
University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-05)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Absent (MoneyCon)
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
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Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Kyle Kawanami(p)
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Christine Rogerson	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Bryan Leung(p)
Business	Paul Chaput	Present
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Rohit Sharma	Don Coles(pp)
Education	Robert Hartery	Absent
Education	Justin Klaassen	Absent
Engineering	Jordan Harris	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Absent
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Justin Lee	David Smith(p)
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	Present
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Garnet Horne(p)
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Nicole Martin-Iverson(p)
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Heather Kirk(p)
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Absent
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Present
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present
Science	Allen Lim	Absent

Science		
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Lisa Lemieux(sp)
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Maryida Machnowska(p)
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Bill Curry (interim Speaker-(until the end of August 2000)	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

John Dunbar, News Editor, The Gateway
Alan Chambers, Edmonton Journal

- 2000-05/1** **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.
- 2000-05/2** **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"**
Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.
- 2000-05/3** **University of Alberta CHEER SONG**
Taher led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.
- 2000-05/4** **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Roesch/Samuel moved that the agenda of the meeting be approved.

Late Addition

2000-05/10f – Features Editor Selection Committee
- Consensus**
- 2000-05/5** **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**
- 2000-05/5a**
TRAVEL CUTS Leslie Church, President, gave a presentation on Travel Cuts.

Church/Samuel moved that SC move *in camera* for the duration of the following presentation.

22/0 Carried

Church/Samuel moved that SC sponsor Allen Chambers, Gateway editors, and Council's invited guests ONLY to attend the following *in camera* presentation.

21/1 Carried

Harris/Zwack moved that SC move *ex camera*.

28/0 Carried

2000-05/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Veale/Chaput moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved.

- The name of the Gateway News Editor present at the last meeting is John Dunbar.

Consensus

2000-05/7

REPORTS

- a. Leslie Church, President
 - A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
 - A written report was provided with the agenda package.
 - In 1998, the Executive signed a memorandum of understanding with TELUS allowing them to advertise their student internet packages on campus. However, the package in question is no longer competitive, and although they want to work with the SU again this year, the Executive has decided that it won't do anything in time for WOW.
 - Ombudservice is looking for office space on the 4th floor of SUB, because between the Ombudspeople and other staff, there aren't enough offices in their current space.
 - Julio Picheca is no longer Director of the Bookstore, so someone new has to be found. This is a good opportunity to collaborate with the University in seeing how the Bookstore could be improved.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Welcome to Alan Chambers, the Edmonton Journal's new U of A correspondent.
- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
 - **Harlow** was absent due to MoneyCon in Calgary.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - WOW theme ideas have been narrowed to 2: Martinis, Not Stirred, OR “Grenades.”
 - At this time, **Wanke** gave a heads-up to faculty representatives regarding the scheduling of their Council reports. From now on, the next meeting’s faculty reports will be listed in the Agenda under Information Items.

- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
 - An oral report was provided at the meeting.
 - Cormier gave information regarding the Board of Governors Award of Distinction Committee. This award is for a community member, a member of academic staff, and a member of non-academic staff.
 - Board activities are slow at this point.

- g. Law Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Veale**.
 - FABS, the Friday Afternoon Beer Social, is a faculty fundraiser held several times a year. Veale extended an open invitation to Council.
 - The Law Show will be held at the Myer Horowitz Theatre this year.
 - Student Legal Services serves two purposes: a legal service to needy Edmontonians, and an Outreach program aimed at graduating high school students. SLS gives presentations to high schools and junior high schools explaining the Canadian legal system. SLS also extends this service to Edmonton’s less fortunate citizens, who are often unaware of the law, as well as their own rights.

- h. Residence Halls Association Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Moore**.
 - Very little going on at this point.
 - Residences are housing international students at the moment.
 - Only two Residence Executives are in the city.
 - Lister Hall is planning big welcomes in September. There has been no news on this topic from other residences on campus.
 - Major charity event upcoming.

2000-05/8

QUESTION PERIOD

The South Campus is in its pre-planning stage at the moment. A long-term plan has been approved, with land for three specific uses: academic, agricultural and research. The projection is that 15-20,000 new students will be coming to the University of Alberta in the next (approximately) five years, and part of the rationale behind the South Campus is that the main campus cannot support that number of students. Therefore, the South Campus will likely house some faculties as well. (**Zwack**)

The Students' Union is not supporting the GSA's claim that library hours are currently insufficient because undergraduate needs are different from those of graduate students. Undergraduate pressure on the library ebbs and flows throughout the year, depending on exams and times of study, whereas the graduate student works at the same rate all year. The SU should not be representing graduate students to the detriment of undergraduates. As well, the SU could not in good conscience lobby Administration to spend their money more responsibly – and charge less for tuition – if it were also supporting longer library hours, which costs a good deal of money. (**Partridge**)

The erection of the SU's new website is about four weeks away. This is a time-intensive project with limited staffing, and unfortunately it would not be a good enough use of time and resources to have any sort of temporary provision at this time. Any information that the website should, and is not providing at the moment can be directed to the SU Executive & Administrative Front Desk, at 492-4236. (**Harris**)

The current competitive rate for unlimited Internet access is \$9.99 per month, and the SU is using that figure as a benchmark in shopping for a good deal for students. However, the Executive must be circumspect in evaluation before committing to an exclusivity deal. The door on this issue, as it were, is far from closed. (**Rogerson**)

A deal involving cable modems has not yet been explored, because it seems too expensive for the average student. However, it is not out of the question. (**Zwack**)

2000-05/10

NEW BUSINESS

2000-05/10a EUGENE BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE

AGARD / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Eugene Brody Funding Committee for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to **Bolding**.

2000-05/10b FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD

SAMUEL / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Financial Affairs Board for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to **Taher**.

2000-05/10c ACCESS FUND BOARD

SAMUEL / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Access Fund Board for the 2000/2001 school year.

Congratulations to **Chaput**.

2000-05/10d FACULTY WEEKS

WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council endorse the proposal to implement the Faculty Week Support Plan.

This plan is to support the Vice-Presidents Activities and Socials from faculty associations in the execution of faculty events. It will help to coordinate activities, as well as holding a *post mortem* after events to judge strengths, as well as areas in need of improvement. It will involve a presentation to the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA) as well as a seminar to support faculty association initiatives.

Students' Union banners are being made, and will be hung all over campus. These can advertise faculty association events. Other advertising and room on the SU page (which goes into The Gateway and into the elevators in SUB) will also be made available. The Executive Committee is also willing to consider independent, reserved advertising space in The Gateway, although nothing is determined yet.

The Executive Committee wished to make it clear that this proposal is in no way a campaign to assert control over faculty associations or their events. It does not want to threaten the autonomy of faculty association executives: it is simply offering help in order to make events as successful as possible. **Wanke** asserted that the proposal is to facilitate, not to prohibit. (**Jorgensen**)

25/2 Carried

**2000-05/10e
CASA**

AGARD / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council support the CASA Federal Election Strategy and National Action Plan 2000/2001 as passed by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA Annual General Meeting June 10, 2000 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Each year, CASA develops a theme to guide its principles for the coming term. Last year, it was *Education Builds a Nation*, and this year, it is *Education: Canada's Renewable Resource – It's Time to Reinvest*. This will help to articulate our position to federal government, especially during this mutable period of federal elections.

Student associations must lobby government at both federal and provincial levels to ensure that monies are being funneled into post-secondary education. CASA is for the federal level only, to lobby for money to be granted to provincial governments. After that, it will be up to the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) to ensure that the money is properly directed. (**Zwack**)

27/1 Carried

**2000-05/10f
STUDENT GROUPS
GRANTING
COMMITTEE**

WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Student Groups Granting Committee for the remainder of the 2000/2001 school term.

Congratulations to **Coles**.

**2000-05/10g
FEATURES
EDITOR
SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

WANKE / SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Features Editor Selection Committee.

Congratulations to **Gall**.

2000-05/11

INFORMATION ITEM

2000-05/11a

The Recording Secretary's report was included as an Information Item only.

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ADJOURNMENT

Jorgensen/Gall moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.