

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-14)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Absent (Campus Advantage)
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Absent
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Andre Poulin	Present
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present (6:30)
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts		
Business	Erika Hoffman	Adam Cook(p)
Business	Paul Chaput	Present
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
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	Present
Engineering	David Wepler	Present

Engineering	Justin Lee	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	PROXY
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Nicole Martin-Iverson(p)
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	Matt Brechtel	Proxy
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhietty	Proxy
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Absent
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Jon Dunbar, News Editor, The Gateway

Julian Cheung, The Gateway

Duncan Wojtaszek, University of Calgary Students' Union

Toby White, University of Calgary Students' Union

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

2000-14/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-14/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG

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

2000-14/4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Coles/Poon moved that the agenda for the SC2000-14 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2000-14/5a – globeandmail.com/campus

2000-14/9a – Political Policy

Former items 2000-14/9a and 2000-14/9b have been tabled indefinitely, reverting to a First Reading.

Consensus

2000-14/5a

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Jason Curran gave a brief presentation about the Globe and Mail newspaper's online Campus newsletter.

The Globe and Mail newspaper has initiated a nationwide online campus forum, and representatives have been chosen from across the country to submit articles regarding campus events, news, etc. Jason Curran was chosen from the University of Alberta, and has been given a camera, his own "beat" (athletics), and relative editorial freedom. Mr. Curran presented to Council in order to ensure that the work he submits is as representative as possible.

The Globe is looking to address students' interests, and Curran entreated Council to e-mail him with ideas on what to write about. This is a new venture, "by students and for students," and all ideas are welcome. If any student wishes to write on a given topic, he or she should send Curran a query, followed by an article. Curran gave contact information to members of Council.

At this point, the floor was open for questions from Council.

Dunbar (sponsored): What is your mandate? What are your qualifications?

Curran: The Touque advertised the positions in their newspaper, and applicants were required to submit a 500-word essay. This newsletter was not created to compete with any student newspaper, or with the Canadian University Press (CUP).

Church explained to Council that this presentation was in no way an endorsement of the Globe and Mail, or of any its ventures.

McGraw: What other schools are involved?

Curran: There are twelve (12) schools in total, including McGill University, the University of Victoria, the University of British Columbia, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto, Mount Allison University, and the University of Calgary.

Curran closed by asking Council for reactions to the most recent Maclean's University Rankings.

For more information, or to view the forum, please visit

www.globeandmail.com/campus

2000-14/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roesch/Samuel moved that the minutes of the SC2000-13 meeting be approved.

Zwack: Alexandra Taylor proxied for **Zwack**, not **Odynski**.

Church: The question regarding the Gripe Tables during Question Period was not “best directed at Agard.”

Consensus

2000-14/7

REPORTS

a. Leslie Church, President

A written report was provided at the meeting.

- Welcome to Calgary Students' Union Executives Toby White (President) and Duncan Wojtaszek (Vice-President External).
- The Fall edition of the CAUS newsletter has been released to all post-secondary education stakeholders. **Church** circulated it throughout Chambers.
- MLA tours began Tuesday morning. **Agard** and **Church** have met with approximately fifteen (15) MLAs so far, and have sat at Question Period in the Legislature.
- Sincere thanks were extended to **Agard** for putting together the Postcard Campaign, which was extremely successful. Thanks were also offered to members of Council for circulating the postcards.
- A Tuition Town Hall meeting will take place on Monday, November 27 at 12:00 noon. Posters and information cards have been circulated, in hopes of high attendance. **Church** urged all Council members to attend.
- **Harlow** is currently attending a Campus Advantage stakeholders' meeting, which **Church** will soon be joining.

b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic

A written report was provided at the meeting.

- Thanks to **Agard**, councillors, ACTISEC, **Church**, CAUS and AGC for an excellent job on the Postcard Campaign.
- Working on the Code of Student Behavior, the Teaching and Learning Workshop report, and the Academic Plan.
- A Provincial Task Force was called last year to evaluate grading systems, and has recently returned its results to the Registrar's Office. The University of Alberta may be converting to a 4-point scale.
- The SUB Food Court will be ONECard equipped, as soon as January 2001.
- The Bookstore Task Force is continuing with positive discussion, identifying key areas and ongoing learning.
- A Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) campaign will begin, with the intention of empowering students with the information they need about their role in teaching evaluation, which is very valid. More information will be available at the next meeting.

- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Federal election initiatives are outlined in the written report.
 - A Canadian Student Leadership Conference will be hosted by Queen's University, with some good speakers and valuable seminars. See **Agard** for registration forms and more information.
 - Community Relations Coordinator Blair Miller put together a High School Leadership Conference which was very successful. Many students attended, and learned about campus, the SU, and leadership. Congratulations to Miller.
 - Thanks were extended to **Samuel, Church** and Council for support during the Postcard Campaign. Lyle Oberg stated openly that the 5.7% tuition increase was unacceptable, and the most effective way of resolving the issue is for the government to cooperate with universities and help them by offering some of the funding they need. This is a very good sign.
 - The MLA tour is going very well.
- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
Harlow was absent due to a stakeholder's meeting of Campus Advantage.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Further congratulations were extended for the success of the Postcard Campaign.
 - Work is ongoing for a New Year's party at the Power Plant.
 - A Task Force is convening to discuss the evaluate the feasibility of a safehouse on campus.
 - New Deal is playing at the Power Plant this coming Saturday. See **Wanke** for details. Information was circulated.
 - The SU is currently looking at requesting Colin Mochrie, a cast member from the television program *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, to perform on campus. Tickets would likely cost between \$10.00 and \$20.00. More information will be forthcoming.
 - Antifreeze registration packages will be available this week. There are only forty (40), so act quickly!
- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Tuition Planning Committee met last week, and have started discussing ideas about what should happen on the day of the meeting (January 12). It is important to get students involved, and reach out for participation from student groups and faculties, as well as Council. The Committee is currently at a brainstorming stage, and welcomes any support.
 - **Cormier** is continuing to meet with Board members to find out how individual members feel about the state of tuition, and what their ideas are.
 - The Board report will be coming soon. The Board office is somewhat behind.

- g. Rehabilitation Medicine Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by Ganes.
 - Recently attended a Western Canada Rehabilitation Medicine Student conference, with many valuable attendees and speakers.
 - The student association is putting together a scholarship fund. This year \$7,500.00 was raised, to be distributed in increments of \$500.00 each.
 - A successful Blood and Food Campaign reaped 7,000 food items in a one-week period.
 - The Rehabilitation Medicine Christmas party is coming up at the Iron Horse. It will be formal.
 - Next week, Rehabilitation Medicine will launch a Charitable Events contest for Santa's Anonymous, and challenges other faculty associations to collect toys for underprivileged children.

- h. Faculte Saint-Jean Report
 - An oral report was provided by Gall.
 - A Winter Carnival is being planned for February 2001.
 - The Faculte has decided to hold two (2) volunteer appreciation dinners this year.
 - The annual ski trip is upcoming, and planning is going well.
 - The Faculte is looking to renovate the lower-level café as a joint venture with the University and Aramark Foods.
 - One hundred fifty (150) students attended the candidates' forum hosted by the Faculte, which was excellent. One candidate brought a translator to communicate in French.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Taher: Are any provisions being made for students who want to vote, but have classes during the day?

Samuel: The Registrar decided against canceling classes, because it would be too complicated. Polling stations are open quite late, and voting should not be problematic for the vast majority of students.

Agard: Students who live on or near campus can vote either at the Garneau Community League or at Windsor Park. There are no polling stations on campus. **Agard** urged councillors to talk to the Elections Office about provisions being made for subsequent elections, and reminded Council to vote.

Poon: What are the posters about a January 12 strike about?

Cormier: The poster was surprising, and more information, if there is any, will be forthcoming.

Poon: Who is organizing this?

Samuel: The Preservation of Education Accessibility for Society (PEAS) is organizing it. On January 11, they want to put together a 'celebration of education' night. The initiative involves a general student strike from classes, and a meeting at an undetermined location to 'storm' the Board of Governors tuition meeting on January 12.

McGraw: Will there be polling stations on campus for the provincial election?

Agard: The locations of polling stations are at the discretion of the Returning Officer, and the SU is working on getting stations for the provincial election.

Roesch: Will Lyle Oberg be at the Tuition Town Hall meeting?

Church: The University has invited him, but is unsure of whether or not he will be there.

Zwack: What are the deficiencies of the AIS system?

Samuel: It's caused the University a number of problems this year, in that it cannot correct fee assessments, and the question becomes whether an upgrade or a system overhaul would be most beneficial. The University has decided to delay the upgrade for a while to correct the system.

Zwack: How long will the delay be?

Samuel: The corrections will take until approximately the middle of January 2001, and upgrades will proceed after that. The system should be fully repaired by January 2002.

Bolding: How are rave plans proceeding?

Wanke: Feedback is still being assembled, but this is a bad time to be trying to arrange it, with so many other things ongoing. It will likely be in January or February in Dinwoodie Lounge.

Speer: Why did the University decide against taking the donation from the tobacco company?

Church: The University is very conscious of its reputation, and accepting monies from a tobacco company would not be good for the University's image.

Van Aerde: Who ranked higher than the University of Alberta in the Maclean's University rankings?

Church: For the actual rankings, the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, the University of Western Ontario, Queen's University, and McGill University outranked Alberta. For reputations, only the University of Toronto and Queen's University ranked higher. Some progress has been made from last year. There are certain aspects of the rankings are beyond the University's control, such as entrance examinations, *etcetera*. Also, Alberta lacks the significant alumni support of some Ontario universities.

Van Aerde: Is there a Students' Union or student association ratings?

Church: The Maclean's hardcover university edition has detailed biographies of each university, including an overview of each student union. Some feedback should be given to Ann Dowsett Johnson, who edits these editions, because there should be more student input.

Wanke: The Student Life goal sheet includes a nationwide student union ranking.

McGraw: How will the USRI campaign work, and what is being done to raise awareness for it?

Samuel: Policies always exist that people are unaware of: USRIs are supposed to be administered at the beginning of classes, for example. The campaign will focus on what happens when the data is compiled, and communicating that the results are more important than most people imagine. It does affect the careers of professors. The campaign will be advertised through VIDS, The Gateway, and classroom speaking, among other avenues. **Samuel** urged Council to approach him with any ideas.

Van Aerde: Are there any more Gripe Tables upcoming?

Church: On Wednesday there will be a table in Education, and that is the last table of the semester. Some of the top concerns will be presented at the next meeting.

**2000-14/9a
POLITICAL
POLICY – FUNDING
OF EDUCATION**

AGARD / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the changes and renew the Political Policy Regarding Funding of Education.

Agard introduced the motion. The External Affairs Board creates, rescinds and updates these political policies. This one needed to be updated, because it stipulated certain methods of campaigning, *etcetera*.

34/1 Carried

2000-14/12**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Agard**: Please vote on Monday, November 27, 2000.
- **Agard**: Please approach **Agard** for information about the Leadership Conference at Queen's University.
- **Church**: Please attend the Tuition Town Hall meeting.
- **Church**: Thanks extended for participation in the Gripe Tables; the University of Calgary is now implementing a similar initiative.
- **Church**: Congratulations to the University of Western Ontario for the implementation of their Backpack to Briefcase program.
- **Wanke**: Don't forget Antifreeze registration this week!
- **Church**: The Council meeting on December 5 will be held in SUB, as Council Chambers is being renovated.

2000-14/13**ADJOURNMENT**

Bolding/Ganes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.