
**Tuesday, September 18, 2018
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-09)

2018-09/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2018-09/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** at 6:00PM in the Roger Epp Boardroom, on Augustana Campus.

BHATNAGAR: Established that the bus for the transport of Council to Camrose, for the next meeting, will depart at 4:35pm from Stadium Parkade.

SPEAKER: Special ordered items *2018-09/2a* and *2018-09/2b* from the Late Additions as items *2018-09/2a* and *2018-09/2b*.

2018-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-09/2a **SUNDAY/BHATNAGAR** to allow the presentation "Smudging Teachings".

Abstract: Cheryl Makokis, a traditional knowledge keeper, will be presenting to Council teachings regarding smudging.

Presenters:

- Cheryl Makokis

SUNDAY/PALMER MOVED to extend the presentation to be a total length of one hour.

2018-09/2b **RIPKA/KIM** to allow a presentation on Bill #2: Bylaw 100

Abstract: Abstract: This quick presentation will outline the options that Bylaw Committee has come up with in regards to Bylaw 100 and Attendance

Regulations.

Presenters:

- Michelle Kim
- Emma Ripka

2018-09/2a **RAITZ/AGARWAL MOVED** to present the "UASU Get Out The Vote Campaign" presentation.

Abstract: "This presentation will cover the general direction of the Student Unions' Get Out The Vote Campaign for both the tentative Spring 2019 Provincial Election and Fall 2019 Federal Election. Also, the presentation will highlight additional ways Students' Council can get involved in the campaign to foster engagement at the U of A. There will be opportunities to provide feedback and questions on the direction of the campaign."

Presenters:

- Stephen Raitz

See SC-2018-09.10.

2018-09/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Andre BOURGEOIS, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Emma RIPKA, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Reed LARSEN, President - Report.

2018-09/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report

2018-09/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2018-09/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

SPEAKER: Extended the question period by fifteen minutes.

2018-09/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-09/9a **RAITZ/FLAMAN MOVED**, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Internationalization Policy.

See SC-2018-09.11.

RAITZ: Established that the Policy has been in review since last year. Noted that the Committee updated, clarified, and strengthened the Facts. Noted that the Committee realigned the Resolutions to reflect the current needs of international students, emphasising accessible, affordable, and predictable tuition. Expressed that consultations included the International Students Association, University of Alberta International, International Student Services, and the Office of Student Ombuds.

SUNDAY: Supported the Policy.

LEY: Expressed concern that Policy no longer recognises tuition grandfathering. Clarified that tuition grandfathering concerns each cohort of students paying the same fee throughout their degree (tuition increases passed onto future cohorts). Expressed that, if the government does not regulate international student tuition, grandfathering is an attractive backup option. Inquired into why the provision concerning grandfathering was removed, by whom, and when.

AGARWAL/PALMER MOVED to amend the Resolution 10 to read “Students’ Council” from “Student’s Council”
CARRIED.

BROWN: Supported the Policy. Established that the Policy does not reference international student employment opportunities which are recognised within the Student Employment Policy. Expressed that international students are contributors, providing both an annual 11.4 billion dollars and cultural diversity. Noted that the Policy is flexible in connection with the international student tuition review.

BOURGEOIS: Clarified that the Committee agreed to remove the provision on grandfathering as (a) it was connected to a provision on advocating for restructuring renewable scholarships and (b) was already covered by the provision advocating for accessible, affordable, and predictable tuition. Noted the edit occurred on August 27 at 12:22pm.

FLAMAN: Noted that English language requirements intend to provide for international students to engage in successful and meaningful study. Considered that only in cases of drastic increase to the requirement should the Students’ Union consult international students before supporting the changes. Expressed concern over Resolution 6 in keeping.

KIM: Suggested that the University be listed within Resolution 2 as a party to whom the Students’ Union will advocate to provide aid, loans, and bursaries for

international students. Suggested including a specific Resolution concerning advocating the Province to regulate international student tuition.

PALMER: Reaffirmed that the Policy's development included consultations with a range of internal and external parties.

RAITZ: Clarified that the Resolution on English language requirements relates to the framework and means for testing proficiency, not the specific score against which applicants are judged. Supported including the University in Resolution 2.

SUNDAY: Reaffirmed the importance of consulting international students before supporting any change to the English language requirements.

LARSEN: Supported the Policy as flexible to adapt to changing political circumstances. Identified grandfathering, caps, rolling averages, and the consumer price index as potential regulatory options to international student tuition.

MOGALE: Considered that international students' struggles are more complex than English language proficiency. Identified that the Policy does not address grandfathering in connection with students whose degrees extend beyond four years. Suggested adding a provision recognising international students' national economic contribution.

BOURGEOIS: Reaffirmed the importance of consulting international student organizations.

AGARWAL: Suggested that limited language proficiency remains the primary barrier to international students' success and has a deleterious effect on their mental health.

KIM/BROWN CALLED the question.

CARRIED

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2018-09/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2018-09/8a LARSEN/STATT MOVED to appoint three (3) members of Students Council to the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. *(Meetings are to be held 3:30pm - 5:00pm every Tuesday)*

LARSEN: Established that the Committee will seek to update and amend the 2011 Plan. Noted that this review is to be complete by end of Council term. Noted that Committee membership includes three councillors, three administrators, three executives, a facilitator, and an indigenous student at large.

SPEAKER: Determined that this Committee's nominations will follow the procedure for the selection of the Speaker. Noted that Council may not need to move in camera.

LEY: Inquired into whether any councillors appealing their disqualifications at the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board expressed interest in the Committee.

LARSEN: Responded in the negative.

KIM: Inquired into the process by which Nominating Committee would, if the process is committed, determine members.

LARSEN: Responded that the Committee would likely require a cover letter and resume.

STATT nominated STATT: accepted.
BHATNAGAR nominated BILAK: accepted.
RIPKA nominated DIPINTO: declined.
CUTARM nominated RAITZ: declined.
BOSE nominated SUNDAY: accepted.
RIPKA nominated CUTARM: declined.
BHATNAGAR nominated LEY: accepted.
HUSSAIN nominated AGARWAL: declined.
LARSEN nominated LIN: declined.
SUNDAY nominated MOGALE: declined.
MOGALE nominated KIM: declined.
PALMER nominated HADDOUCHE
RIPKA nominated KOBES: declined.
SUNDAY nominated PALMER: accepted.

BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED to commit to the motion to Committee.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern over committing the motion as it creates a lengthy selection process.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Committee's meetings are proxiabile.

LARSEN: Responded in the negative.

BHATNAGAR: Supported committing the motion as it provides those who succeed in their DIE Board appeals the chance to participate and councillors further time to consider participating. Noted that Nominating Committee need not require both a cover letter and resume.

FLAMAN: Supported determining the Committee's membership at the present meeting on the basis of the nominations received.

KOBES: Considered that councillors who are truly interested would willingly author both a resume and cover letter.

THIBAudeau: Supported having more competition in the Committee selection.

BHATNAGAR/CUTARM MOVED the previous question.
CARRIED

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2018-09/8b **RIPKA/SUNDAY MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to The Landing Board.

RIPKA: Established that the Landing is a safe-space for LGBT persons. Noted that the Landing is presently in a state of transition to becoming part of the Students; Union.

BOURGEOIS: Noted that the Board does not now meet as no business will occur between now and two weeks before October 16.

SUNDAY nominated CUTARM: declined.
BHATNAGAR nominated KOBES: accepted.
THIBAudeau nominated PALMER: accepted.
HADDOUCHE nominated HADDOUCHE: accepted.

KOBES is declared appointed to The Landing Board via secret ballot.

2018-09/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-09/9a President - Report.

See SC-2018.09.01.

2018-09/9b Vice-President, Academic - Report.

See SC-2018.09.02.

2018-09/9c Vice-President, External - Report.

See SC-2018.09.03.

2018-09/9d Vice-President, Operations and Finance - Report.

See SC-2018.09.04.

- 2018-09/9e** Vice-President, Student-Life - Report.
See SC-2018.09.05.
- 2018-09/9f** Students' Council - Attendance.
See SC-2018.09.06
- 2018-09/9e** Students' Council Motion Tracker.
See SC-2018.09.07.
- 2018-09/9f** Executive Committee Motion Tracker
See SC-2018.09.08.
- 2018-09/9g** Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-08).
See SC-2018.09.09.
- 2018-09/9h** *UASU Get Out The Vote Campaign* Presentation
See SC-2018.09.10.
- 2018-09/9i** First Reading of the Internationalization Policy.
See SC-2018.09.11.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:28PM.