

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-12)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Absent
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Absent
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Kyle Kawanami(p)
Arts	Kory Zwack	Thea Varvis(p)
Arts	Christine Rogerson	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	Paul Chaput	Present
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Adam Cook(p)
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Robert Hartery	Present
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	M. Mustafa Hirji(p)
Engineering	David Weppler	Ryan Quigg(p)
Engineering	Justin Lee	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	Present
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present

Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present (after roll call)
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Present
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present
Science	Tim Van Aerde	Present
Science	Mat Brechtel	Christian Idicula(p)
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Christie Tucker, News Editor, The Gateway

Jon Dunbar, News Editor, The Gateway

Neal Ozano, volunteer, The Gateway

Ray Biesinger, Distribution, The Gateway

Dave Zeibin, Production Editor, The Gateway

Mike Winters, Managing Editor, The Gateway

Lynn Chotowitz, Editor-in-Chief, The Touque

Tyler Hanson, The Touque

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2000-12/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-12/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG

Speer led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2000-12/4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rogerson/Chaput moved that the agenda of the SC 2000-12 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2000-12/5b – University Campaign

2000-12/5c – Executive Review

2000-12/7g – Law Report

2000-12/10a – Communications Advisory Committee

2000-12/5

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

**2000-12/5a
CASA
PRESENTATION**

Mark Kissel, National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, gave a 15 minute presentation on CASA, followed by discussion.

Agard introduced Mark Kissel.

Kissel sat with the Hostage Brain at a table on the main floor of the Students' Union Building on Tuesday soliciting support for CASA's National Action Plan. He introduced himself as an alumnus of the University of Western Ontario, having recently graduated with a degree in Music Education. He also served as the Vice-President External for the University of Western Ontario last year.

Kissel proposed to divide his presentation into two parts, first explaining the role and operation of CASA, and finally discussing the National Action Plan.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is an alliance of eighteen (18) post-secondary institutions across Canada, representing approximately 300,000 students to the federal government. Its head office is nearby Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario.

CASA convenes at three (3) conferences each year. The first is the Annual General Meeting in June, which reviews and sets policy, plans for national campaigns, and prepares for the coming term. The second is a lobby conference held in October, which sees the launching of the National Action Plan. At this conference, CASA delegates meet with members of government such as the Deputy Prime Minister, the HRDC Minister, the Finance Minister, the Solicitor General, and Opposition Leaders, as well as many Members of Parliament, both individually and in group settings. Finally, the third conference is an internal review held in February, to assess the past year and make recommendations for future work.

At CASA's inception, it had four (4) principal mandates:

- a. CASA is member-driven: the students and student associations from member schools dictate the courses of action that CASA takes.
- b. Policy Development: CASA identifies the real problems of students and works towards real solutions.
- c. Clear and flexible bylaws: CASA guarantees an easy-in, easy-out policy for its member schools. The student associations themselves decide how and whether or not to join CASA at their own discretion, and likewise with leaving.
- d. CASA has federal jurisdiction only. It meets and confers with provincial associations such as CAUS, and will exchange research, but no lobbying is done at the provincial level.

CASA lobbying is done for post-secondary education issues only. Each member school is given one vote, no matter what its degree of involvement or its student population. The hierarchy of CASA is as follows:

1. Students
2. Member Student Associations
3. Board of Directors
4. National Director
5. Head Office Team

The CASA Board of Directors is composed of seven (7) members. Five (5) of these members represent regions across Canada: Northwest (Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, the Yukon, and Nunavut); Prairies (Manitoba and Saskatchewan); Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland). The other two (2) are the National Director and the Treasurer, who are both *ex-officio*, non-voting members. The Head Office Team is composed of three (3) staff members and the Coordinators.

CASA offers three (3) levels of membership: Full, Associate, and Provisional. The University of Alberta Students' Union is a Full member, and as such has full speaking rights.

The CASA budget is approximately \$275,000 per year, depending on the level of membership. There are maximum and minimum ceilings adhered to when considering the fees of individual member schools. Fees are calculated by the total gross revenue of the student association, multiplied by the number of students it represents. The U of Students' Union, as one of the largest member schools, pays the maximum fee – which would be considerably higher if there were no ceiling.

The National Action Plan

Last year saw the launch of CASA's first national campaign, called *Education Builds A Nation*. This year's campaign is called *Education: Canada's National Resource – It's Time to Reinvest*. The campaign has three (3) principal goals: to rebuild campus infrastructure; to restore the Canadian Health and Social Transfer; and to relieve student debt. Campus buildings need renovating and/or replacing, and this need is not being addressed. As well, education and health care have been struggling to get back the federal funds that were cut in 1993. Finally, tuition has increased by 200% over the past several years.

Banks have withdrawn from student loans, and the government is currently looking for a new provider. The current interest rate on student loans is prime plus five (5), which is unacceptable. CASA is lobbying for more reasonable interest rates of prime plus two (2) or three (3).

Kissel is currently traveling across Canada with the Hostage Brain, which is the theme of this year's national campaign. The postcard campaign is ongoing, and postcards will be sent to Members of Parliament and others at the rate of five (5) to seven (7) per day, hopefully for the next year. The campaign will culminate on October 30 in Ottawa, in conjunction with the October lobby conference, at which time an "education report card" will be presented in Ottawa.

Federal Election Strategy

CASA's primary goal is to inform the government, students and taxpayers about the state of post-secondary education and the situations it faces. This will be accomplished through heavy media coverage, both radio and television, and a campaign to ensure that students vote in the upcoming election. There are 1.2 million students eligible to vote in Canada, and only seven per cent (7%) turned out at the last election. These low numbers undermine the cause and goals of CASA, as well as its power to negotiate, by indicating students' indifference to the political influence on post-secondary education.

Steps will be taken to increase the number of student voters. Many students are forced to live outside their home ridings to attend school, and must enumerate themselves in the school's riding. If a student wishes to vote as an absentee in his or her home riding, he or she must confer with a chief electoral officer to arrange it. CASA is hoping to ensure the placement of voting stations on campuses across Canada.

At this point, **Agard** thanked members of Council for their excellent work on the postcard campaign, and distributed more postcards. The floor was then opened for questions from Council.

Quigg: Was the postcard campaign designed specifically for the federal election?

Kissel: No, it was not. CASA anticipated that a federal election would not be held until Spring 2001.

Roesch: How will CASA campaign for students to vote?

Agard: Plans are currently being devised. There have been many ideas, with an emphasis on students being enumerated, and ensuring voting stations on campuses.

Kissel: None of the parties have released campaign platforms to date, and it is vital that we know what each party feels about education.

Lazin: Has there been any response to postcards yet?

Kissel: Since the end of September, there has been some response, but nothing definitive yet. The postcards are designed to be a long-lasting offensive striking the government a fraction at a time, so Members of Parliament will not necessarily react to it all at once.

Kissel was thanked for his time and the presentation was concluded.

2000-12/5b UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN

Leslie Church, President, gave a brief presentation on the upcoming University Fundraising Campaign, followed by discussion.

The University is always soliciting new donors to help in providing grants for research and study, scholarships, bursaries and maintaining campus facilities. Most recently, the University has received an offer of donations from a tobacco company, the funds from which would likely be funneled into scholarships.

The University of Alberta currently holds no policy on the moral question of whether or not to accept money from tobacco companies. A survey of other universities in Canada shows that both Queens and Carleton have accepted such donations; McGill would if so offered; and Calgary has no stance on the issue. This is a controversial policy decision, and the University has looked to the Students' Union for input. The traditional donor recognition would be done in the name of the founder of the company, rather than the company's name itself.

At this point, **Church** asked Council for feedback on this issue.

Gall: Would accepting the donation give the company any influence on campus? Would it require any advertising or input into University operations?

Church: It does not appear that way. Tobacco companies already advertise in The Gateway.

Speer voiced his favor, stating that the Students' Union could not in good conscience lobby government and the University all year only to turn away a substantial donation.

Idicula expressed his concern that the company's main product is tobacco, and wondered after the company's expectation of return on such a donation.

Coles: Is it prudent for the Students' Union to involve itself in something so controversial?

Church: The University is soliciting the SU's advice in order to make an informed choice on behalf of the University population as a whole. This is the reason for SU involvement.

Partridge voiced his favor, given that students are in constant need of more funding.

Roesch stated that people are entitled to make their own decisions about tobacco use, and that the donation should be accepted, provided that it does not entitle the company to advertising or promotions.

McGraw stated that there is nothing inherently evil about tobacco, and that students deserve proper credit for being intelligent enough not to be swayed by the origin of a donation or the product it promotes. Students work hard for this sort of funding, and there is no compelling reason to turn it away.

Quigg wondered if the University would be bound to a single-source tobacco program, and whether or not the price of cigarettes would be raised on campus. The query was rhetorical.

Lazin observed that Players and DuMaurier are the only tobacco companies advertising in student newspapers, and that these brands are the two most popular among students. He subsequently cautioned Council against dismissing the power of advertising.

At this point, **Harlow** requested a straw poll of who would and would not condone accepting this donation. The majority of representatives voted in favor.

2000-12/5c EXECUTIVE REVIEW

Leslie Church, President, gave a brief presentation on Executive Review, followed by discussion.

Earlier in the year, the Executive Committee presented Executive Goals to Council, and one of these was the striking of an Executive Review Committee. The design of this goal was to maintain the Executive's accountability to Council, and to all students, as well as giving the Executive an opportunity to reflect on and make the best of their terms, and give informed recommendations to their successors.

The initial vision was to strike a committee that would convene once or twice every year, chaired by the Speaker, and composed much like any other SU committee. However, there have been several challenges to realizing this goal. **Church** went on to outline these challenges.

After seeking the advice of a consultant, the Executive realized that an organization like the Students' Union does not have adequate benchmarks to account for the day-to-day activities of its Executive members. The Executive has always begun a term by outlining goals for the year, and using these goals as an informal yardstick of the progress and quality of the term. As well, the review process, in order to be truly effective and fair, would cost ten to thirty thousand dollars (\$10-30,000) for the first year, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for subsequent years. Finally, this process would take at least one month, and likely longer, which is a significant commitment for any volunteer.

The question then became how the Executive could obtain informed input from average students, and this need is being answered by such initiatives as the Gripe Tables. The structure of the Students' Union is anomalous, because while its staffing is constructed like a corporation, there is an enormous political component to its work as well: this would make it difficult for a committee to monitor the Executive's activities accurately.

The strategic goals of each Executive member are also out of date, and must be amended before there is significant or specific review of each position.

Another challenge is that there is a lack of tangible consequences that a committee could be empowered to execute, so the result of any review would be insufficient. As well, this review would be a non-confidential process, which works against any guarantee of meaningful, honest input. The Executive had a clear, fair and objective process in mind, unfortunately based on benchmarks that the Students' Union does not have.

However, the Executive still believes the idea to be a good one: it is only the structure of it that poses a problem. Therefore, **Church** proposed an alternative: an Executive evaluation similar to those that the President conducts for personnel such as the General Manager and the Executive Assistant. It would involve the confidential solicitation of input from the Executive Assistant, the General Manager, Coordinators, the Executive itself, and random members of Council. In this way, opinions and suggestions could be expressed without fear of reproach, and finally, the Executive could perform an exhaustive self-evaluation of themselves and each other.

In ensuring the honesty of the evaluations and a subjective review process, this would accomplish more than a committee could.

At this point, the floor was opened for questions and comments from Council.

Chaput: While confidentiality is a good idea, members of Council and other students need something tangible to hold the Executive accountable for its activities. How will this need be fulfilled if no one except the Executive knows the results of the evaluations?

Church: Council must take into account that Executive members are consistently learning new things about their positions, roles, and responsibilities. **Church** is aware that this proposal may not seem to hold to the same principles as the original goal, but it was and is supposed to make the Executive a more meaningful tool for representation. The Executive itself is not concerned about maintaining confidentiality, but it is imperative that evaluators feel that they can be honest. As well, there are some FOIPP issues involved.

2000-12/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Speer/Taher moved that the minutes of the SC2000-11 meeting be approved.

Samuel: There was a typographical error: TJ Adhietty's name is spelled "Tajesh," not "Tajest."

Partridge: Thanks were offered to **Brindle** for expanding the Vice-President Academic portfolio, not assuming it.

Wanke requested that the phrase "all questions of libel and bigotry aside" be stricken from her remark during Question Period, as it was an inaccurate representation of what she said.

Consensus

2000-12/7

REPORTS

- a. Leslie Church, President
 - A written report was provided with the agenda package.
 - **Church** attended the South Campus facility ground-breaking this past week. Construction has begun, and preparations are being made for the 2001 Track & Field Games.
 - **Church** extended thanks to all members of Council who volunteered to sit at Gripe Tables. They have been successful so far. On Wednesday, October 25, there will be a table in the Law Building, next week in the Tory/Business Building, and after that at Faculte Saint-Jean.
 - Congratulations to the AUFSJ on their recent election: of the three hundred-fifty (350) students eligible to vote, two hundred-twenty (220) turned out, which is excellent.
 - Glenn Harris, Vice-President Finance & Administration for the University, has officially tendered his resignation from that position.

- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Teaching & Learning Workshop, a joint initiative with the Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta (AASUA), is coming up. If anyone wants to be involved, talk to **Samuel**.
 - The designs and schematics for the upcoming LRT expansion have been approved.
 - It was recently discovered that there is a standing policy prohibiting faculty associations from selling convocation merchandise.
 - The U of A Students' Union hosted the Canadian Academic Round Table (CART) this past week, and it was very successful. Thanks were extended to **Agard** for being a Group Facilitator, and to **Wanke** for being a "groupie" and tackling issues that came up. Gratitude was also offered to General Manager Bill Smith, who spent an entire day at the conference, to all the Group Facilitators, and to Zoe, the Academic Affairs Coordinator, for playing such a big part in organizing the conference.
 - Anyone wishing to help **Samuel** in cleaning the mess made on his office window by **Klaassen** is more than welcome.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Thanks were extended to everyone who distributed postcards for the postcard campaign. The campaign is going very well; our SU put out 10,000 postcards in five (5) days, and they're beginning to come back. The date for taking postcards to the Legislature has been moved back to November 6.
 - A federal election has been called; this has put a lot of projects in motion, and volunteers will be needed. The projects involve promoting voting awareness and the points discussed in the earlier CASA presentation.
 - The recommendations made by the Finance & Administration review committee (University) will be available at the next meeting.
 - CAUS recently met with Lyle Oberg, and there was discussion about extending the Jason Lang Scholarship to third- and fourth-year students; making student loan remission automatic; and revamping provincial student loan programs. Everyone was open and the discussion was positive; there were relatively good reactions to pleas for tuition relief and reworking the parental contribution regulations in eligibility for student loans.
- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- **Harlow** recently returned from the second Campus Advantage board meeting. Work is going well; policy is being put together, marketing strategy is being organized, and there has been positive interaction with other business organizations. After the next meeting, there will be something concrete to present to shareholders.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - An oral report was provided at the meeting.
 - First Night meetings are ongoing.
 - Parking Services initiatives is kicking off in November.
 - CART was very successful and a lot of fun.
 - **Wanke** volunteered at several Gripe Tables, helped with CASA's postcard campaign, and sat on DIE Board with **Church**.
 - There will be a Penny Carnival in support of the United Way, with a number of events including an Open Mike night at the Power Plant.
 - The Gateway asked for a review of the Features Editor position, and it's progressing well.
 - Interest in the SU holding a rave is still high, and **Wanke** is working on it.

- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
 - Cormier** extended his apologies that he wasn't able to attend the meeting due to midterm examinations.

- g. Residence Halls Association Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Moore**.
 - **Moore** wished to make it clear that the Residence Halls Association (RHA) is not a faculty associations: it represents all University of Alberta residences, including Lister Hall, Newton Place, Pembina Hall, Garneau, Faculte Saint-Jean AND ANOTHER ONE!
 - The RHA has an Executive composed of four (4) members, and works extensively with Housing & Food Services.
 - Thanks were extended to **Wanke** and Shannon McEwan from the Graduate Students' Association for their help and support with the Newton Place situation.
 - A big focus right now is on the leadership conference happening in Utah. RHA is planning to take thirty-five (35) people to learn about different residence systems. RHA is also bidding to host a conference in February.
 - RHA recently hosted a silent auction fundraiser, and planned RakeFest in support of the United Way.
 - Another focus is getting to residences to get some feedback from tenants on the recent proposal to increase the rent. The reason offered is that electricity and utility costs are rising, but RHA is wondering if the increase is connected to the compensation package offered to Newton Place tenants.
 - RHA is trying to take more political action, and is following SU and GSA activities. RHA wants to create an inter-residence newsletter, and wants to work with the SU and the GSA on the federal election as well.

h. Law Faculty Report

- An oral report was provided by **Veale**.
- Law's Halloween Party is on October 28 at the Urban Lounge.
- Law's A Beach event is coming up.
- The Law Show is scheduled for January 19-20 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. All proceeds go to charity.
- A Gripe Table will be in the Law Building on Wednesday.
- Initiatives are ongoing to better inform parents and spouses about the law student's experience and situation. There were presentations from faculty members and tours last week.
- There is a new club on campus for students interested in going to law school. They have approached the LSA for a tour, and to arrange for speakers to give presentations.
- A petition has been started by an Executive member of the LSA, voicing concern over the continuing reduced hours at the Weir library and others, such as the Scott Library. The petition was a passive effort – it was posted – but it collected approximately ninety (90) signatures, and this remains a pressing concern. **Veale** urged other representatives to alert their faculties to this problem. Confusion has been expressed that the University is receiving money through government, donations and tuition increases, and that they continue to reduce hours.

i. Medicine / Dentistry Faculty Report

- An oral report was provided for Medicine by **Schell**.
- Medicine's Halloween Party will be a Monster Mash held in Dinwoodie Lounge. Everyone is invited: this is not exclusively for Medicine students. Tickets are \$7.50 each (available at Info Booths and the Medical Sciences Building), and there is free pizza before 9:00.
- The Med Show is scheduled for sometime in March.
- The Class of Medicine is selling Entertainment Books for \$40.00 each. These are a good deal, with lots of coupons. They are being sold at a table in SUB.
- The final tallies on Shinerama have arrived: approximately \$16,000 was raised. Special thanks were extended to Lister Hall, who supported the cause by generating a lot of volunteers. Thanks were also offered to everyone who participated.
- An oral report was provided for Dentistry by **Cheng**.
- Dentistry's Halloween Party is coming up this Friday. Tickets are \$5.00.
- In April, Dentistry is holding an "Open Wide" event with free dental care in the inner city.

Samuel: Regarding libraries reducing their hours, **Samuel** sits on the Library Committee, and a need has been identified to keep the libraries open. **Samuel** was assured that library hours would not be further reduced, and he will look into what is happening now.

Roesch: While the Pandas beat the University of Calgary Dinosaurs recently, the first headline in The Gateway's Sports section was about how the Golden Bears were defeated by the Dinosaurs' men's team. Why does The Gateway choose to highlight Athletics' losses instead of wins?

Lazin: **Lazin** will talk to the Sports Editor, Barrie Tanner, about that concern. The story about the Pandas' victory arrived later than the one about the Bears, and thus the Bears story was laid out first. He also pointed out that the third page of the Sports section, where the Pandas story was, is actually more visible than the second.

Chaput: What was the Letter to the Editor mentioned in the October 10 Executive Committee minutes about?

Wanke: The letter was in response to an editorial written by **Lazin** regarding the Week of Welcome supplement being placed in the center of the newspaper. The letter explained that the Executive was not trying to supercede The Gateway's editorial autonomy. A copy of the letter will be provided.

Macapagal: Bears team members were upset about The Gateway's article about the Bears vs. Dinosaurs game. As well, please try to provide more coverage of the Pandas' Volleyball team.

Lazin: The story was that a Bears team member "suckerpunched" a member of the Dinosaurs' team. The individual who wrote the story recently moved to Edmonton from Calgary and was unlikely to omit that event. Regarding volleyball, The Gateway is currently pressed for space, and proper attention will be given to the team once the season starts.

Quigg: Are the libraries actually closing earlier right now, or only threatening to?

Veale: They have begun closing earlier.

Quigg: It may be worth consulting Building Services about this issue.

Van Aerde: What is the feasibility of campus-wide VIDS services?

Harlow: This idea is still very tentative; planning is being looked at, but nothing concrete has been decided.

Moore: What is the status of the reference letter the SU agreed to write on behalf of the RHA in support of their bid to host a conference?

Church: It is complete!

Idicula: What will be the SU's input in selecting an interim Vice-President Finance & Administration (University), or a permanent one?

Church: Input for the interim position is unlikely. The SU will have a place on the selection committee for the permanent position, however.

Kawanami: Given the number of proxies sitting in on Council this evening, why was the meeting not rescheduled to avoid coinciding with Midterm Week?

Church: That is a salient point, but over the years the Executive has realized that midterm exams are rarely confined to this week alone. At the moment, Council cannot afford to miss any meetings, but **Church** extended her apologies on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Quigg: As a point of information, Student Groups are not allowed to meet during Midterm Week.

Samuel: The *Calendar* stipulates that they are “normally” not allowed to meet: it is a good idea, but the qualifier prevents it from being truly binding.

2000-12/9

LEGISLATION

2000-12/9a
BYLAW 700 -
CONDUCT OF
STUDENTS' UNION
BUSINESS

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 700 respecting the Conduct of Students' Union Business

Harlow introduced this motion as part of the Students' Union's ongoing legal review. The motion is brought forward in recognition of a commitment to bring SU laws into harmony with its practices.

The amendments to this bylaw are available in the agenda package, and they involve, but are not restricted to the General Manager, terminology, and financial statements.

Amendment to the Amendment: Harlow / Church moved that Section 8e regarding loans granting be changed to read: “i) loans granted by the Students' Union in the amount of \$2,500 or less must be approved by the Financial Affairs Board; and ii) loans granted by the Students' Union in excess of \$2,500 must be approved by Students' Council.

Lazin: Do these loans include Students' Union employees' loans for computer purchases?

Harlow: Those are not actually considered loans, though they are, for all intents and purposes. The Financial Affairs Board can approve policy regarding computer purchases.

After some discussion, another amendment was proposed.

Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment (friendly): to increase the amount stipulated in the Amendment to the Amendment from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Vote on the Amendment to the Amendment: 26/5 Carried

At this point, discussion resumed on the main motion.

Veale: Section 16a stipulates that not less than \$100,000 be allocated to either the Capital Equipment Reserve, the Building Reserve, or both. What does this mean? Is \$100,000 being given to each reserve?

Harlow: The funds will either be distributed to one reserve or the other, *or* divided between them.

Amendment to the Amendment (friendly): to change the wording of Section 16a from “. . . will be placed in the Capital Equipment Reserve or the Students’ Union Building Reserve, or both” to “will be placed into the Capital Equipment Reserve or the Students’ Union Building Reserve, or divided between the two.”

Schell: What does “excluding Phase III Medicine” mean?

Harlow: Phase III Medicine was one of the categories of differential fees before the reorganization of the Students’ Union fee structure, which was approved by referendum in 1998. It is an outdated term with no current meaning.

Idicula: Why does the amendment stipulate two (2) audits every year?

Harlow: The second audit was designed to catch any errors or mistakes in the first audit. It is a cautionary device.

Chaput: Regarding Section 20, is it practical to require a signature from both a member of the Executive and an administrative staff member?

Harlow: Senior Manager of Finance and Administration Anita Kuper gave approval to this amendment. Executives are not out of the city long enough to turn this rule into a problem. This is a measure that should already be in place: an elected official should have to sign every cheque issued from the organization.

Lazin: Why has the word “or” been omitted in so many places in Section 20? The sentence seems to imply that every person cited on these lists has to sign each cheque.

Varvis: This is a list of those positions who individually have signing authority, under the separate headings of Political and Administrative.

Lazin: It may be prudent not to use the word “shall,” given that it has caused governments trouble with lawsuits.

Varvis: The word “shall” must remain because an imperative is necessary to the meaning of the regulation.

Amendment to the Amendment (friendly): that “one of each of the following categories” be added to the end of Section 20a.

Vote on main motion: 31/3 Carried

**2000-12/9b
BYLAW 1400 -
POLICY OF THE
STUDENTS' UNION**

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council approve the changes to Bylaw 1400 Respecting Policy of the Students' Union

30/3 Carried

**2000-12/9c
BYLAW 2600 -
COMMUNICATIONS
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the creation of a new Bylaw 2600 Respecting the Communications Advisory Committee

It was proposed that the bylaw number be changed from 2600 to 2550 to correct a typographical error.

Consensus

Vote on main motion: 29/5 Carried

2000-12/10

NEW BUSINESS

2000-12/10a **CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint three (3) councillors to the Communications Advisory Committee.

Church introduced the motion. The committee would meet once a month and work with **Church** and Student Communications Coordinator TJ (Tajesh) Adhihetty.

Congratulations to **Odynski, Coles, and Darling**.

2000-12/11 **INFORMATION ITEM**

2000-12/11a The Executive Goals table was included as an Information Item only.

2000-12/12 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Idicula:** UASUS is hosting a pancake breakfast in Quad from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 30, as well as a barbeque and a dance next week. Tickets to the dance are \$30.00. All proceeds go to the Edmonton Youth Emergency Shelter.
- **Wanke:** The Bubbling Cauldron Ball, featuring Big Rude Jake, is this coming Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Dinwoodie Lounge. **Wanke** offered complimentary tickets to members of Council.
- **Coles:** The Education Students' Association is hosting a Halloween party at the Billiard Club on Halloween Night. All proceeds will go the United Way. Information is available at the ESA office.
- **Gall:** The Faculte Saint-Jean Halloween party is this coming Friday. See **Gall** for tickets.
- **Macapagal:** Athletics t-shirts have arrived for those who ordered them.
- **Brindle:** The Mechanical Engineering Halloween party is being held at the Basement Bar. See the Mechanical Engineering office for tickets.
- **Wanke:** There is a Ghoul's Night Out party at the Power Plant this Saturday. There will be prizes for costumes.

2000-12/13 **ADJOURNMENT**

McGraw/Quigg moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.