can show the need for such resources and consistency of such projects.
13. Resources will be made available for the Executive Committee to build positive relationships with important stakeholders. Examples include Faculty Associations, Residence Associations, Aboriginal Student Council, and members of the University of Alberta Board of Governors, General Faculties Council and Senate.
14. Resources shall be made available to promote and enhance visibility and constituency engagement for members of Students' Council, as well as support Students' Council in its efforts to consult on decisions as deemed necessary.
15. The Students' Union shall allocate resources to provide sufficient support to student governance objectives.
16. The Students' Union business units shall strive to avoid budget deficits prior to cost apportionment allocations. All reasonable attempts to maximize the profitability of these business units, consistent with the mandate of the Students' Union as a service provider, shall be made.
17. The Students' Union shall allocate resources toward branding and engagement improvements.

18. Where possible, all entertainment units shall plan to recover all costs. Admission sales, sponsorship, and donations are acceptable sources of revenue.
19. The Students' Union shall make resources available towards planning for the long-term maintenance and management of SUB.
20. Resources shall be made available for the sponsorship of events related to Students' Union activities that do not have a pre-existing Students' Union funding source.
21. The Students' Union shall allocate resources toward enhancing the content on digital platforms.
22. The Students' Union should continue to invest in its student and professional staff through professional development options and enhanced training.
23. The Students' Union will continue to invest in taking steps towards reconciliation through continued allocation of funds for completion of the 2019 Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation recommendations.
24. Resources will be allocated to support the Students' Union's efforts to make its operations, building, and services more environmentally sustainable.

Removed from 2019-20

15. Recurring annual expenses of Students' Council shall be budgeted for in addition to resources made available to promote and enhance visibility and constituency engagement for members of Students' Council.
17. Resources shall be made available for increased administration of student groups, should the Students' Union need to increase capacity in Student Group Services.
31. In the event of a deficit budget, the Students' Union shall include a multi-year budget projection with its annual budget proposal to ensure a rebalancing within the following few years.
32. The Students' Union shall cease operations of the Canada Post Outlet in SUB as of April 19th, 2019. The space will be repurposed in whatever way the 2019-20 Executives sees fit.