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ORDER PAPER (SC-2022-11)

2022-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2022-11/1a Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2022-11/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-11/2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-10) Tuesday, September 6th, 2022

See SC-2022-11.01

2022-11/2b VILLOSO/FLAMAN MOVE TO ratify the appointment of Leighten Janzen and Navneet Chand to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board Committee

See SC-2022-11.02

2022-11/2c KAUR MOVE TO ratify the appointment of Paige Boyer and Himasha Rao to the SCFC Committee.
See SC-2022-11.03

2022-11/3 PRESENTATION

2022-11/3a FOTANG/FOgue MOVE TO allow the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) executive board to Present on CAUS’ advocacy activities.

See SC-2022-11.08

2022-11/3b MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVE TO present the 2022-2023 UASU Executive Goals.

See SC-2022-11.09

2022-11/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-11/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-11/6 OPEN FORUM

2022-11/7 QUESTION PERIOD
2022-11/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-11/8a WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE THAT the Tuesday, October 18, meeting of Council instead occur on Saturday, October 15, at the Augustana Campus, with the bus departing from North Campus at approximately noon.

See SC-2022-11.10

2022-11/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-11/9a ALI/SINGH MOVE TO discuss DIE Board (#HA07 and #HA06).

See SC-2022-11.11

2022-11/9b DORSCHEID/MONTEIRO MOVE TO discuss the development of the University of Alberta Strategic Plan.

See SC-2022-11.12

2022-11/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-11/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-11/11a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-10)

See SC-2022-10.01

2022-11/11b Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-11.04-07

2022-11/11c Students’ Council Submissions

See SC-2022-11.02-03 and 11.08-15

2022-11/11d Students’ Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-11.16
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-10)**

SPEAKER: Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2022-10-1  SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

Council re-takes the oath.

Two new Councillors, Laetitia Satam and Colton Meronyk, have joined Council through filling vacancy petitions (filling the ALES and Native Studies seats, respectively).

ALI/REGMI MOVE TO special order the entirety of Closed Session to immediately after the presentations.

FAILED 04/00/22

REGMI/ALI MOVE TO suspend standing orders to special order agenda item 8b from the Late Additions to the Consent Agenda.

FAILED 06/00/20

SPEAKER special orders agenda item 10c from the Late Additions to the agenda.

2022-10-2  CONSENT AGENDA

2022-10-2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-09) Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022

See SC-2022-10.01

APPROVED

2022-10-3  PRESENTATION

2022-10-3a WATTAMANIUK/MONTEIRO MOVE TO present on the new Council Submission Form

See SC-2022-10.03

CARRIED 26/00/00

2022-10-4  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report
VILLOSO - VP Operations and Finance - Report
FOTANG - VP External - Report
2022-10/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON - Audit Committee
FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee
WATTAMANIUK - Council Administration Committee
MONTEIRO - Executive Committee
VILLOSO - Finance Committee
ALI - Nominating Committee
FOTANG - Policy Committee
DORSCHER - Board of Governors' Report
FLAMAN - DIE Board Hiring Committee Report

2022-10/6

OPEN FORUM

2022-10/7

QUESTION PERIOD

LIU: Questions VP External FOTANG about the delay of some international students’ study permits and how the University will accommodate these students as well as the other international students who have not arrived on campus yet.

Adds that he saw a post on Reddit saying that international students, who are now residing on campus, cannot legally attend classes because of study permit concerns.

MONTEIRO: Answers the question in place of VP Fotang. According to the Provost and Deputy Provost, the University has given the option for international students, with permit concerns, to do courses online until their permit concerns have been alleviated.

However, will still reach out to the Provost and Deputy Provost regarding international students’ study permits and what more can be done by the SU in regards to this situation.

ARSLAN: Asks VP Student Life FOGUE if the training for team leaders for Break The Record, which will be occurring on September 7, 2022, can be rescheduled as there was very short notice given for this

FOGUE: Confirms that it is okay if some of the team leaders are not able to attend the training. Materials will be provided to team leaders after the fact to supplement the missed in-person training, as it is understood that short notice was given for the training and it was expected that not everyone would be able to make it. Adds that another training session is being planned in the next week and a half.

ALI: Questions VP External FOTANG about the City’s Regional plan and what will be talked about it with City Council during their meeting on September 7, 2022.
FOTANG: Will be talking about a Service Commission Model as a one-stop shop for multiple regions. This includes reinforcing transit service schedules, as there are currently not enough transit operations to accommodate students who have early and late classes, and with the EMTSC will advocate to meet the demands and services that students are asking for.

LIU: Suggests to the CAC Chair about expanding the council office to also operate as a constituent office. Then, students can come to the office and talk to councilors directly and accessibly. This will help the Students’ Council’s Office be known to the student body.

ALI: Gives a comment in regards to EMTSC. Mentions that the problem with the system is that, they are giving the City Council a lot less authority when it comes to making changes to how the City of Edmonton operates its transit system and with that, it will be difficult to introduce new routes which will, in turn, lead to more delays.

Mentions that it is difficult to handle this and that it is a mistake on the Students Union part to be advocating for the EMTSC as it limits advocacy avenues.

Suggests working with the system currently in place as a solution instead of trying to work outside of the system EMTSC.

ARSLAN: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry. Questions about what the EMTSC means.

FLAMAN: Comments on the importance of the Standing Orders section for presentations. For anyone who is going to move presentations during the remainder of the year, this is a reminder that presentations must be submitted to the Order Papers by a voting member of Students’ Council, with an appropriate abstract and with slides, if required, attached to the submission. Is hoping this issue will be mitigated or eliminated by the new council submission form in its entirety.

WATTAMANIUK: Makes a follow-up on LIU’s comment regarding the Council Office space. Suggests having office hours where councilors will be scheduled at a certain time of the day to receive constituents. Suggests potentially posting on social media to advertise when councilors from certain faculties are present and receiving constituents in the office. Will be working with Councillor REGMI once everything is sorted out, to get the information posted to Council’s social media page.

FOTANG: Responds to Councillor Ali’s previous comments on EMTSC. Mentions that the EMTSC policy will be under review at some point later this year and is interested to hear Councillor ALI’s research and opinions as the EMTSC policy goes under review.

Answer Councilor ARSLAN’s question of what EMTSC stands for. EMTSC stands for the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Service Commission. Adds that this is a
commission that was initially brought together by the City of St. Albert and the City of Edmonton, which was later joined by the rest of the regions of Edmonton, to see how transit within the regions can be improved.

REGMI: Questions VP External FOTANG about the conservative trend sweeping across Canada, and how he plans to advocate with the yet elected Conservative leader and Conservative MP’s throughout Edmonton.

FOTANG: The greatest strength of the UASU, when it comes to its advocacy, is being non-partisan which means regardless of who is in power, the main priority remains the same, which are students and advocating for the best interests of students.

Will set up meetings with some MPs in the surrounding Edmonton region, and will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with MPs in Parliament, both sitting in government and for the opposition in November during Hill Week where there are plans to push the UASUs policies and priorities.

ALI: Questions VP External FOTANG about what direct action he has taken as VP External both in last year’s term and in this year’s term. Defines direct action as protests.

FOTANG: Believes that this question has been answered already during previous meetings. Says that all the options have been considered involving partners across the province to organize protests in the upcoming year, however, protests were difficult last year due to COVID regulations. during the summer, however, it is not feasible.

MONTEIRO: Adds that with the summer months, direct action like protests involving students is not possible as students are not on campus. However, will explore options going forward.
BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

SINGH/ALI MOVE THAT the Executives, CAC and Finance committee work jointly to present a proposal to implement council honorarium by Nov 30th, 2022.

See SC-2022-10.04

WITHDRAWN

FLAMAN/REISBIG MOVE TO TABLE this motion indefinitely

WITHDRAWN

GENERAL ORDERS

REGMI/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO discuss recent cuts to the Alberta Student Grant for Full Time Students

See SC-2022-10.05

WITHDRAWN

MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVE TO discuss the councillor engagement opportunities within the UASU Executive Goals.

See SC-2022-10.06

WATTAMANIUK/REGMI MOVE TO go into Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED 24/00/00

REGMI/FLAMAN MOVE TO extend the meeting until 10:00 P.M.
FAILED 15/00/09

REGMI/FLAMAN MOVE TO extend the meeting until 9:30 P.M.
CARRIED 24/00/00

WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE TO close debate
CARRIED 23/00/00

CLOSED SESSIONS

WATTAMANIUK/DORSCHEID MOVE TO to go in camera to allow the Speaker to share a report on member eligibility and answer questions regarding that report

See SC-2022.10.07
CARRIED 23/00/00

OJO/FLAMAN MOVE TO extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
CARRIED 23/00/00

2022-10/10b VILLOSO/DORSCHEID MOVE TO receive two presentations from General Manager Dumouchel in camera.
See SC-2022-10.08
CARRIED 23/00/00

2022-10/10c ALI MOVES TO go in-camera (personnel discussion)

2022-10/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-10/11a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-09)
See SC-2022-10.01

2022-10/11b Executive Committee Reports
See SC-2022-10.02

2022-10/11c Students’ Council Submissions
See SC-2022-10.03-08

2022-10/11d Students’ Council - Attendance
See SC-2022-10.09

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter: VILLOSO

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Type of Item Submission: Approval

Is this a Consent Agenda item? Yes

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
VILLOSO MOVES TO ratify the appointment of Leighten Janzen and Navneet Chand to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board

Mover: VILLOSO

Seconder: FLAMAN

Presenter (If Not the Mover): N/A

Does this item require a closed session discussion? No

Office/Committee Responsible: DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee

Purpose
In order for the DIE Board to accomplish their duty as our judiciary branch, they will need more tribunes to sit on the Board to ensure fairness in tribune distribution on all of their upcoming rulings and for adherence to Bylaw 1500 Section 23.

Executive Summary
The DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee has selected these two candidates based on their resumes and an interview process. Both Leighten and Navneet have showcased their talents and strengths in what they can bring to the Board, such that the committee chose them to recommend to be appointed by Council.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
Bylaw 1500, specifically Sections 5, 7, and 23.
Engagement and Routing
The number one group to be consulted through this process is the current DIE Board. Both the Chief Tribune and an Associate Chief Tribune were part of the hiring committee.

Approval Routing
DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee - September 10, 2022

Strategic Alignment
Not within the strategic plan per se, but a functional DIE Board is required for our organization to run effectively.

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items

Presentations

Written Questions
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Submitter: Gurleen Kaur

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Type of Item Submission: Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item? Yes

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items

Agenda Title: Paige Boyer and Himasha Rao are appointed to the SCFC committee

Description of the Information Item:
There are 2 CoFA seats on SCFC (Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee) and Paige Boyer and Himasha Rao are approved by the Exec Committee to fill up those seats.

Attachments

SCFC.pdf

Presentations

Written Questions
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UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Submitter: Gurleen Kaur
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Type of Item Submission: Information Item
Is this a Consent Agenda item? Yes

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items

Agenda Title: VPA Report #10

Description of the Information Item
Report for the council including the updates about what I have been working on.

Attachments

VPA Report _10.docx

Presentations

Written Questions
Dear Council,

Here are some updates from previous weeks.

**Registrar’s Office**

Last week, the executive team had a meeting with the Registrar’s Office. We gave a presentation on our goals for the year and also talked about some specific projects that we are working on.

I have also been reaching out to individuals from the RO and working with them on different areas, for instance, ZTC.

**GFC**

I had the GFC Exec committee and GFC programs committee meetings. We also had the GFC caucus meeting where University governance staff gave an orientation to the GFC student representatives and addressed their concerns.

The main items on the GFC agenda this time are Sexual Violence Policy revisions and Exploration Credits. I have been getting questions regarding the latter. The latest update for that is, the university is making some policy changes and working towards setting some standards for exemption of courses from being available for exploration credits. The reason behind this is that some faculties were asking for large exemptions which reduces options for the students. So, the discussion has been made that the faculties would need the approval of the Programs Committee for getting any exemptions. More information will be available [here](#).

**SRA Summit**

President Monteiro, VPSL Fogue and myself, have been working on the SRA Summit. We got the registration form filled by all the SRAs and currently, we are finalizing the sessions for the summit according to the topics of interest indicated by folks in their registration form. There is almost a month left until the summit, so all the preparations are on the way.

**Council committees**

As a part of the **Policy committee**, we have started the consultation processes for the policies which are expiring this year. We have shared the tuition policy draft with CoFA members to get their feedback. The **Student Group committee** had its first meeting and Councillor Jayden Brooks was appointed as the chair of the committee. I want to congratulate him and I look forward to working on this committee. To fill the CoFA seats at **SCFC** (Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee), 2 CoFA members have been appointed by the Exec Committee.

Gurleen Kaur, Vice President Academic
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**Vice- Provosts**

I had my monthly meeting with the vice-provosts. We discussed embedded certificates and I raised student concerns and they promised to look into them. Also, in collaboration with the Provost's Office, we will be running a survey on embedded certificates through Perks to get more feedback from students in order to work towards making the certificates more accessible and standardized.

**COSA**

I attended the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) meeting on behalf of President Monteiro. There was a good conversation on the 'Student Accessibility' piece. The Student Accessibility Project Report that was shared for COSA members can be found [here](#). I invited Hussain Alhussainy, GFC Arts representative to share student concerns related to accessibility at the meeting. He shared some very important and valuable points coming from students' voices, which I felt was absolutely important for guiding the upcoming steps towards accessibility.

Lastly, CoFA meetings for the month are coming up this week and I'm taking care of individual student issues as I mentioned in my previous report.

Let me know if you have any questions and take care :)

Best wishes,

*Gurleen Kaur, Vice President Academic*

*University of Alberta Students' Union*
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter
Fotang

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Type of Item Submission
Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item?
No

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items

Agenda Title
Exec report

Description of the Information Item
Summary of my activities the last two weeks

Attachments

Copy of Council Meeting Report _9.pdf

Presentations

Written Questions

Is there anything else that you would like to include?
Nope
Dear Council,

⚠️ PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR BTR. TELL YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FRIENDS FRIENDS, YOUR NEIGHBOURS, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR LOVED ONES. RSVP NOW OR NEVER ⚠️

🌸 Also, Below is a summary of recent activities and duties I have undertaken these past two weeks. 🌸

**City Council-Regional Transit**

Last week, I spoke in front of City Council Executive Committee in support of a need and solution for a reliable regional transit system that could address the needs of demands of students. This was an opportunity to share with City Council the data and responses we gathered from students in regards to their issues and concerns with the current regional transit system. The Committee's discussion specifically surrounding if the City of Edmonton should support the first phase of the EMTSC model was eventually sent to City Council for approval which passed 10-3.

The first phase of the plan would see 11 lines that include transit to and from St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Leduc, Beaumont, Stony Plain, Devon, and Edmonton. It is set to cost $7.2 million dollars. Meaning that this will be up for approval again in the fall budget deliberations. We will have more action items to speak about specifically for the budget and how student councillors can get involved in supporting this project. Until then here is an article you can read about the proposed routes. [HERE](#)

I also want to give a shoutout to Councillor Regmi for his vocal support on these project. His remarks were highlighted in the Journak which folks can see [HERE](#).

**Student Leader Orientation**

Last Friday was Student Leader Orientation. This is an event organized by the Ministry of Advanced Education to update student leaders on the plans and projects that are a priority for the ministry as well as updates on various files relevant to PSE.

During this meeting we asked the Minister questions surrounding SFA, tuition, WIL and GBV. What we know is that going forward, the government intends to cap tuition to CPI.
In regards to SFA, we asked the minister how many students have been recipients of the grant since the changes to the ABGFTS were announced. The Ministry said they would follow up on that and we are still waiting.

This was also an opportunity for groups like CAUS and ASEC to provide their own priorities to the ministry. The minister took a keen interest in mental health and asked if we had specific data on wait times as well as other outcomes that students face when going through mental health problems.

**Student Leader Orientation**

We were invited to the City’s update on Downtown and Transit safety. I was not able to attend due to a scheduling conflict however Vps Fogue and Villoso attended in my stead. (Massive thank you and shoutout) and I will be integrating their notes into an update soon.

Cheers.

*As always, thank you for taking the time to go through this report. I look forward to your questions and comments.*

Christian Fotang
Vice President External
University of Alberta Students’ Union
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Submitter: VILLOSO

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Type of Item Submission: Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items
- Strategic Plan
- Calls for Nominations
- Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items
- Agenda Title: VPOF Report #10

Description of the Information Item:
This is my bi-weekly report for Council!

Attachments:

Presentations

Written Questions
Dear Council,

Hope you had a good two weeks and are settling into your classes! Here’s what I’ve been up to in the last two weeks:

**Break The Record**
Joannie and the rest of the Execs have been hard at work for BTR. We’re trying to get as many students out as possible on September 23rd. We have a little over a week to get 6500 students to show up at the world’s largest dodgeball game, and we need your help to do it! If you haven’t already, please RSVP on BreakTheRecord.ca and if you’re willing to help and volunteer for BTR message me or Joannie! The first person to show me that they RSVP’d will get a prize!

**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**
The Residential School Memorial Planning Committee has been regularly meeting and finalizing the ceremony portion of our event. Though in addition to the memorial, we will be selling official Orange Shirts at SUBMart. They are directly purchased from an Indigenous-owned business and all the proceeds of the shirts are going to Orange Shirt Society. We also wanted to provide folks with another option of still donating, but maybe on a sampler scale. We will also be donating all the proceeds from any orange slushies at SUBMart to The Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

**Counterparts**
**VPF of AUFSJ**
I met with Joachim, the VPF of AUFSJ, to catch up on the CoFA meetings he missed. He took a break over the summer, but they’ll be running a FAMF campaign this year, so that’s on the forefront of their minds at the moment. It’s going to take up a lot of his time as VPF in the coming months!

**Registrar’s Office**
The Execs met with the Registrar’s Office for the first time in a while, and this time with Norma Rodenburg now being the Acting Registrar! The whole office has been rearranged, so we had some introductions and once again went over our roles. We talked a little about our Exec goals for the year and also followed up on some of our advocacy points and different projects that we plan to accomplish!

**DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee**
The selection committee met last weekend after having interviewed a couple new candidates to sit on the board. As of Saturday, we chose two new candidates to become DIE Board tribunes! I will be bringing the motion on the consent agenda for Tuesday’s meeting.

**University Commons Project Steering Committee**
This committee partly oversees the University Commons Project. I got the chance to get a tour of the inside of the building back in May, but we went over timelines and future designs for the building at yesterday’s meeting. I’m also in the middle of planning a tour for Council and the rest of the Executive
to come see the inside and give the student perspective on what we'd like to see in the University Commons.

**EDI Steering Committee**
This committee, as I mentioned in previous reports, is focused on improving the internal EDI practices of the SU. We are currently in the process of creating a toolkit and gathering different resources that can assist us in improving our accessibility and inclusivity within our own events and programming.

**Finance Committee Meeting**
Finance had a three hour long meeting last week! It was our first in-person meeting as a committee and we went over a lot of the improvements that we are planning to make within fee governance. We have a lot of work cut out for us, but I'd just like to thank everyone who came and contributed to the discussion! It was an extremely fruitful conversation and I'm excited to see where we go as a committee in the future.

Other than that, I'm taking NS 110: Historical Perspectives in Indigenous Studies this semester and I'm super excited for it! If you have any questions about this report or just want to grab some coffee, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Best,

![Signature]

Julia Villoso  
Vice President Operations and Finance  
University of Alberta Students’ Union
**Verbal Report**

Highlight some things in my report but also new things

**WOW, NSO, TAWOW**
- New Student Orientation Tour, help out with Pancake Breakfast, emcee the President’s Address, visit all our different student groups at Clubs Fair and meet a bunch of other students
- First in person TAWOW in a couple of years! We tabled with Danni, our new FNMI specialist, and got a chance to welcome and meet many first year Indigenous students!

**Health and Dental Plan**
- I understand this is very disheartening and frustrating for students Blackout period until Sept 12, students will not be able to make claims but they still have coverage. File a claim afterwards

**ISA Office**
- Able to move in as of Aug 30th!

**Dewey’s Menu**
- New Dewey's menu is now live! UASU fries

**The Daily Grind**
- Open tomorrow!

**Finance Committee**
- Haven't met yet, but hopefully we will have a long meeting

**Discussion Period**
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### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

**Council Meeting Date**: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

**Submitter**: FOGUE

**Email Address**: joannie.fogue@su.ualberta.ca

**Type of Item Submission**: Information Item

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?**: No

### Approval/Discussion Items

- **Strategic Plan**
- **Calls for Nominations**
- **Council Committees and Boards**
- **Written Nominations**

### Information Items

**Agenda Title**: VPSL Council Report

**Description of the Information Item**: This is a step to step on how to get involved with BREAKTHERECORD for council.

**Attachments**


### Presentations

**Written Questions**
Hello Council, I am sharing with you ways in which you can get involved with BTR. If you have any questions about my portfolio, please reach out to me before our council meeting.

**Action Required Break The Record Content to Share**

**BREAK THE RECORD IS 1 WEEK AWAY!!!**

I am counting on YOU ALL to help #BreaktheRecord! We need 6500 players and this is how you can help:

This is essentially a campaign - the goal is to promote and get students to RSVP

**Each councillor should aim to have 50-100 RSVPs - that’s 10-20 a day.**

**1on1 with students**
- There are two important things to mention when meeting with students. Sharing general event information and getting them to RSVP
- Having good energy is vital in letting students know how fun this is going to be

**DM**
- DM your friends and constituents and get them to RSVP so we keep track of how we’re doing.

**Class talks**
- Do class talks for the classes you’re in
- Remember to get permission from your professor before presenting
- Share general event information and share the QR Code for students to RSVP

**Social Media Promotion**
- Repost BTR content from UASU.UAlberta
- Promote the Giveaways when they go up and tag your friends

**Utilize your networks**
- If you’re part of a club, team, SRA, etc share this information with them
- Make sure they’re also getting folks to RSVP

**Resources and KM**
Here’s the official media kit with various social media materials you can post and added copy and fun facts for reference.

Here’s a quick reminder of what to include in your posts:

- Event information
  - September 23rd, Varsity Field
  - Registration starts at 3PM, game starts at 4PM
  - It'll be fun!
  - It's a community-building event
  - No experience required
  - All players get a free shirt

- Be part of dodgeball history!
- Info and RSVP at breaktherecord.ca
- Tag @uasuevents and @uasu.ualberta on Instagram
- Use #BTRualberta

Other posts you can do:
- Share the BTR promo video! Available on youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3M4f5uuPi8 (Reel/tiktok cut coming soon!)
- Share Break The Record posts from @uasu.ualberta and @uasuevents!
- Add breaktherecord.ca to your bio!

You can get ready for the Break the Record challenge by reading our Frequently Asked Questions

Joannie Fogue
Vice President Student Life
University of Alberta Students’ Union
FOTANG moves to allow the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) executive board to Present on CAUS’ advocacy activities

Mover
Fotang

Seconder
FOGUE

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?
No

Office/Committee Responsible
Policy

Abstract
The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) represents the interests of over 114,000 Alberta
university students across Alberta.

They represent undergraduate students from the University of Alberta, the University of Lethbridge, Mount Royal University, MacEwan University, and Athabasca University to the public, government and other post-secondary education stakeholders. Based in Edmonton, CAUS is a non-partisan and active advocacy group driven by its members looking to ensure a fully accessible and high-quality system of education in Alberta.

We have invited CAUS to provide the council the opportunity to learn who they are, what they do, and how UASU benefits from our membership with CAUS.

If you have any questions please email christian.fotang@su.ualberta.ca

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Written Questions
COUNCIL OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Samantha Scott – Chair
Tera Leigh Cardinal – Vice Chair
Alexandra Ages – Executive Director

Council of Alberta University Students
WHAT DOES CAUS DO?

Created in 1986 with the original purpose to facilitate information sharing and networking between university student unions, CAUS now exists as a leading student advocacy organization in Alberta.

FOCUS
CAUS advocates on behalf of Albertan university students, specifically those who attend our 5 member schools. We advocate on issues such as affordability and accessibility to the government, the official opposition, the media, and community stakeholders.

STRATEGY
Through means such as active relationship building with the government, consistent stakeholder meetings, media outreach, and cooperation with other student and PSE groups, we use a variety of approaches to address key issues impacting students.

COST
In order to support costs associated with campaigns, internal advocacy, staffing, as well as physical infrastructure, CAUS members pay a set fee tied to each FLE. This fee is set according to CPI, and is currently $2.11/FLE.

TOOLS
Key tools utilized by CAUS include formal social media campaigns, physical advocacy work (such as our Penguins for PSE protest), strategic press releases, and stakeholder relations meetings.
WHAT DOES CAUS ADVOCACY LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE?
Caught off guard: Low-income students in Alberta scramble to go back to school with lower grants

Alberta government lowering monthly full-time student grant funding from $375 max to $250

Some students are scrambling to find extra loans and adjust their personal spending, after the Alberta government announced in late July it would cap the amount of monthly funding received through its full-time student grant program.

New budget allocations mean the income thresholds to be eligible for the Alberta Student Grant for Full-Time Students have changed. The Alberta government says this allows more low-income students to tap into funding.

But as a result, students will receive less money per month than they did a year ago. Last year’s monthly maximum was $375, but that was clipped by one third to $250 this coming school year.

"Students have been caught off guard by the lack of communication about these cuts to the funding that they are receiving," said Samantha Scott, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students.

"Given the unprecedented rate of inflation and the current affordability crisis students are already facing, this has increased the struggle."

“Cost should never be a barrier to achieving your ambition. Young Albertans deserve to have the right skills and knowledge to succeed in tomorrow’s economy,” said Advanced Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides, in a statement.

“The New Beginnings Bursary will be just that for many Albertans: ensuring post-secondary education remains an accessible way to get ahead.”

Samantha Scott, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students, said that "given the critical importance of post-secondary in accessing high-quality and high-paying jobs, the Council of Alberta University Students is pleased to see this tangible investment into supporting Alberta students.

“We recognize the crucial nature of supporting low-income students in accessing higher education and look forward to making sure those students are continually advocated for.”
Did you know that Alberta has had the highest tuition increases in the Country?

Over the last three years, the Government of Alberta has allowed your tuition to be raised by 21%.
Government Relations
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

Along with formal advocacy work, ranging from representation with elected officials to shareable press releases, CAUS seeks to ensure that members receive full value from being engaged with CAUS. We do this in a number of ways:

- CAUS hosts regular conferences, such as Counterparts, which serve as a networking event and learning opportunity for student leaders.
- We regularly promote the ongoing work of our members on social media, highlighting the activities and engagement of each SU/SA.
- Starting in September, CAUS will begin hosting lunch and learns, open to all student leaders at member schools, on topics such as diversity and equity, food security, and supporting first-generation students.
- All CAUS members will be able to benefit from our GOTV campaign this spring!
As we prepare for the 2023 election, CAUS has developed 6 key priority areas in collaboration with our members. These priorities will guide us in both internal and external advocacy during the months ahead.

**CURRENT CAUS PRIORITIES**

01. INCREASING AFFORDABILITY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

02. ENDING DOMESTIC AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

03. DEVELOPING DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

04. STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS FUTURES

05. INVESTING IN CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH

06. SUPPORTING STUDENTS' CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Increasing Affordability of Post-Secondary Education

RECOMMENDATION #1

The Government of Alberta invests an additional $200 million annually into non-repayable up-front grants.

RECOMMENDATION #2

The Government of Alberta assesses the use of an endowment-style fund for continued affordability.
Ending Domestic and Gender Based Violence on Campus

**RECOMMENDATION #1**

The Government of Alberta should allocate consistent and adequate funding towards efforts focused specifically on training and prevention of campus sexual violence in Alberta, based on the financial asks of individual PSIs.

**RECOMMENDATION #2**

The Government of Alberta should work with individual PSIs and commit to consistent and sufficient funding for the most appropriate support services dedicated to anyone across Alberta affected by campus sexual violence.

**RECOMMENDATION #3**

The Government of Alberta should fund the development of online-based training that institutions can use as a baseline to educate their campus staff and faculty on effective and supportive responses to sexual violence disclosures.
Developing Digital Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION #1

That the Government of Alberta stays the course of the Alberta Broadband Strategy, recognizing the importance of ensuring equal access to digital infrastructure for all Albertans, particularly students.

RECOMMENDATION #2

The Government of Alberta should direct increased funding towards operating grants for post-secondary institutions in order to specifically increase digital access and capacity.
RECOMMENDATION #1

To continue their commitment to the Indigenous people of this land, we ask that the government of Alberta invest capital in recruiting Indigenous learners to post-secondary education rurally, on reserves and in urban centres.

RECOMMENDATION #2

We also ask that a portion of those funds be allocated to student associations, when applicable, so that there can be continuity across all post-secondary institutions in terms of cultural & educational Indigenous centres.
RECOMMENDATION #1

The Government of Alberta increases mental health funding commitments to $172 per FLE at each institution.
Supporting Students' Career Development

RECOMMENDATION #1
That the Government of Alberta pursues continued investment in and expansion of the Work-integrated Learning Industry Voucher pilot program.

RECOMMENDATION #2
Standardization of the micro-credential framework across Alberta.

RECOMMENDATION #3
Increased investment in career centers across Alberta’s universities and PSIs to support students in developing professional networks and obtaining permanent positions in their fields of study postgraduation.
Questions?
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter
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Type of Item Submission
Presentation

Is this a Consent Agenda item?
No

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

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Motion
MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVE TO present the 2022-2023 UASU Executive Goals

Mover
Monteiro

Seconder
Fotang

Presenter
Monteiro

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?
No

Office/Committee Responsible
Executive Committee

Abstract
As per Bylaw 4000 Section 8(1), the Executive Committee is here to present our annual executive goals to the Students’ Council. This presentation is meant to inform the Council of our goals this year, and
the Council can expect a presentation reviewing these goals in January 2023.

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**UASU Executive Goals 22_23 Presentation.pdf**

**Written Questions**
These are our UASU Executive Goals 22/23
Our Exec Team!

Abner Monteiro
he/him
President

Gurleen Kaur
she/her
VP Academic

Christian Fotang
he/him
VP External

Julia Villoso
she/her
VP Ops & Fi

Joannie Fogue
she/her
VP Student Life
What is the UASU?

- Represent all 35K+ undergraduate students at the University of Alberta
- Established under the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)
- Our mission is to serve, represent, and engage students
Executive Goals - Values and Planning Ahead

- Executive team’s plan of what we would like to accomplish in our term.
- Encompasses the majority of our goals. There are others we hope to achieve.
- Integrates the executive team’s platforms, immediate and emerging issues, UASU Students’ Council recommendations and the UASU Strategic Plan.
  - The UASU Strategic Plan
  - The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC)
UASU Core Values

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.
Executive Goals - Major Priorities

1. Building an Engaged Campus Community
2. Walking the Path of Reconciliation
3. (Re)Envisioning our Learning Environment
4. Creating Safe and Welcoming Spaces
5. Fostering an Inclusive and Equitable University Experience
Building an Engaged Campus Community
1. Building an Engaged Campus Community

1.1 Empower Student Group Participation

- Expand the outreach of the Sustainability and Capital Fund (SCF) Green Fund to encourage sustainability initiatives on our campuses.
- Develop a new online system to support student groups.
- Allocate additional funding to student groups to fund return to campus programs and events.
1. Building an Engaged Campus Community

1.2 Enhance our Governance Structure

- Continue the work of restructuring Students’ Council to best serve students.
- Host an expanded Student Representative Association (SRA) Summit to support the development of student leaders across our campuses.
- Work alongside Augustana Students’ Association to create the Augustana Residence Association.
- Increase collaboration on the Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA) by involving the International Students’ Association (ISA) and Indigenous Students’ Union (ISU).
1. Building an Engaged Campus Community

1.3 Strengthen our Collective Voices

- Run a provincial Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign to encourage student engagement and voting in the upcoming election.
- Run a student addiction awareness campaign in residence in collaboration with other campus stakeholders.
Walking the Path of Reconciliation
2. Walking the Path of Reconciliation

2.1 Create a Sense of Place for Indigenous Students

- Hold a memorial to commemorate the lost children through the Residential School System.
- Advocate for creating a dedicated gathering space for Indigenous students at Campus Saint-Jean.
- Convert the names of a portion of the rooms in SUB into Cree to acknowledge the Papaschase Cree and Treaty 6 territory on which it sits.
- Display land acknowledgements at all of the main SUB entrances to show our commitment to reconciliation.
2. Walking the Path of Reconciliation

2.2 Promote Indigenous Ways of Knowing

- Work with Residence Services and First Peoples House to include a session on Indigenous History during Basecamp and Eastern Ascent.
- Work through General Faculties Council (GFC) to decolonize our course content and programs.
- Develop better frameworks to establish a meaningful way of commemorating the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation through an educational programming lens.
- Increase the awareness of Maskwa House through engaging the broader student body in advocacy to get it funded.
(Re)Envisioning our Learning Environment
3. (Re)Envisioning Our Learning Environment

3.1 Modernize Academic Supports

- Update the Final Exam Regulation in the University Calendar to give instructors more freedom to assess students authentically.

- Create a Syllabus Bank to increase course transparency and the ability of students to plan for their semester with the most current information.

- Push for improvements and integration of academic advising between faculties and campuses so students can receive more prompt support.

- Expand the Zero Textbook Cost Pilot Project and provide targeted support for faculties that may use Open Materials less frequently.
3. (Re)Envisioning Our Learning Environment

3.1 Modernize Academic Supports (cont’d)

- Work with the University to develop a hybrid learning strategy that will allow greater student accessibility to attend their courses remotely when needed.
- Develop a Student Concern Portal that can support students through academic challenges.
- Push to re-evaluate our academic accommodations software to develop a more student-centred system.
3. (Re)Envisioning Our Learning Environment

3.2 Support for Students doing Experiential Learning

- Push the University to provide more significant financial and structural support for students on Work Integrated Learning terms.
- Work with the University to attract more opportunities for student innovators to share their work and support the integration of student innovation hubs in different faculties.
- Advocate for expanded access and availability of employment opportunities for domestic and international students.
Creating Safe and Welcoming Spaces
4. Creating Safe and Welcoming Spaces

4.1 Create Comfortable Spaces

- Revitalize SUB furniture to satisfy the needs of students today and students in the future.
- Formulate a unique identity for Dewey’s to improve the customer experience.
- Complete the Myer Horowitz Theatre renovations.
4.2 Address Safety Concerns

- Hold the University accountable for sexual violence prevention commitments.
- Advocate for the City of Edmonton and surrounding municipalities to improve transit frequency and coverage for students who commute.
- Advocate for the City of Edmonton to expand cell reception in underground LRT stations.
4. **Creating Safe and Welcoming Spaces**

### 4.3 Foster Inclusive Spaces

- Push the University to assess low occupancy washrooms on North Campus and convert them to gender-neutral bathrooms until the University can build permanent ones.

- Re-strategize the period equity initiative to provide both emergency use menstrual products and direct support to low-income students.

- Expand the accessibility of signage in SUB to incorporate universal design principles.
Fostering an Inclusive and Equitable University Experience
5.1 Invest in Students

- Push for increasing the proportion of hybrid (combined need and merit) awards.
- Advocate for the Provincial Government to increase operational funding to the University of Alberta.
- Advocate for additional funding to expand Indigenous centers and programming.
5.2 Expand Access to Post-Secondary

- Address the disparity in study permit processing for French-speaking international students.
- Work with the Dean of Students Office to create a policy to address the disparity in academic accommodations for students with dependents.
- Call on Edmonton City Council to approve the creation of more affordable housing and address challenges students face regarding housing.
- Push for Beartracks to be translated to French.
- Push the University to recognize different religious holidays in our University Calendar.
Thanks!

Any questions?
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter
Adrian Wattamaniuk

Email Address
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Type of Item Submission
Approval

Is this a Consent Agenda item?
No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
MOVES THAT the Tuesday, October 18, meeting of Council instead occur on Saturday, October 15, at the Augustana Campus, with the bus departing from North Campus at approximately noon.

Mover
WATTAMANIUK

Seconder
FLAMAN

Presenter (If Not the Mover)
N/A

Does this item require a closed session discussion?
No

Office/Committee Responsible
Office of the Speaker of Council; Council Administration Committee

Purpose
This motion is to change the Council meeting schedule to allow us to meet at Augustana Campus.

Executive Summary
It was a pre-pandemic convention that Council hold meetings at both Augustana Campus and Campus Saint Jean during each term. The purpose of this motion is to change our meeting schedule in order to hold a Council meeting at Augustana Campus.

The date and time of this meeting were chosen in consultation with members of Council, committee chairs, and representatives from the Augustana Campus. Holding the meeting on a Saturday and departing from North Campus at around noon was chosen to allow Council to properly connect with student representatives while at Augustana. However, please note that the time and date presented today only provide the basic structure of the meeting and additional details will be filled in consultation with Council and the Augustana Students’ Association.
Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
- Standing Orders s. 2(2)(b): Approval of Meeting Schedule
- General Order 2022-01/9b: Council Meeting Schedule

Engagement and Routing
- August 17, 2022: Abdul Abbasi (Councillor for Augustana)
- August 26, 2022: Students’ Council (via Google Form)
- September 9, 2022: Abdul Abbasi (Councillor for Augustana) and Jewel Naicker (Augustana Students’ Association President)

Approval Routing
- September 14, 2022: Committee Chairs Recommendation

Strategic Alignment
- “Deepen our relationships with representative associations in order to increase connections with students.”
  - This proposal provides Council with the groundwork to build relationships and collaboration between the SU and ASA.
- “Support initiatives that build a unified student voice.”
  - The proposal to Augustana Campus provides the SU with the ability to collaborate on shared interests with the ASA.
- “Strengthen our collective voice by engaging students in advocacy.”
  - This proposal enables the Students’ Union to have a stronger presence on Augustana Campus and engage and consult with students there on advocacy efforts.

Strategic Plan

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Dear Chairs:

Over the past month, staff and I have been working to collect information to help us plan our meeting at Augustana Campus. The purpose of this document is to share some of that information with you and present the Chairs with options for decision. Council seems to be fairly divided on certain options for this meeting which is why I’m bringing this to you, as leaders in Council, for discussion and decision. Please note that in order for us to meet our goal of a meeting in mid to late October a decision is required at this meeting. The bulk of this report concerns data collected. Options for Decision and Next Steps can be found at the end of the document.

Augustana’s Perspective
Both Nav and I have met with Abdul Abbasi as well as Jewel Naicker, President of the Augustana Students’ Association. Both of these stakeholders expressed a desire for this meeting to focus on engagement and relationship building. This somewhat contrasts my understanding of past Council visits where our normal meeting was simply transplanted to the Augustana Campus. Discussions are ongoing with the ASA about what this more meaningful engagement might look like, but the potential ideas discussed (for example: meet and greets, presentations on specific topics, outreach activities at Augustana) are likely to require a longer day.

Council’s Feedback
I posed a number of questions about the logistics of the Augustana to Council on a Google Form. The results are as follows:

1. Vote Counts: 4:30 (13) / Noon (8)

How long would you like to spend at Augustana? (Please note that the shorter time option would require us to do less activities at the campus and ...e next question). Note that times are approximate.

- 4:30 - 10pm: 38.1%
- Noon - 10pm: 61.9%

21 responses
2. **Vote Counts: Yes (8) / Weekend (10) / No (3)**

Is Tuesday, September 20th, a good date for this meeting (Please consider a potential time commitment of noon-10pm)

21 responses

3. **If you answered no, are there specific dates that you would like to suggest? (Please include a rationale so we can evaluate if there are any events or other commitments that will impact attendance).**

Answers to this question generally related to weekday commitments such as class and co-op. Specific concerns were not wanting to miss such commitments and concerns regarding returning to Edmonton late with commitments the next day. Note: these commitments seemed to primarily respond to the Tuesday option.

4. **Vote Counts: No (16) / Yes (5)**

Would you be able to drive to Augustana?

21 responses
5. **Vote Counts: Yes (6) / No (2)**

If you can drive, would you be willing to drive other members?
8 responses

Note that for transportation, the plan is to book a bus. The question about driving was included to see if driving was an option for members who could not come at noon, if that is chosen.

6. **Do you have any other comments, questions, or suggestions for our meeting at Augustana Campus?**

Responses to this question were generally the same as what was expressed for Question #3.

7. **(Follow Up in Group Chat): If we do a Saturday, are more people open to a noon start time?**

This follow up question was added to the WhatsApp chat because I perceived some confusion with the choices on date/time. Eight people indicated that they would be open to noon if we travelled to Augustana on a Saturday. Of those eight members, at least five had indicated that they preferred 4:30 on the Google Form. This would change the numbers to 13 in favour of noon and 8 in favour of 4:30pm.

**Considerations for Decision and Discussion**

I suggest that there are two primary considerations for decision that the Chairs should consider: Council participation and Augustana engagement. Council participate can be considered formally by measures such as quorum requirements or informally, such as the ability of Councillors to engage relationships at Augustana.

The success of engagement at Augustana is largely determined by the students on Augustana. While the specifics of this are still being discussed, our conversations indicate that the Augustana Students’ Association is interested in exploring relationship building and issues for collaboration.
Council is fairly split when it comes to meeting dates and times, though if the meeting is held on a Saturday, opinion does seem to swing towards starting around noon if the day chosen is Saturday. It should also be noted that 21 responses were recorded, which accounts for about 2/3rds of Council’s membership.

The noon option seems to align best with what we have heard from Augustana Campus at this time.

**Next Steps**
Following a decision being made today, a motion will be made at Council on September 20th to amend our approved meeting schedule in accordance with the decision.

**Options for Decision**
1. Schedule the Augustana meeting for Saturday, October 22, with the intention to leave North Campus around:
   a. Noon;
   b. 4:30pm;
2. Schedule the Augustana meeting for Tuesday, October 18, with the intention to leave North Campus around:
   a. Noon;
   b. 4:30pm.
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter: Ali

Email Address: haruun@ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Discussion

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
Ali/Singh moves to discuss DIE Board (#HA07 and #HA06)

Mover: Ali

Seconder: Singh

Presenter (If Not the Mover): N/A

Does this item require a closed session discussion? No

Office/Committee Responsible: N/A

Purpose
The purpose is to just engage Council's on the DIE Board decision and the path forward for Council as a whole and our plan to abide by the direction given by DIE Board.

Executive Summary
The DIE Board hearing occurred last week and has resulted in an order for Council to make some bylaw amendments which resulted in DIE Board alongside the nuances discussed in the decision by DIE Board.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
Bylaw 1500

Engagement and Routing
I have had some discussions with Councillors about their thoughts on the issue and want to get a better understanding of what's going on.
Approval Routing
No bodies have recommended or approved this.

Strategic Alignment
"Do what's right, not what's easy."

The discussion isn't easy but it's important as it will allow for closure for all members.

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

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Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Nope!
Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Submitter: Dorscheid

Email Address: adorsche@ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Discussion

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
Dorscheid/Monteiro MOVE TO discuss the development of the University of Alberta Strategic Plan.

Mover: Dorscheid

Seconder: Monteiro

Presenter (If Not the Mover): Dorscheid

Does this item require a closed session discussion? No

Office/Committee Responsible: Office of the President, Office of the Board of Governors

Purpose
This discussion item is being brought before the Students’ Council to gather feedback to aid President Monteiro and Governor Dorscheid on student priorities as we engage with the Board of Governors on the new University of Alberta Strategic Plan.

Executive Summary
With the University currently undergoing the development of a new strategic plan, we are requesting the assistance of Students’ Council on furthering our discussion of the vision of the University by asking the following questions:

- What is the U of A’s main purpose? What does it stand for?
- What is the core of the story the U of A wants to tell about its place and function in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and the world?
- Where should the U of A be in 10 years?
Your assistance in providing us guidance to answer these questions will be instrumental in shaping the vision and direction of the university for the medium and long term.

**Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders**
Standing orders 2 and 4

**Engagement and Routing**
Students’ Council
Council of Faculty Associations
Council of Residence Associations
UASU Perks
Board of Governors

**Approval Routing**
N/A

**Strategic Alignment**
This item is aligned with Strategic Plan specifically pertaining to:
"Ensures student leadership reflects the student body"
"Foster a collaborative culture between Students’ Union governing bodies and operations"  
Deepen our relationships with representative associations in order to increase connections with students"
"Deepen our relationships with representative associations in order to increase connections with students."
"Develop and adhere to an improved student consultation framework"

**Strategic Plan**

**Attachments**

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**Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards**

**Written Nominations**

**Information Items**

**Presentations**

**Written Questions**
Discussion Item

Motion
Dorscheid/Monteiro MOVE TO discuss the development of the University of Alberta Strategic Plan.

Mover
Alex Dorscheid, BoG Representative

Seconder
Abner Monteiro, UASU President

Details

Office/Committee Responsible
Office of the President
Office of the Board of Governors Representative

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Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
Standing Orders 2 and 4

Engagement and Routing
Students’ Council
Council of Faculty Associations
Council of Residence Associations
UASU Perks

Approval Routing
No approval routing is necessary.

**Strategic Alignment**

*Strategic Plan*
DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Citation: Ali v Students’ Council; 2022-HA-06

BETWEEN:

Haruun Ali
Applicant

- and -

Students’ Council (Speaker)
Respondent

ABSTENTIONS and MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER

Panel Members: Scott Parker, Associate Chief Tribune (Chair)
Sarah Rhydderch, Chief Tribune
Kamryn Wiest, Tribune

Hearing Date: September 10, 2022

Witnesses for the Applicant: None

Witnesses for the Respondent: None

The reasons of the unanimous Board are delivered by Scott Parker
**PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY**

[1] There are procedural issues within the Students’ Union that may not be clearly addressed through Bylaws or Standing Orders (including reliance on Robert’s Rules of Order). Ultimately, where there is ambiguity with respect to procedure, the Speaker will decide.

[2] The DIE Board’s mandate is to interpret and enforce Students’ Union legislation, and this includes adjudicating disputes that arise when the Legislation or Standing Orders are unclear.

[3] Keeping The Board’s role in mind, it is important to note that bringing procedural issues to The Board for adjudication must be balanced against the power vested in the Speaker and Council by the students. Parliamentary rules, like Robert’s Rules of Order, are in place to foster the democratic process. These rules, which as we will see can cause some confusion, should not be used as a barrier to carry out the spirit and intent of Council’s activity.

[4] In this case, there was a concern with how abstentions from voting are dealt with when a motion to reconsider a vote is contemplated. A review of Robert’s Rules of Order by this Board indicates that a motion to reconsider can be made “only by a member who voted with the prevailing side.” Robert’s Rules of Order is also clear that an abstention is not a vote.

[5] For reasons set out below, The DIE Board determined the Speaker was correct in barring abstaining members from moving to reconsider the vote they had abstained on. This case is a rather confusing one that The Board will endeavour to clarify.

**FACTS:**

[6] On August 9th there was a meeting of the Students’ Council of the University of Alberta Students’ Union (UASU). A motion was considered by Council to resubmit a hearing application to the DIE Board (The Board). The original application was submitted to The Board on July 14th, 2022, and concerned a Councillor’s eligibility to remain in office. Ultimately, the July 14th hearing application was cancelled by the parties involved. At the August 9th council meeting, Council voted to resubmit that hearing application.

[7] Council voted with 11 in favour of the motion to resubmit the application, 9 opposed and 8 abstained. The motion was carried and the hearing application would be resubmitted to The Board.

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The Applicant is UASU Councillor Haruun Ali (Councillor Ali). Councillor Ali represents the Faculty of Arts on the Students’ Council. Councillor Ali’s eligibility for Council is the subject of the re-submission to The Board that was voted on in the August 9th meeting.

Councillor Ali contends those members that abstained from voting should have had the opportunity to motion to reconsider. A motion to reconsider allows members to bring back a motion that has already been voted on. The effect of this is to allow members to reconsider a vote that they may have made hastily or without properly considering the information available. Councillor Ali submits those who abstained should have had the opportunity to use the motion to reconsider. On reconsidering (basically, re-voting) it is possible Council could have voted down the motion to resubmit the application to The Board. This would prevent the Council from resubmitting the question of Councillor Ali’s eligibility for judgment by The Board.

The Respondent is Students’ Council Speaker Christian Zukowski (the Speaker). Under Bylaw 100 s. 8(1)(d), the Speaker is the representative for Students’ Council in matters before The DIE Board.

The Speaker argued that members exercising their right to abstain from voting are not eligible to motion to reconsider. The Speaker’s argument was in two parts. First, Robert’s Rules of Order (RRO), in the 11th Edition, states abstentions as “having the effect of voting with the prevailing side”. With this in mind, The Speaker considers the 8 abstentions should be added to the 11 affirmative votes with the result of a counted vote of “19 in favour and 8 opposed”. The Speaker, in interpreting RRO 11th Edition, considers that while abstentions the effect of a vote on the prevailing side (as per RRO 11th Edition), abstentions are not actual votes. Second, The Speaker considers that an abstention is not actually a vote, “because the Rules consider voting to be an expression of opinion” and by its nature, an abstention does not express an opinion. These may seem to be opposing concepts, that an abstention is counted as a vote for the prevailing side, but is also not a vote at all. Hence the confusions.


ISSUES:

3 Respondent Application to HA 06 at para 17.
4 Ibid at para 19.
Both the Applicant and Respondent provided their own helpful interpretations of how this issue of abstentions should be framed. After careful reading of the submissions and cautious deliberation, The Board believes the issues to be determined are:

1) Should abstentions be counted on the prevailing side of the vote?

2) Are members of Council who abstain from a vote eligible to move to reconsider?

The Speaker’s Respondent Application also suggested The Board consider the following issue:

To what extent should decisions of the Speaker and Council be subject to review by the Board?

The Board does not find this issue centrally important to adjudicating this matter, based on the initial application from Councillor Ali. However, The Board’s decision will provide guidance to this additional question raised by the Respondent.

RULES:

The Board relied on the following University of Alberta Students’ Union (UASU) legislation and standing orders to determine answers to the issues. The Board also relied on Robert’s Rules of Order (RRO) where the legislation and standing orders do not provide guidance. It must be noted that The Board relied on the new and updated 12th Edition of RRO, which provides some subtle but important updates to the rules we are relying on.

UASU Students’ Council Standing Orders

1. Rules of Order
1(1) Robert’s Rules of Order will be observed at all meetings of Students’ Council except where they are inconsistent with the Bylaws or Standing Orders of Students’ Council.
1(2) Where the Bylaws, Standing Orders and Robert’s Rules of Order fail to provide direction with respect to procedure, the Speaker will decide. 5


37:10 By Whom and When a Motion to Reconsider Can Be Made.

5 https://docs.su.ualberta.ca/books/students-council-legislation/page/students-council#bkmrk-1%C2%A0rules-of-order
a) The motion to Reconsider can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side. In other words, a reconsideration can be moved only by one who voted aye if the motion involved was adopted, or no if the motion was lost.⁶

44:1 Majority Vote – the Basic Requirement.
“...when the term majority vote is used without qualification—as in the case of the basic requirement—it means more than half of the votes cast by persons entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions...”⁷

45:3 Right of Abstention.
Although it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on a question to express it by his vote, he can abstain, since he cannot be compelled to vote.⁸
(Note: in the 12th Edition there is no mention that an abstention’s effect “is the same as if he voted on the prevailing side.”, as is found in the 11th Edition)⁹

ANALYSIS

Should abstentions be counted on the prevailing side of the vote?

[18] No, for the following reasons:

[19] UASU Legislation and Standing Orders are silent on the matter of counting abstentions. As the Speaker points out in his submission, there are only two mentions in Students’ Union Legislation regarding abstentions, and neither are remotely relevant to this decision.

[20] Robert’s Rules of Order (12th Edition) are not silent on the issue of abstentions. UASU Standing Order 1(1) ensures that if Bylaws and Standing Orders do not provide guidance, we can turn to RRO. If RRO does not provide a clear answer, then Standing Order 1(2) allows the Speaker to decide the course of action.

[21] The Speaker was in a challenging position determining how to move forward with this issue, as there are conflicting ideas presented in RRO 11th Edition. RRO 11th Edition used confusing language in characterizing abstentions. RRO 11th Edition describes abstentions as follows:

“While it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on the question to express it by his vote, yet he cannot be compelled to do so. He may prefer to abstain from voting,

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⁷ Ibid at 381.
⁸ Ibid at 386.
⁹ Supra note 2.
though he knows the effect is the same as if he voted on the prevailing side."\(^{10}\) (emphasis added)

The bold wording is confusing, as it indicates that abstentions are basically the same as voting on the prevailing side. Fortunately, RRO 12\(^{th}\) Edition, which supersedes all previous editions, defines abstentions more clearly.

\[22\] RRO 12\(^{th}\) Edition dispenses with the confusing language regarding the effect of voting on the prevailing side. An abstention is described in s. 45:3 as simply the right of a voting member to not vote on a particular matter.\(^{11}\)

\[23\] RRO is clear that when the votes are counted, whether for a majority or a 2/3 vote, the vote is determined "excluding blanks and abstentions".\(^{12}\) Abstentions are not votes. They should not be added to the prevailing side of the vote. This is not the intent of abstentions. A member cannot abstain yet still be considered to have supported the prevailing side.

**Are members of Council who abstain from voting eligible to move to reconsider?**

\[24\] No, for the following reasons:

\[25\] The Board has reasoned above that abstentions are not counted as votes. The UASU Legislation and Standing Orders are silent on this matter, so we turn to RRO (12\(^{th}\) Edition).

\[26\] S. 37:10 of RRO (12\(^{th}\) Edition) is clear on who can make a motion to reconsider:

*The motion to Reconsider can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side.*

\[27\] It follows that an abstention, which is not a vote, cannot be considered as voting on the prevailing side. Therefore, under s. 37:10 of RRO a member who abstains cannot move to reconsider.

**To what extent should decisions of the Speaker and Council be subject to review by the Board?**

\[28\] The Board wishes to address this issue, as there have been other applications made regarding the extent of The Board’s scope to review Speaker and Council decisions.

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\(^{10}\) *Ibid.*

\(^{11}\) Supra note 1 at 386.

\(^{12}\) *Ibid* at 381.
Bylaw 1500 (3)(1) elucidates the scope of cases The Board can review:

1. The scope of the Board shall be limited to actions and appeals brought before it that:
   a. initiate a complaint about a contravention of Students’ Union legislation;
   b. request an interpretation of Students’ Union legislation or;
   c. appeal rulings made by the Chief Returning Officer during the Students’ Union’s general elections.
   d. A reference question allows DIE board the ability to provide opinions on the scope of Students’ Union policies, actions, decisions and events without the need for a dispute to be brought to the board.

While the enumerated actions and appeals are few, the possibilities for interpretation are many. The Board is often called upon to resolve ambiguities in Legislation that are confusing or contradictory. This case is a good example, where competing interpretations of the rules governing abstentions and motions to reconsider required further adjudication from The Board.

The Board recognizes our role when it comes to adjudicating complex disputes within the Students’ Council and understands the Speaker and Council’s ability to conduct student business should be treated with deference. Serving the needs of the student membership of the UASU must remain the highest priority for all of us. However, where disputes cannot be resolved by Council in an efficient, fair, respectful and compliant manner, and where those disputes are referred to The Board for adjudication, The Board will do its utmost to resolve the issue quickly and fairly.

The Board suggests that ambiguous procedural issues can be interpreted to clarify those issues for Council. However, adjudicating the many permutations of procedural issues should not slow Speaker and Council’s business. The Board suggests that when Council resorts to RRO for guidance, and those rules are in dispute, The Board can provide an interpretation on the rule for future use. To do otherwise would risk unwinding Council decisions based on what are sometimes minor misinterpretations of RRO.

To ensure smooth and efficient running of Council meetings, The Board instructs that deference should be provided to the Speaker where Standing Order 1(2) is relied on. This allows Council to carry on with the students’ business instead of wrangling over minor procedural issues.

In this case, Council voted to resubmit the hearing application to The Board for adjudication. The vote was 11 for and 9 against, with 8 abstentions. The spirit and intent of Council is clear that the majority of Councillors that voted wished to resubmit the application. The very minor issue of ambiguity in RRO 11th Edition wording on the effect
of abstentions should not have stood in the way of Speaker and Council proceeding with the students’ business.

[35] The Board will remain vigilant in evaluating applications for adjudication or interpretation of issues that are better resolved more efficiently within Council.

**CONCLUSION**

[36] The Board wishes to thank Councillor Ali and Speaker Zukowski for their helpful written and oral submissions.

[37] The majority vote (11 for and 9 against) affirmed Council’s intention to resubmit the hearing application re: Councillor Ali’s eligibility to The Board. The Speaker was correct in barring abstaining voters from moving to reconsider, as this would violate RRO 37:10.

[38] Where procedural rules are unclear, deference must be given to the Speaker as per Standing Order 1(2). This ensures council meetings can proceed efficiently when there is no clear guidance from Bylaw, Standing Orders or RRO.


[40] The Board reminds Councillors who abstain that while RRO gives them the right to abstain, this must be balanced against the duty to express their opinion on behalf of the students that elected them.

[41] The Board will update its protocols to ensure that interpretations and disputes regarding RRO result in providing clarity for future use of those rules and will not apply retroactively to Council business. However, The Board will reserve a right to adjudicate a dispute over RRO where there is abuse of those rules to override the spirit and intent of Council.
Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Submitter: Christian Zukowski
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Type of Item Submission: Information Item
Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

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Agenda Title: Report on DIE Board Ruling 2022-04-R

Description of the Information Item
This information item is a report on the DIE Board Ruling 2022-04-R. This DIE Board hearing was initiated by Councillor Ali and asked whether the Speaker was correct in ruling that members who abstain cannot move to reconsider. The report provides a brief summary of the ruling as well as notes on how this will impact our use of Roberts’ Rules moving forward.

Please note that a decision has not (at the time of the Order Paper deadline) been published on Councillor Ali’s eligibility. The Speaker will submit a similar report on that decision to the Late Additions if possible.

Attachments

Report to Council re Ruling 2022-04-R.pdf

Presentations

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Dear Council:

On August 9, 2022, I was ordered by Council to bring a DIE Board Application (Hearing Application HA-07) against Councillor Haruun Ali. This application was heard by the Board on September 10, 2022, but a decision has not yet been published. I also responded to HA-06, which was submitted by Councillor Ali regarding the ability of members who abstain to move to reconsider. The decision in that case, 2022-04-R, was published on September 15, 2022. I will provide a summary of that decision and then update Council when the decision on Councillor Ali’s eligibility is published.

The Decisions

Regarding the issue of abstentions and motions to reconsider, the Board made the following points:

- Some of the in this case confusion stems from the language in the 11th Edition of Roberts’ Rules of Order which has been replaced by a new 12th Edition. The Board strongly suggested that Council use the 12th Edition. Council does not yet have access to the 12th Edition as the book has been out of stock. An order has been placed.
- In the 12th edition, abstentions (and blank ballots) are not considered votes and should not be included when counting votes. Therefore, members who abstain from voting cannot move to reconsider.
- When there are disputes over rules of order, the Board suggests that in most cases the Speaker should be given the discretion to make decisions (per Standing Orders) and that the Board may give clarity for future situations. This ensures that damage is not caused by reversing questions already decided.

Review by the Speaker

In this decision the Board provides a good analysis of the issue of abstentions and motions to reconsider. The Board is correct that the 12th Edition of Roberts’ Rules provides a much clearer answer to this issue. As mentioned above, we have currently ordered a copy of the 12th Edition. However, since it is not accessible online (like the 11th Edition) it may be worth considering whether this limited access is an issue.

I will notify Council when the new edition of Roberts’ Rules arrives. In the meantime, I will continue to use the 11th Edition for questions of procedure and order.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Zukowski
Speaker, Students’ Council
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Agenda Title
Finance Committee Spring/Summer Chair Report

Description of the Information Item
As of stated in Bylaw 100, Chairs of standing committees shall draft and submit written reports to Students’ Council. This is the Spring/Summer 2022 Report for Finance Committee!

Attachments
Finance Committee Spring_Summer Chair Re...

Presentations

Written Questions
Dear Council,

I apologize for the tardiness of my Spring/Summer report! We needed a little more time to confirm this semester's meeting schedule, but here it is!

**Committee Activities**
- Discussed the UASU's finances and possible improvements
- Reviewed the Fee Governance Review Committee Recommendations
- Presentation was given by the chair on an overview of the UASU's finances
- Discussed the different types and categories of UASU fees

**Committee Schedule**
- For the Fall trimester, Finance committee will be meeting weekly over Zoom on Fridays from 1:00-2:00pm, and one 3-hour long in-person meetings on the first off-Council Tuesday of each month from 4:00-7:00pm.

**Summary of Motions**

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We also have a lot of work cut out for us for the next trimester, so please look forward to my next report!

Best,

Julia Villoso
Vice President Operations and Finance
Finance Committee Chair
University of Alberta Students’ Union
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