February 7th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom

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ORDER PAPERS (SC-2022-21)

2022-21/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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2022-21/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-21/2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-20) Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

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See SC-2022-21.02

2022-21/3 PRESENTATION

2022-21/3a FOTANG/KAUR MOVE TO allow the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues to Present to Students’ Council.
See SC-2022-21.07

2022-21/3b  **FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO**  Allow Aseel Atia to present on GOTV.

See SC-2022-21.08

2022-21/4  **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2022-21/5  **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2022-21/6  **OPEN FORUM**

2022-21/7  **QUESTION PERIOD**
BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVE TO nominate two members of Council to the Health and Dental Plan Committee.

See SC-2022-21.09

VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO nominate one member of Council to the SUB Planning Committee.

See SC-2022-21.10

REGMI/LIU MOVE TO direct the Executive Committee to condemn Frances Widdowson’s history of racism against Black and Indigenous students and to condemn the Minister of Advanced Educations’ response to her cancellation of her presentation at the University of Lethbridge.

See SC-2022-21.11

REGMI/LIU MOVE TO direct the Executive Committee to condemn online public threats made towards former and current UASU councillors and other student representatives over Twitter.


FOTANG/KAUR MOVE TO approve 1st principles of the Indigenous Students Policy.


GENERAL ORDERS

REGMI/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO discuss the Alberta Sovereignty Act Within a United Alberta

See SC-2022-21.14

CLOSED SESSIONS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-20) January 24th, 2023

See SC-2022-21.01
2022-21/11b  Executive Reports
            See SC-2022-21.03-0.6

2022-21/11c  Students’ Council Submissions

2022-21/11d  Students’ Council - Attendance
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-20)

2022-20/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

SPEAKER CALLED the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

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Oath reminder.

Councilor HUANG resigns from Council

SPEAKER SPECIAL ORDERS agenda items 9b and 9c to the Order Paper

FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO special order agenda item 8d to the Order Papers.
CARRIED 25/00/00

2022-20/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-20/2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-19) Tuesday, January 10th, 2023
See SC-2022-20.01

APPROVED

2022-20/2b **ARSLAN/USSERBAYEVA MOVE TO** approve Ivan Varela and Evan Sawyer to the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee.

See SC-2022-20.02

APPROVED

2022-20/3 **PRESENTATION**

2022-20/3a **MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow a presentation from the University of Alberta regarding the Student Experience Action Plan

See SC-2022-20.07

CARRIED 25/00/00

**FLAMAN/FOGUE MOVE TO** extend the presentation by ten minutes
CARRIED 25/00/00

2022-20/4 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report
VILLOSO - VP Operations and Finance - Report
FOTANG - VP External - Report
MONTEIRO - President - Report

2022-20/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dhillon - Audit Committee - Report
Flaman - Bylaw Committee - Report
Wattamaniuk - Council Administration Committee - Report
Monteiro - Executive Committee - Report
Villoso - Finance Committee - Report
Steinbusch - Nominating Committee - Report
Fotang - Policy Committee - Report
Dorscheid - Board of Governors Representative - Report
Akinneah - ARRC - Report
Villoso - SCFC - Report
Regmi - Sustainability Committee - Report
Soto - Translation Committee - Report

2022-20/6 **OPEN FORUM**
POLENCHUK: Questions MONTEIRO, if the UASU is planning to organize any protests or strikes in regard to the tuition hike as well as the protests at the University of Calgary.

MONTEIRO: States that he is in contact with colleagues at the University of Calgary, however, things have been quite the contrary at the University of Alberta, where potential direct actions and other alternatives are being discussed.

Hopes that the upcoming BoG conference will bring greater clarification.

Adds that the SU is doing everything that they can for the proposed tuition increase, which would be the fourth increase in a row.

**2022-20/7 QUESTION PERIOD**

LIU: Questions MONTEIRO regarding the student experience presentation. Wonders if there is a system in place for gathering the bad experiences that students have, and if so, how they are being reported and evaluated.

MONTEIRO: States that this program strives to gather and record all of the information that students have to offer, whether it be positive or negative.

Explains that this program is still in its early phases and that the SU is still debating how best to communicate that with the student body.

HUANG: Declares that this is his last day serving as a councilor and expresses gratitude to everyone.

ABBASI: Questions MONTEIRO about his opinion of the Faculty of Arts’s religion course, RELIG 200: Religion of Islam.

MONTEIRO: States that FOGUE has actively been working on this concern and instead moves to have FOGUE answer this question.

FOGUE: Declares that she met with the MSA Execs to learn more about this concern. To ensure that this issue is brought up at a university level, the Executives will continue to discuss this issue in more detail.

MONTEIRO: Highlights his report, stating that the University would be making an inspiring statement addressing mental health in the next week or two, following the UASU’s advocacy.

LIU: Gives his Farewell wishes to Councillor HUANG and encourages all council members to volunteer in the upcoming provincial election.

FOTANG: Appreciates LIU’s volunteerism and enthusiasm towards the upcoming provincial election. Mentions that council members might contribute as volunteers to
the Zine Magazine's article on the subject of postsecondary education affordability in Alberta. Council members can submit their writing, poetry, comics, and other artistic works. This is stated to be published in the winter term.

SHETTY: Comments that, while the University has engaged in communication with the UASU regarding the tuition hike, the document verification on BearTracks still costs an additional $10 and states that there is a possibility that the University will still stick to the 6% increase despite student body concerns.

WATTAMANIUK: Remarks on the back-and-forth overtaking direct action in response to the tuition increases. Because of this, the UASU will also greatly benefit from developing relationships with the University.

ARSLAN: Believes that, although protests against tuition increases have been in the news for a while, they are of no use right now.

Remarks that the committee that makes choices that will impact the student body has a sizable representation from the UASU Execs and the BoG representative.
2022-20/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-20/8a VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVE TO nominate one member of Council to the Finance Committee.

See SC-2022-20.08

CARRIED 21/00/00

VILLOSO/DHILLON MOVE TO amend the above motion to nominate two members of Council to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED 21/00/00

FLAMAN nominates SHETTY - declined
SHETTY nominates FORD - declined
VILLOSO nominates STEINBUSCH - accepted
VILLOSO nominates ABBASI - declined
DHILLON nominates USSERBAYEVA - declined
LEE nominates THIND - declined
VILLOSO nominates MONTEIRO - accepted

Councillors MONTEIRO and STEINBUSCH are appointed to the Finance Committee via acclamation.

2022-20/8b FLAMAN / LEE MOVE TO approve the first reading of Bill 3: Governance Reform based on the following principles.

See SC-2022-20.09

CARRIED 24/00/00

SHETTY: Asks whether Council is considering the same bills from the DIE Board that were amended simultaneously.

FLAMAN: Claims that this one doesn't, but that those issues have already been resolved.

HUANG: Speaks in favor of the first reading.

Believes that Council needs a long-overdue change, particularly in light of the recent successful elections. The Undergraduate BoG's appointment process was highly opaque and may have damaged many students' trust.

WATTAMANIUK: Strongly supports this bill.

SHETTY: Asks as to whether the 2017 DIE Board decisions were also taken into
account when the Bill made amendments.

FLAMAN: The Bylaw Committee is tasked with reviewing DIE Board decisions from the previous year and making modifications as necessary. However, claims he went back to 2015 to double-check all information.

**2022-20/8c**

**FOTANG/ LIU MOVE TO** nominate 2 Councillors to the Policy Committee.

See SC-2022-20.10

CARRIED 23/00/00

FOGUE nominates SHETTY - accepted

FLAMAN nominates FORD - declined

FOGUE nominates CARBAJAL VELEZ - accepted

Councillors SHETTY and CARBAJAL VELEZ are appointed to the Policy Committee via acclamation.

**2022-20/8d**

**FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO** approve 1st Principles of the Campus Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy.

See SC-2022-20.14

CARRIED 23/00/00

LIU: States that during the committee meeting, he intends to bring solutions that go hand in hand with international students and newcomers to Canada. Believes that they should be included in the policy.

**2022-20/9**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**2022-20/9b**

**VILLOSO/ DHILLON MOVE TO** discuss the SC 2022-14/8h motion.

See SC-2022-20.15

CARRIED 23/00/00

LIU: States that there is debate over whether this type of spending was appropriate for the money (for example, the BTR Event).

VILLOSO: Mentions that the formal Council task was to examine "finance management," which broadly encompasses some topics. But to have a general notion of the "spending money," the SU surveyed students via a Perks survey and aim to conduct another one soon to gain further insight.

DORSCEHID: Asks about the value and expense associated with a KPMG report.
VILLOSO: States that working with KPMG is one choice, but if they give too high of a quote, the SU can look into alternative accounting companies.

FLAMAN: Asks whether it's possible to get a rough estimate and the difference if the SU had had this done in July. Both performance and scheduled audits would be beneficial for such a large organization. And since audits are ultimately simply numbers, money needs to be managed effectively.

ARSLAN: Questions if this will be included in the upcoming governance cycle.

VILLOSO: Responds, clarifying that she did not mean the SRA deadlines but rather the SU year (May-April). Internally, it begins in mid-May, and from August to December, it is presented to the audit committee for additional debate.

FLAMAN: Suggests that if there is no cost or estimate, the SU can set aside additional funds and release them if they are not needed. This will prevent any deficiency and make it more of a task for preparing ahead.

**VILLOSO/FLAMAN MOVE TO** add a motion to the Order Paper stating the following: rescind SC 2022-14/8h motion and instead direct the Audit Committee to work with KPMG to set up a plan for the completion of a performance and compliance audit for the upcoming Audit cycle recognizing the previous motion to complete a financial management assessment of the SU.

CARRIED 23/00/00

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CARRIED 22/01/00 LIU abstains

**MONTEIRO/VILLOSO MOVE TO** discuss the 2022/23 UASU Elections dates and timeline.

See SC-2022-20.16

CARRIED 23/00/00

**MONTEIRO/LIU MOVE TO** go into Committee of the Whole

CARRIED 23/00/00

LIU: Thinks that more time should be given to candidates so that they can consider applying for executive positions. Adds that the campaign period is shorter by just one
There are doubts about whether the packages can be released early because elections occur in the second week of March.

KOOHKAN: Says he's here to listen to the Council's recommendations and viewpoints.

Adds that if the nomination deadline is extended to 30 days from now, it will fall on the first day of Reading Week, when faculty support won't be accessible. This year, some internal problems led to the delay.

HUANG: Asks how significant the errors are in the nomination packages.

MONTEIRO: Answers that the errors were related to bylaw compliance. If Executive elections were to be extended by a week, it would conflict with Council and GFC Elections before continuing into the first week of April. Because this is also the last week of courses and the start of final exams, student involvement will, inevitably, be low.

KOOHKAN: If the Candidates' Meeting were to take place on March 27, the election would then be delayed to March 2 or March 3—a breach of the Bylaw, which stipulates that elections must take place during the second week of reading week. They will have roughly two weeks to prepare as the candidates' meeting will be conducted on February 16.

Agrees with MONTEIRO that the dates conflict with the Council and GFC elections.

HUANG: Asks about what would happen if the Council and GFC Elections were held before the Exec Elections.

KOOHKAN: States that it violates the Bylaws.

DHILLON: Thinks that Council should shorten the nomination deadline. The Candidates will then have an additional week to prepare their banners and posters.

FLAMAN: Declares that we are attempting to select the alternative with the lowest potential for harm. We may decrease the nomination deadline since students serious about running for open positions will have made up their minds before these packages are distributed.

OJO: Is hesitant to lower the time frame because there is still much work to be done.

KOOHKAN: Considers that a strong line of communication between the election office and the SU is necessary to stop future conflicts.

REGMI: Considers moving the nomination deadline to two days before the candidates' meeting.
KOOHKAN: The Candidates' Meeting took place the day before the deadline in one of the prior years. However, we must hold the meeting on a different weekday rather than a holiday weekend.

VILLOSO: Remarks that she thought having seven days of campaigning was a void from the previous year and that it was too much time. This year, the maximum number of days for campaigning should be around ten.

Proposes moving the nomination deadline to Monday, February 27, which falls after Reading Week.

KOOHKAN: Suggests that the election season would be a rush and that student engagement has historically been minimal.

DHILLON: Agrees with VILLOSO. Since the candidates can only begin using the resources after this specific meeting, Doesn’t support the concept of having the candidates meet on the 27th. Suggests cutting the package's delivery deadline.

FLAMAN: Agrees. Although the candidates’ meeting takes place before reading week, which provides the pre-campaign days of roughly nine days, the dates have not been expressively described. Therefore, starting your promotion on Monday morning following reading week is a fantastic idea.

KOOHKAN: One approach to this would be to hold the Candidates' Meeting and the deadline for nominations on the same day: February 15. The candidates can prepare for their campaigns throughout Reading Week and they can then run their campaigns through March 8. But in essence, doing so would imply moving up the package deadline.

FLAMAN: Asks KOOHKAN if he received full training from SU and a proper transition.

KOOHKAN: Confirms that that was the case.

VILLOSO/LIU MOVE TO return to Committee of the Difference
CARRIED 23/00/00

SHETTY/REGMI MOVE TO extend until the end of the motion.
CARRIED 19/00/04

SHETTY: Declares that whatever course of action the Council and the Elections Office decide, Council doesn’t want any deadlines that coincide with exam time or anything that would damage Council's reputation.

VILLOSO: Admits that the SU shouldn't punish the students because, in the end, it was SU's fault for the nomination packages contravening bylaws. Campaign season is a busy time, and students have a significant amount of work to do. Giving the
candidates access to documents before the meeting is one option.

USSERBAYEVA: Agrees with VILLOSO; everyone has a right to take their time before making a decision. It would be great if the students had a week to prepare psychologically.

DHILLON: Holding it on the 27th wouldn’t go against any bylaws, but we don’t want people making banners two to three days after the candidate’s meeting.

SHETTY: Questions if everyone who fills out the nomination package is allowed to be considered as a candidate. Also, questions if having access to the materials would have any unfavorable consequences, and if their expenses would be covered.

VILLOSO: States that the $550 allocated to each candidate to operate their entire campaign has already been budgeted.

MONTEIRO: Adds that the CRO office ensures that it reviews the packages before giving them a chance to be candidates.

KOOKHAN: Answers to VILLOSO stating that candidates would have access to the universal materials more extendedly if their packages were submitted sooner.

REGMI: Asks how long it will take to make any changes.

KOOKHAN: States that a decision will be made soon (i.e between 24-48 hrs).

ARSLAN: Recommends an e-vote if this is a pressing matter, as Council is barely maintaining quorum and notes that a vote in Council wouldn’t be fair to those members who left at 9 due to prior commitments.

Council loses Quorum. Meeting Ends.

REGMI/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO discuss the Alberta Sovereignty Act Within a United Alberta

TABLED

2022-20/9a FOTANG/MONTEIRO MOVE TO table this motion until the end of general orders.

CARRIED 23/00/00

2022-20/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-20/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-20/11a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-19) January 10th, 2023
See SC-2022-20.01

2022-20/11b Executive Reports
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See SC-2022-20.12

2022-20/11e Board of Governors Report
See SC-2022-20.13

2022-20/11f Students’ Council Submissions
See SC-2022-20.14-16

SPEAKER ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:20 PM.
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

 Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Submitter: Pien Steinbusch

Email Address: steinbus@ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Approval

Is this a Consent Agenda item?: Yes

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
USSERBAYEVA/KAUR move to recommend Pedro Almeida to be part of the Chancellor Selection Committee on the Senate

Mover: USSERBAYEVA

Seconder: KAUR

Presenter (If Not the Mover): Steinbusch

Does this item require a closed session discussion?: No

Office/Committee Responsible: Nominating Committee

Purpose
To fill a undergraduate position on the Chancellor Nomination Committee for the senate.

Executive Summary
Fill SAL Position for Senate Committee

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
N/A

Engagement and Routing
Nominating Committee

Approval Routing
Students’ Council
Strategic Alignment
N/A

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

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## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

**Council Meeting Date**: Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
**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
- **Description of the Information Item**: Biweekly report from VPA
- **Attachments**: VPA Report _18.docx.pdf

### Presentations

### Written Questions
Date: 02/07/2023  
To: Students' Union Council  
Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #18

Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well!

Here are some updates from me:

**SLAC**

The **Student Library Advisory Committee** had its first meeting. It was a great meeting discussing all the different services that the libraries provide and how those can be improved and enhanced. This committee is composed of students from different faculties and levels of study, so it is awesome that they are able to share feedback and experiences which helps the libraries in making changes. We also had a discussion about Open Education and ZTC and I got a chance to share some information around this with the committee.

**ZTC**

We received the number of ZTC registrations from the Registrar’s Office for the winter term. The number is higher than any term from the past with more than 1100 unique courses and more than 800 professors registered.

I also had a check in meeting with the digital Initiatives Projects Librarian to discuss the next steps in expanding ZTC.

**SS-SMC**

Student Services- Service Management Committee met and we discussed the student services catalogue and the ways to make it more accessible for the sake of effective service delivery and to guide our community. I advocated for adding more information to it which would guide students better to benefit from the services. And we discussed the ways of getting feedback from students after they received any service and that can be posted on the website to help other students.

**GFC**

These past weeks, I had all the GFC committee meetings where I continue advocating for all the changes to make the student experience better. For instance, at CLE (Committee on the Learning Environment), I raised the concerns reflected in the Indigenous Student Success Survey Report.

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**Gurleen Kaur, Vice President Academic**
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CoFA

We had our monthly meeting of CoFA Advocacy Board and shared some survey reports (Work Experience survey report, Academic support services survey year over year report and Ombuds annual report) with them and had a discussion about the GOTV (Get Out the Vote) campaign. The Senior Board could not meet because of scheduling issues and will be meeting in coming weeks.

Let me know if you have any questions and happy to share any details you might want :) 

Best Regards,

Gurleen Kaur
Vice President Academic
University of Alberta Students' Union
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- **Description of the Information Item**
  exec report 16
- **Attachments**
  Council Meeting Report _16.pdf

**Presentations**

**Written Questions**
Dear Council,

This has been a more quiet week as I was out of the office early this week.

**Press Conference on Talent Recruitment**

_This week I was in Ottawa to be part of the launch of a joint_ campaign between CASA, Universities Canada, and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on addressing Canada’s talent shortage._

During my speech, I highlighted the importance of supporting grads and doctoral students, investing in WIL, and removing barriers international students face.

**GOTV**

GOTV volunteer training will be beginning next week and I look forward to Aseel providing you with an update of the campaign plans next week.

Best,

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

_Cheers,

Christian Fotang_

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

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Submitter: Julia Villoso

Email Address: julia.villoso@su.ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

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Information Items

Agenda Title: VPOF Report #19

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

Attachments

PDF: Council Report SC19_02_02... .pdf

Presentations

Written Questions
Date: 02/02/2023  
To: Students’ Union Council  
Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #19

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a good two weeks, this is what I’ve been up to:

Indigenous Celebration Week
I’d first like to congratulate Danni, our FNMI Specialist, VP Fogue, and the rest of our services staff for organizing and putting together all of Indigenous Celebration Week last week! I was able to attend some of the sessions and events they organized, and it was absolutely amazing! I heard nothing but great things from students and other University community members regarding this project, and I want to commend them and all of their success!

Legacy Fund Committee Allocations Meeting
The Legacy Fund Committee met for the first time on Wednesday to go over the proposed disbursals for the Legacy Fund applications. Joannie, Abner, Simran, and I were able to get a further glimpse into the initiatives and work that our Golden Bears and Pandas sports teams are doing! I look forward to seeing them come to fruition.

Art Committee
The Art Committee met for the first time this semester last week. We had discussions as to the future plans of choosing student art to be put in SUB by April. We’re continuously working with a Fine Arts Professor to make this project happen. We also discussed putting up more Indigenous student art in SUB as well, and we plan to integrate this into the SUB Renaming Committee’s process and get art put up in the SUB rooms we plan to rename into Cree.

SCFC
The Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee met last week to go over the applications we’ve received for the Green Fund thus far. We’re making our way through the adjudication process, and have followed up with some of our applicants with further questions the committee had regarding their applications. I’m aiming to finish these adjudications within the next two meetings of SCFC and be able to support student-led sustainability projects on campus.

EDI Steering Committee
The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee is our internal focused committee dedicated to enhancing and expanding the EDI practices of our organization. It is made up of many different staff members from different departments. I will be taking over the chair role of this committee, and have been meeting individually with each staff member sitting on the steering committee to get a better sense of the next steps and goals we can take regarding EDI within the organization.

Health and Dental Plan Committee
Joannie and I have finalized our student-st-larges who will be sitting on the Health and Dental Plan Committee. We’re just waiting on their confirmation of interest to still be on the committee, and then we can be good to go in starting the work of looking over the Health and Dental plan. We are also

Julia Viloso, Vice President Operations and Finance  
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looking for 2 councillors to sit on this committee, so if you're interested in the Health and Dental Plan and want to see some changes for next year, let us know!

**Finance Committee**
Finance Committee has been meeting every week still, and continuously been receiving reports from our core managers, the heads of all of our departments. We had a presentation from our Marketing and Communications department last week, and tomorrow we'll be receiving one from our Research and Advocacy department. We've passed a set of budget principles that will be on the order papers for Council discussion on Tuesday, and I look forward to hearing your feedback!

**Sustainability Committee**
Sustainability Committee met earlier this week to go over our plans for consultation of the sustainability recommendations. We plan to set up a one month long consultation period and meet with various stakeholders within the University community regarding our recommendations. We hope to take their constructive feedback and implement changes for the following couple of months.

**SUB Planning Committee**
SUB Planning Committee was able to meet for the first time officially having reached quorum! Unfortunately three of our members didn't attend our last three meetings, so we will be recruiting for more students to sit on the committee. This committee does a lot of important work and ultimately determines the future of SUB, so if you're interested in being a part of this committee, please nominate yourself!

**RATT/Dewey's Tour**
Joannie, Gurleen, and I were able to receive a tour of the back of house of both Room At The Top and Dewey's! As someone who used to be a server, I've always wondered what their kitchens looked like. They have a really good space that serves a lot of students everyday. If you get the chance to go to Dewey's sometime, I recommend the Quad Burger with SU fries, or their chicken and waffles!

**Students’ Union Building**
To ensure the safety of the building, whilst also ensuring 24 hour access to SUB, starting tomorrow evening (Friday February 3rd), access to SUB will be via ONECard only between 10pm and 6:30am.

If you have any questions about this report or just want to grab some coffee, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Best,


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**Julia Villosa**  
Vice President Operations and Finance  
University of Alberta Students’ Union
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Submitter: FOGUE

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

Type of Item Submission: Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item?: No

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Agenda Title: VPSL Council Report

Description of the Information Item:
Here is an update on some of the work I've been doing.

Attachments

PDF: VPSL Report_FEBRUARY_07_.pdf

Presentations

Written Questions
[ Update from the work I’ve been doing with the Climate Survey Wroking Group ] Alberta Post-Secondary Gender-Based Violence Survey The Alberta Post-Secondary Gender-Based Violence Survey is for all students attending public post-secondary institutions in Alberta. The survey is being conducted by Leger on behalf of the Government of Alberta as part of the Alberta 2030 plan to "Modernize the existing provincial framework to address sexual violence in Alberta's campus communities, and work with institutions and students to strengthen relevant policies and practices." (p.21) This data will provide a snapshot of the current climate on campus and is one of a number of important tools to help the Government of Alberta and Alberta post-secondary institutions better understand the scope of the issue and support a high-level, unified, response to gender-based violence.

What you should know as a survey participant

- All students will be invited to participate beginning January 30, 2023. You will receive an email from noreply@legeropinion.com to your ualberta inbox with the survey link.
- Leger is distributing the survey, collecting and synthesizing responses, and reporting on the results on behalf of the Government of Alberta.
- Your participation is completely voluntary and anonymous. There will be no personal information tied to your responses, and neither Leger nor the University of Alberta will receive any personally identifiable data through the survey.

For more information please visit uab.ca/SVRC

- If you need support, the U of A Sexual Assault Centre services are free of charge and are available to people of all genders, sexualities, and backgrounds.

World Social justice Day As you all know, I am the Co-chair of the World Social Justice Day Working Group. Our Living Library is happening Feb 14-16th. “Observing World Social Justice Day reminds us to proactively address systemic issues and acknowledge that a significant part caring for our community in a socially just way is by exploring how gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, sexuality, disability, and economic status create barriers and privileges that impact our community. Caring for our mental health also means advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion on campus for not just ourselves but those around us as well. In doing so, we are more likely to enhance the well-being of our community as a whole.”

If you are want to participated and be a reader you can click here for our Living Library Registration

If you want to volunteer and help with this event, please reach out to me at joannie.fogue@su.ualberta.ca

Days of Significance Last semester, I have been working with the RO to see how we can updates our Days of Significance Page under the UofA's EDI section. As I mentioned in my
platform I wanted to use the UBC page as a foundation and inspiration for how we work on ours. The page was recently relaunched in January after reviewing the approach of other schools across Canada. The next step is to look into adding interfaith/religious dates in this list. We are looking to see if the University Calendar Editor can include this list as separate section on the University's Academic Calendar.

Joannie Fogue
Vice President Student Life
University of Alberta Students' Union
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Submitter: Fotang

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Type of Item Submission: Presentation

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

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Motion: FOTANG moves to allow the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues to Present to Students' Council

Mover: FOTANG

Seconder: KAUR

Presenter: EFCL

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session? No

Office/Committee Responsible: Office of External Affairs

Abstract

Community Leagues are important and essential tools for advocacy. Whether it's community safety or fun events. EFCL is here to share how you can get involved in your local community league but also
highlight what EFCL does.

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Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Submitter: Fotang

Email Address: christian.fotang@su.ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Presentation

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

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Motion: Fotang Moves to Allow Aseel Atia to present on GOTV

Mover: FOTANG

Seconder: FOGUE

Presenter: Aseel Atia (GOTV Coordinator)

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session? No

Office/Committee Responsible: External Affairs

Abstract

GOTV is happening, what will be going on? Hear from Aseel
Written Questions
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Thursday, February 2, 2023

Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Submitter

Julia Villoso

Email Address

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Type of Item Submission

Calls for Nomination

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

No

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Motion

VILLOSO moves to nominate two members of Council to the Health and Dental Plan Committee.

Mover

VILLOSO

Seconder

FOGUE

Body Being Nominated To

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Description of the Body

The Health and Dental Plan Committee serves several important functions including:

- Creating policy and setting direction for the structure and delivery of the SU Health & Dental Plan
- Providing feedback to health and dental plan administrator on communications, coverage, service, and all components related to the plan
- Reviewing and recommending any benefits or premium changes to Students’ Council
- Acting as the approval and reviewing body for any appeals, claims, exemptions, or special requests made by students
- Choosing the health and dental plan administrator and renewing the contract and conditions on a set timeframe

Council Committees and Boards

Purpose of Council Representation

Councillors are expected to come to meetings prepared to make a decision on any appeals or requests made by students, review, and provide feedback on our benefits on the plan.
List of Current Members
Joannie Fogue
Julia Villosa
Snigdha Widge
Lily Pan
Peter Ta

Meeting Schedule
We meet on a monthly basis based on everyone's availability

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Terms of Reference

2017-2018 HDPC

Health & Dental Plan Committee

Purpose:

The Students’ Union Health & Dental Plan Committee (HDPC) is an advisory committee that falls under the Vice President (Student Life)’s portfolio. HDPC serves several important functions including:

- Creating policy and setting direction for the structure and delivery of the SU Health & Dental Plan
- Providing feedback to health and dental plan administrator on communications, coverage, service, and all components related to the plan
- Reviewing and recommending any benefits or premium changes to Students’ Council
- Acting as the approval and reviewing body for any appeals, claims, exemptions, or special requests made by students
- Choosing the health and dental plan administrator and renewing the contract and conditions on a set timeframe

Meetings:

The committee will meet on a monthly basis throughout the fall and winter terms or as necessary. One meeting should occur over the summer to provide an introduction to the Plan for the new committee and to review and approve the Terms of Reference. The committee will set the tentative dates for the year’s meetings during the summer in order to have set deadlines to deal with petitions.

Composition:

Students’ Union, Vice President (Student Life) or Designee (Chair) as a voting member
Students’ Union, Vice President (Operations & Finance) or Designee as a voting member
Three (3) Undergraduate Students-at-Large as voting members
Two (2) members of Students’ Council
Representative(s) from health plan administrator (non-voting)
Students’ Union Controller (non-voting)
UASU Students’ Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Submitter: Julia Villoso

Email Address: julia.villoso@su.ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Calls for Nomination

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Strategic Plan

Calls for Nominations

Motion: VILLOSO moves to nominate one member of Council to the SUB Planning Committee.

Mover: VILLOSO

Seconder: MONTEIRO

Body Being Nominated To: SUB Planning Committee

Description of the Body
The SUB Planning Committee shall:
- Review student needs in the context of the facilities and services provided by the Students’ Union Building;
- Develop a building master plan (or, where one exists, propose amendments to plan);
- Consult with students and other stakeholders as required regarding items within this mandate.

Council Committees and Boards

Purpose of Council Representation
Councillors are expected to come prepared to committee meetings having read the prep documents provided beforehand to be able to give feedback and contribute to overall discussion.

List of Current Members
Julia Villoso, chair
Joannie Fogue
Abner Monteiro
Meeting Schedule
We try to meet monthly based on everyone’s schedules.

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SUB Planning Committee
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Mandate

1. The SUB Planning Committee shall exist as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

2. The SUB Planning Committee shall:
   a. Review student needs in the context of the facilities and services provided by the Students’ Union Building;
   b. Develop a building master plan (or, where one exists, propose amendments to plan), covering areas such as:
      i. The mission, vision, and program of SUB;
      ii. Space assessments and allocations;
      iii. Proposed renovations and upgrades to SUB;
      iv. Initial financing strategies for renovations and upgrades managed by the Students’ Union;
      v. Developing design guidelines in areas such as wayfinding, accessibility and inclusion, decor, and other matters as appropriate.
   c. Consult with students and other stakeholders as required regarding items within this mandate.

3. The Committee shall make recommendations on matters pertinent to its mandate to the Executive Committee.

4. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, forward those recommendations, along with any feedback, to the appropriate Students’ Union and University governance bodies.

Standing Orders

5. The SUB Planning Committee may propose amendments to these standing orders, by a simple majority vote of the Committee, to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may accept, reject, or modify these amendments.

Membership

6. The membership of the committee shall consist of:
   a. President of the Students’ Union;
   b. Vice President (Operations & Finance) or designate, who shall act as chair;
   c. Vice President (Student Life) or designate;
   d. Two Students’ Councillors;
e. A member of the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee; and,
f. A minimum of two and a maximum of three undergraduate students-at-large, one of whom shall be an First Nations, Metis, or Indigenous student;

7. The following staff of the Students’ Union and the University shall be considered non-voting members of SUB Planning Committee:
   a. General Manager;
   b. SUB Planner;
   c. Director, Conferencing and Events (acting as interim Facilities Manager);
   d. Assistant General Manager; and
   e. Up to four representatives of the University’s Facilities and Operations department to act as resources in areas such as space planning, architecture and design, and building program.

8. SUB Planning Committee shall, at its discretion, recommend to Executive Committee the removal of a voting member who has been absent without appointing a proxy for three meetings.
   a. SUB Planning Committee may also recommend a member be dismissed from the committee if a voting member is failing to perform their duties as stipulated in these Standing Orders.

**Chair**

9. The Chair of SUB Planning Committee shall be the Vice-President (Operations and Finance).

10. In the event that the Chair is absent at a meeting of SUB Planning Committee, the Chair shall appoint at their discretion another member of the committee to serve as interim Chair for the duration of the meeting.

11. The Chair’s responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:
   a. Facilitating each meeting according to the approved agenda;
   b. Moderating debate and conversation at each meeting of SUB Planning Committee;
   c. Responding to questions from members of SUB Planning Committee in a timely fashion and providing the appropriate information;
   d. Assigning duties to members of SUB Planning Committee in order for the committee to fulfill its mandate; and
   e. In conjunction with the Manager of Administrative Services:
      i. Providing a location for each meeting;
      ii. Preparing and distributing agenda packages at least one day prior to the meeting; and
      iii. Ensuring other logistical needs of SUB Planning Committee are met.
12. The Chair of SUB Planning Committee shall use their discretion in administering an informal style of Robert’s Rules of Order to conduct the business of the committee.

Meetings

13. Quorum for a meeting of the SUB Planning Committee shall be 50% of committee membership with at least one non-Executive Committee member.

14. All meetings of the SUB Planning Committee shall be coordinated by the Chair on an as-needed basis, provided that members are given 72 hours’ notice of a meeting.
   a. Five voting members of the SUB Planning Committee may call a meeting, provided that members are given at least 72 hours’ notice.
   b. SUB Planning Committee may call a meeting without notice, provided that there is unanimous consent from all voting members of SUB Planning Committee.

Member Responsibilities

15. All members shall ensure the security and confidentiality of sensitive information that comes into their possession by virtue of their membership on the SUB Planning Committee.

Proxies & Guests

16. Voting members of the SUB Planning Committee may not delegate a proxy to meetings of the SUB Planning Committee. Non-voting members may delegate a proxy to meetings.

17. All members of Students’ Council that are not members of SUB Planning Committee are permitted to attend SUB Planning Committee meetings as non-voting members, and shall be granted all speaking turns a member of SUB Planning Committee would have.
   a. These members are permitted to be present for in-camera sessions.

18. Members of the Students’ Union (guests) are permitted to attend SUB Planning Committee meetings as non-voting members, and shall be granted speaking turns at the discretion of the SUB Planning Committee Chair.
   a. These members are not permitted to be present for in-camera sessions, unless allowed by a two thirds majority vote of the SUB Planning Committee.

19. Any professionals such as architects or engineers that the Committee consults with on the preparation of the plan shall have full speaking rights and are permitted, at the discretion of the Chair, to be present for in-camera sessions.

Committee Administration & Record

20. The Manager of Administrative Services, or their designate, shall:
a. Book meeting rooms for each meeting of SUB Planning Committee;
b. Schedule Minute Takers for each meeting of SUB Planning Committee;
c. Create agendas for each meeting of SUB Planning Committee, under the guidance of the Chair;
d. Notify members of the committee of meetings;
e. Distribute the agenda and minutes to members of SUB Planning Committee.

21. SUB Planning Committee shall have a written record of its votes and proceedings from each meeting made available publicly.

22. If a Minute Taker is not present at a meeting of SUB Planning Committee, the Chair shall assign the task of recording minutes to a member of the committee.
Meeting Schedule

Submitter
Milan Regmi

Email Address
mregmi@ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission
Approval

Is this a Consent Agenda item?
No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
REGMI moves to direct the Executive Committee to condemn Frances Widdowson's history of racism against Black and Indigenous students and to condemn the Minister of Advanced Educations' response to her cancellation of her presentation at the University of Lethbridge

Mover
Regmi

Seconder
Liu

Presenter (If Not the Mover)
N/A

Does this item require a closed session discussion?
No

Office/Committee Responsible
Students Council, Executive Committee

Purpose
The Students Union/Executive Committee issuing a condemnation of Frances Widdowson's racism and calling on the Minister of Advanced Education to apologize for his remarks defending her right to speak on campus despite her views being hateful and racist.
Executive Summary

Frances Widdowson, a former Mount Royal Professor who was fired from the university after it was revealed she had a history of making racist comments towards Black and Indigenous students, most notably denying the harms of Residential Schools, was originally scheduled to speak at the University of Lethbridge on Wednesday, February 1st. After originally declining to cancel the speech, the University of Lethbridge ultimately decided to cancel her speech and not allow Widdowson to speak on campus. Shortly after, the Minister of Advanced Education wrote out a statement saying that he was going to take action to defend free speech on campus, even if the person's views were offensive, directly using Widdowson's cancelled speech as an example.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

Engagement and Routing

Students Council

Approval Routing

Students Council

Strategic Alignment

- Promote an inclusive and engaged culture in the workplace
- Ensure student leadership reflects the student body

Strategic Plan

Attachments

Prior to being fired, Widdowson had been a tenured professor at MRU in the department of economics, justice and policy studies. She made headlines in 2020 after saying the Black Lives Matter movement had destroyed the university and that there had been an educational benefit to residential schools.

That prompted more than 6,000 people to call for her firing via a petition. She was dismissed from the Calgary institution in late 2021. At the same time, she attributed her firing to her criticizing “woke ideas” and suggested that “identity politics” had prevented people from discussing ideas at the university.

Since then, she’s made such subjects a regular part of her public appearances.

“Earlier today, I learned of the University of Lethbridge’s decision to cancel a controversial guest speaker who was scheduled to speak later this week. I understand past comments made by this speaker are controversial, but I believe it’s important for our universities and colleges to foster a strong culture of free speech and diverse viewpoints, even when those viewpoints are deemed controversial or even offensive, and that’s something that needs to be protected at all costs.”

“I will be announcing new steps to strengthen free speech on Alberta’s post-secondary campuses in the near future. It should be for students, not university administration, to make the final decision about whether to listen to a speech or not.

I would also note that the above comments should not be construed as agreement with any past comments made by the speaker in question.”

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Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Submitter: Milan Regmi

Email Address: mregmi@ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Approval

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
REGMI moves to direct the Executive Committee to condemn online public threats made towards former and current UASU councillors and other student representatives over Twitter

Mover: Regmi

Seconder: Liu

Presenter (If Not the Mover): N/A

Does this item require a closed session discussion? No

Office/Committee Responsible: Students Council, Executive Committee

Purpose
To condemn online threats made by Twitter directed to signatories of the open letter calling on the Minister of Advanced Education to apologize for insensitive remarks.

Executive Summary
The morning after a group of student leaders across Alberta signed an open letter calling on the Minister of Advanced Education to withdraw insensitive remarks he made, in which the signatories included a couple of UASU Councillors, as well as the demonstration by University of Lethbridge students, former councillor Haruun Ali and others were publicly threatened on Twitter by a harasser. In the public tweets, he said he was going to come after Haruun and his "friends" and called individuals who spoke out against the professor "terrorists."

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy
Engagement and Routing
Students Council

Approval Routing
Students Council

Strategic Alignment
- Ensure Student Leadership Reflects the Student Body
- Promote an Inclusive and Engaged Culture in the Workplace

Strategic Plan

Attachments
commentary surrounding residential schools which I can only describe as disinformation. While academicians suppose to embrace a wide variety of opinions, positions, and assumptions are disinformation can be a part of academia. As a black student leader, I ask you to recognize the harm that you have caused by defending Whidbey. At a time when anti-Black racism is rampant in this province, your choice to defend this individual is beyond disappointing."

- Harun Ali, University of Alberta Student Leader

"I’m sharing this letter because of how insensitive the Minister of Advanced Education’s comments were. A person saying things such as ‘there are educational benefits to the residential school system’ is nothing short of divisive and disrespectful towards indigenous peoples. There was no ‘good’ side of educational benefits to the residential school system, and I believe the vast majority of people agree. I really believe the platform must be available to say whatever one wants, even if it’s offensive and hurtful to people who have faced traumatic experiences such as residential schools, slavery, or any form of discrimination that is repeatedly excluded on the basis of race, identity, gender identity, sexuality, religion, age, or ability/disability. I stand in solidarity with my fellow black and indigenous colleagues and constituents in condemning the racism by this professor. It should have no place or room anywhere."

- Milan Regmi, University of Alberta Student Leader

As an elected Muslim student leader, your remarks concern me because they show a lack of regard for the issues that students have raised. From UAlberta to UBC, students have been warning university administration regarding freedom of speech. In recent weeks, courses like RELG 220 have also faced similar issues. Combating hate, misinformation, and bigotry is important. While I believe in free speech, I don’t support hate speech and disinformation. Hate speech and academic freedom shouldn’t be confounded. I ask that you retract your remarks and express your regrets.

- Abdul Abbas, University of Alberta Student Leader

"White freedom of speech is important, but hate speech must be shut down. We live in a country and province that has historically grappled with the continued genocide of indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. Allowing this ignorance to continue is a risk to the all who survived and to those who could.

- Amy Mendehall, University of Lethbridge Student Leader

"The University of Lethbridge prides itself on its commitment to pursuing truth and reconciliation for the indigenous communities it serves. By allowing an individual who has made their entire academic career by denying and misrepresenting the tragic history of residential schools to speak on campus grounds is to allow hate speech to masquerade as an academic right.

- Jason Ranaghan, University of Lethbridge Student Leader

"Hate speech does not constitute academic freedom nor should it be given a platform, especially at an institution that prides itself in relationship to the Blackfoot People. Hate speech is a federal offence and in cancelling Whidbey’s public lecture, the university ensured it followed the law. Discourse and countering academic viewpoints are always welcome at an educational institution, though those brought by Whidbey were not based on facts but rather sought to cause harm."

- Isabel Bom, University of Lethbridge Student

While freedom of expression is a right in Canada, a person who has made harmful rhetoric is not welcome at an institution that welcomes and prides itself with having a strong relationship with their indigenous community members.

- Amy Jackson, University of Lethbridge Student

For decades, Indigenous scholars, advocates, and victims of the residential school system have worked to bring the horrors of our nation’s colonial past into the public eye, collecting hundreds of testimonies and accounts, and developing the TRC calls to action. In response to those calls, the University of Alberta made commitments to the journey of truth and reconciliation” and senior administrators, professors, the university president, president, and the chair of the board of governors signed personal affirmations of action. The suggestion that the government will depend on granting educational scholarship to that causing systemic racism facing BIPOC students. We also ask for you to genuinely consult with students on any future proposals for strengthening free speech on campus.

Thanks,
Harun Ali, Student Leader, Community Organizer and Political Science Student
Milan Regmi, UCalgary’s Rep, Student Leader, and Education Student
Abdul Abbas, UCalgary’s Rep, Student Leader, and Biology Student
Amy Mendehall, UCalgary’s Rep, Student Leader, and History Student
Jason Ranaghan, Student Leader, and Art History Student
Alexander Darrow, Ancient Medieval History Student
Amy Jackson, Indigenous Studies Student
Isabel Bom, Music Education Student
“Earlier today, I learned of the University of Alberta’s decision to cancel a controversial guest speaker who was scheduled to speak later this week. I understand past comments made by this speaker are controversial, but I believe it is important for our universities and colleges to foster a strong culture of free speech and diverse viewpoints, even when those viewpoints are deemed controversial, or even offensive, barring speech intended to incite hatred or violence of course.

I will be announcing new steps to strengthen free speech on Alberta’s post-secondary campuses in the near future. It should be for students, not university administrators, to make the final decision about whether to listen to a speech or not.

I would also note that the above comments should not be construed as agreement with any past comments made by the speaker in question.”

I think it’s time we put on our hats and boots and head to the @UAAlberta to find @HarunYEG and educate him on what happens when you fuck around in Alberta.

You find out.

Mark Thomas @MarkThomaslw

Replying to @HarunYEG

What a politically self-serving, incorrect statement?

Here’s a phrase for you,

...
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**Council Meeting Date**
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**Meeting Schedule**

**Submitter**
- Christian Fotang

**Email Address**
- christian.fotang@su.ualberta.ca

**Type of Item Submission**
- Approval

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

## Approval/Discussion Items

**Motion**
- Fotang moves to approve 1st principles of the Indigenous Students policy

**Mover**
- Fotang

**Seconder**
- Kaur

**Presenter (If Not the Mover)**
- Gurleen Kaur

**Does this item require a closed session discussion?**
- No

**Office/Committee Responsible**
- Policy Committee

**Purpose**
- approve 1st principles

**Executive Summary**
- This policy provides direction and guidance on the UASU advocacy for Indigenous Students. The 1st principles seeks to approve the established facts.

**Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders**
- Indigenous Students Policy

**Engagement and Routing**
- listed in policy

**Approval Routing**
- policy committee

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# Political Policy

## [Indigenous Students]

**Policy Support Team:** Joannie Fogue, Yintong Liu

**Policy Facts:**

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1. According to the 2016 Census of Canada, the Indigenous Peoples exhibits the following population characteristics in Alberta:
   1. 258,640 identified as Indigenous, making the Indigenous population in Alberta the third largest among the provinces;
   2. The Indigenous population grew by 37.1% between 2006 and 2016, compared to the 22.3% growth of the non-Indigenous population over the same period;
   3. Indigenous females outnumber males, with a gender ratio of 94.2 males per 100 females;

2. According to the 2016 and 2021 Census of Canada, the Indigenous Peoples exhibits the following population characteristics in Alberta:
   1. In 2021, 284,465 people identified as Indigenous, making the Indigenous population in Alberta the third largest among the provinces;
   2. The Indigenous population in Canada grew by 9.7% between 2016 and 2021, compared to the 5.3% growth of the non-Indigenous population over the same period;
   3. According to the 2021 census: Most of the 1,348,040 Indigenous people in Canada aged 15 and older were either cisgender men (47.4%) or cisgender women (51.9%), another 4,180 Indigenous people were transgender, with 43.7% of this group being transgender men and 56.3% being transgender women. The remaining 4,455 Indigenous people aged 15 and older were non-binary.

3. The barriers that Aboriginal Peoples continue to face is a result of the historic and ongoing project of colonialism.

4. According to the 2015 Indigenous Student Success Survey:

3. The barriers that Aboriginal Indigenous students continue to face barriers as a result of the historic and ongoing effects project of colonialism.

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1. 38% of Indigenous students at the University of Alberta were the first in their family to attend university.
2. 10-22% of Indigenous students attending the University of Alberta had dependent children.
3. 27% of Indigenous respondents reported experiencing a barrier when trying to find information about the University of Alberta programs.
4. 51% of Indigenous respondents identified financial barriers in applying to the University of Alberta.
5. 31% of Indigenous respondents identified housing as a barrier in applying to the University of Alberta.

5. Indigenous students still face barriers to attaining a degree suitable for professional postgraduate education, such as medical school admission.

6. **First Nations**
   1. In 2016, the First Nations population in Alberta numbered 136,585 individuals, with an average age of 28.1 years.

6. In 2021, the First Nations population in Alberta numbered 145,645 individuals, with an average age of 28.1 years.
3. In 2016, the Métis population in Alberta numbered 114,375 individuals, with an average age of 31.8 years.

6. In 2016, the Inuit population in Alberta numbered 2,500 individuals, with an average age of 28.5 years. Moreover, Inuit in Alberta have the highest growth rate of any Indigenous group over the past 10 years (55.6% Inuit vs. 39.6% First Nation vs. 34.1% Métis).

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**Consultation Pathway:**

1.
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Submitter: Julia Villoso

Email Address: julia.villoso@su.ualberta.ca

Type of Item Submission: Discussion

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion
VILLOSO moves to discuss the proposed 2023/24 Budget Principles.

Mover: VILLOSO

Seconder: FLAMAN

Presenter (If Not the Mover): VILLOSO

Does this item require a closed session discussion? No

Office/Committee Responsible: Finance Committee

Purpose
Finance Committee would like Council's feedback on these proposed budget principles for the 2023/24 fiscal year before they are approved at the next Council meeting.

Executive Summary
The budget principles 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, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. 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.
Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders
Bylaw 100
Bylaw 1100
Bylaw 3000
Students’ Council Standing Orders
Finance Committee Standing Orders

Engagement and Routing
Finance Committee - Jan. 13, 20, 27
General Student Body - Jan. 18 - Feb. 1
Core Managers of the SU - Jan. 25 - Feb. 1

Approval Routing
VP Operations and Finance
Finance Committee
Executive Committee

Strategic Alignment
Foster a collaborative culture between Students’ Union governing bodies and operations.

Encourage collaborative efforts between departments.

Explore and pursue more revenue-generating opportunities.

Strategic Plan

Attachments

Calls for Nominations
Council Committees and Boards
Written Nominations
Information Items
Presentations
Written Questions
Date: 02/02/2023
To: Students' Union Council
Re: Budget Principles 2023/24

Dear Council,

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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
- Inform, expand, and support students’ rights.
- Prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusivity and the removal of barriers in order to ensure that student leadership reflects the student body.
- Support and advocate for the adoption of more versatile, effective, and fair discipline and dispute mechanisms.
- 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
- Deepen our relationships with representative associations in order to increase connections with students.
- Work in partnership with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) student representatives and communities.
- 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, specifically non-fee generating opportunities.
● Support the creation and maintenance of accessible online spaces.
● Continue to refine and develop the brand identity of the Students' Union.

Serving all students

● Enhance the sustainability of the Students' Union's services, programming, and physical spaces.
● 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 the academic and personal support services they need.

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

● Students' Council
  ○ Speaker of Students' Council, Council Administration Committee

● Executive Committee
  ○ VP Academic, VP External, VP Operations and Finance, VP Student Life, President

● Elections Office

● Research and Advocacy
  ○ Membership in Council of Alberta University Students and Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (edited)

● Services: Student Support
  ○ InfoLink (InfoLink registries, U-Pass), The Landing, Peer Support Centre, Safewalk
  ○ Student Group Services, FNMI Initiatives (Indigenous Leadership Program/Indigenous Celebration Week) (edited)

● Services: Student Involvement
  ○ Student Group Services, Sustain SU, UASU Awards (Involvement, Student Group, FNMI Student), LEAD Centre (Leadership, Education, and Development - Emerging Leaders Program, STRIDE Campaign School, Alberta Student Leadership Summit) (edited)

● Business Operations
  ○ SUBmart, SUBprint, Room at the Top, Dewey's, Horowitz Events Centre, Daily Grind, Saville Centre Food & Beverage (edited)

● Business Development
  ○ Sponsorship, Advertising, SUTV, Perks, Student Association business collaborations (edited)

● Entertainment: Programming
  ○ Week of Welcome, New Student Orientation, Antifreeze, Campus Cup, other programming as needed (edited)

● Marketing and Communications
  ○ Student Handbook, Design Studio (edited)

● Facilities and Operations
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 2021-22
- Total membership revenue based on a blend of enrolment estimates and historical enrolment trends put forth by the University of Alberta in 2021
- 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. (edited)

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 2024-28 Strategic Plan shall be used as a guide to assess the relevance and value prior to such decisions. (edited)

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 collective agreement with CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) Local 1368. 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. (edited)

10. Dedicated fees shall increase in accordance with the Students’ Union Regulation 410, as set out in the 1992 referendum approving increases based on the Alberta Consumer Price Index (ACPI). Based on estimates, ACPI for 2023-24 will be approximately 6.0%. (edited)

11. Every effort shall be made to keep the operating fee increase less than ACPI. (new)

12. Funds will be allocated to develop non-fee reliant revenue sources and fundraising capabilities.

13. 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.

14. Resources will be made available for the Executive Committee to build positive relationships with important stakeholders. (edited)

15. Resources shall be allocated to ensuring that Students’ Council members have sufficient opportunities for training and engagement to make informed decisions. (edited)

16. Resources shall be allocated to ensure the effective operation of student governance structures during and after governance restructuring. (edited)

17. 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.

18. The Students’ Union shall allocate resources toward branding and engagement improvements.

19. The Students’ Union shall continue to allocate resources toward enhancing the content on digital platforms and digital and media assets. (edited)

20. The Students’ Union should continue to invest in its volunteers, student and professional staff through professional development options and enhanced training.

21. The Students’ Union will continue to invest in taking steps towards reconciliation including the continued allocation of funds for work on and completion of the 2019 Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation recommendations and other projects with a focus on reconciliation. (edited)

22. Resources will be allocated to support the Students’ Union’s efforts to make its operations, building, and services environmentally, socially, and fiscally sustainable.

23. The Students’ Union shall allocate resources to prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusivity to ensure that it represents the diversity in its membership.

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24. The Students' Union shall allocate resources towards initiatives that promote student health and wellness.

25. Funds shall be allocated for the Students' Union Building Master Plan and the evolution of the building to better accommodate students.

26. The Students' Union shall allocate 20% of the SCF Green Fund to Indigenous-led and focused projects. (new)

27. The Students' Council budget shall include $10,000 of unallocated funds to use for projects selected by the next Students' Council. (new)

28. The Students' Union shall allocate resources towards exploring possible student discount programs to ameliorate the cost of living for students. (new)

29. The Students' Union shall allocate additional funding to further support student groups. (new)

30. The Students' Union shall make room for allowances for potential Councillor compensation, to be passed only in tandem with a comprehensive governance reform and accountability measures. (new)

31. The Students' Union shall explore the possibility of creating a volunteer bursary program. (new)

32. Resources will be made available to improve the safety and security of SUB. (new)

33. Resources will be made available to conduct a Performance Audit and a Compliance Audit in conjunction with the annual Financial Statements Audit (2023-24 only). (new)

34. The Students' Union shall allocate resources towards displaying art in SUB, including Indigenous and student art. (new)

35. The Students' Union shall allocate resources to exploring ways to expand mental health services available to students. (new)

Removed from 22/23:

1. Resources shall be made to engage and support Students' Council members in its efforts to make informed decisions.

2. The Students' Union shall allocate resources to provide sufficient support to student governance objectives.

3. 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.

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**Additional Notes:**
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