

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 6:00 pm
SUB, Third Floor, South Side

MINUTES (SC 2000-15)

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	Andre Poulin	Absent
Arts	Jamie Speer	Absent
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present
Arts	Kory Zwack	Absent
Arts	Richard Kwok	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	Paul Chaput	Absent
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Robert Hartery	Present
Education	Justin Klaassen	Absent
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Present
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Justin Lee	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Present
Law	Chris Veale	Absent
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present

Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Absent
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Zida Dube(p)
Science	Tim Van Aerde	Present
Science	Matt Brechtel	Christian Idicula(p)
Science	Zaki Taher	Present (left early)
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhietty	Absent
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Absent
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present (6:20)
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Jon Dunbar, News Editor, The Gateway

Sophie Poon

Kara Deriger, Residence Halls Association

Jean Abbott

2000-15/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

2000-15/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-15/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG

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

2000-15/4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Coles/Jorgensen moved that the agenda of the SC2000-15 meeting be approved.

Consensus

2000-15/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Samuel/Hartery moved that the minutes of the SC2000-14 meeting be approved.

- Councillors **Adhietty** and **Brechtel** had proxies.

Consensus

2000-15/7

REPORTS

a. Leslie Church, President

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- Recently attended the provincial CAUS conference. There were successful meetings with 30-40 MLAs, and significant awareness was earned by the Postcard Campaign. There was also positive dialogue regarding tuition.
- Also recently attended a Campus Advantage meeting in Kingston, Ontario. The U of A Students' Union obtained the jacket of a representative of the University of Western Ontario, which was a successful component of the meeting. Many schools have become involved in the effort to obtain the best deals for students across Canada.
- The Tuition Town Hall was successful as well.
- The SU is preparing for its Christmas events, and **Church** attended a performance featuring the Mixed Chorus with the Chaplain's Association.

b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic

An oral report was provided at the meeting.

- The TELUS deal written about in The Gateway wants clarification. The TELUS Centre cost \$17.5 million, with \$13.5 million provided by TELUS, and \$3.5 million donation to the TELUS Centre by Parking Services on a cost recovery basis. The remainder was provided by the government. A joint marketing committee will handle continuing sponsorship requests. Student Groups are also welcome to make requests. The SU is currently looking into high-speed Internet deals. Negotiations are ongoing with TELUS and Computing Network Services (CNS).
- An SU supplement recently appeared in The Gateway regarding teaching evaluations.

c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External

A written report was provided at the meeting.

- **Agard** wished Council a merry Christmas, and asked that Council take notice of the Students' Finance Board information in her written report.

- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- DIE Board motions are currently being examined.
 - Concerns are being addressed about students taking terms at Red Deer College paying Students' Union fees.
 - Ombudservice offices are likely being moved.
 - The Access Fund recently met for its second session of granting; this is the first time that there has been more than one granting session.
 - The recent FACRA annual general meeting elected a new Board of Directors. There have been problems with Friends of CJSR (a fundraising committee), and CJSR is currently trying to rectify concerns with internal programs.
 - The last Student Groups granting session allocated \$11,000.
 - **Harlow** met with eight of ten organizations currently receiving funding from referendum fees (the Access Fund and the Eugene Brody funding committee remain to be consulted). More information will be available in January.
 - The initiative to create an online examination registry is at the stage of consulting Council.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The New Deal was a good performance. About 300 people attended.
 - Antifreeze work is continuing and successful. 41 teams registered within 35 minutes.
 - Last Thursday's Blue Room was looking for donations of scarves, rather than toques.
 - The Inner City Christmas Party is looking for volunteers: Council was urged to contact Mike Zimmerman, Student Activities Coordinator, for details. The party offers diverse activities, and alternates Catholic and public schools every year.
 - There was a Parking Services presentation on the SUB Stage, soliciting donations for the Food Bank and Santa's Anonymous. It has been successful so far, so it has been extended to December 22.
 - Our Lady Peace gave a good performance in Dinwoodie Lounge.
 - Consultation with Lister Hall about working together at the Bissell Centre is almost complete. Volunteers are collecting fresh food from vendors, and each vendor who donates are given a card to display.
 - Bill Smith, Katherine Huisling and **Wanke** have spoken to Campus Security about security issues on campus, and will be meeting again soon.
- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
- **Cormier** sent apologies for his absence from the meeting, and **Church** provided an oral report in his place.
 - The Board of Governors report is now available.
 - A Board of Governors retreat will be taking place this coming Friday.
- g. Science Faculty Report
- An oral report was provided by **Idicula**.
 - Science Week and a fundraiser for the Edmonton Youth Community Centre were successful.
 - Photos for Convocation and COFA issues are upcoming.

- h. President Athletics Report
- There was no Athletics representative present to provide a report.

2000-15/8

QUESTION PERIOD

McGraw: In light of the We Want Your Pants campaign, what other charity requests is the SU considering? What were the criteria considered for the WWYP campaign?

Church: Student Groups seeking granting consult the Student Groups Granting Committee or the Eugene Brody Funding Committee. The We Want Your Pants campaign was deliberated through the Executive Committee because of the opportunity for promotion of the SU – similar undertakings such as the Solar Car Project warrant this consideration as well.

Taher: What security will be providing in wiring SUB for the ONECard?

Samuel: Visual identification checks will be administered for every purchase. A PIN (Personal Identification Number) would stop the ONECard from being more convenient than a banking card debit card purchase.

Brindle: Is Quad booked for Antifreeze? The Engineering Students' Society has it booked for one of those days.

Wanke: The SU has confirmation of booking from Monday until Friday of the week of Antifreeze. A call will be made for clarification.

Jorgensen: Why was the information about USRIs published so late?

Samuel: The Marketing Department unfortunately had not completed the project in time to advertise earlier. A more effective launch will be ready for next semester.

Odynski: The PEAS campaign is using SU stats and information. Is the SU aware of this, and does it wish to advertise endorsement of this campaign?

Church: The SU was unaware of this. The SU and PEAS have similar aims and have met, but the approach is different. PEAS has not approached the SU for a partnership request. PEAS is far more activist, and a partnership would involve changing SU policy.

Partridge: Is the situation at Red Deer College regarding SU fees similar to that of the Engineering Co-op students?

Harlow: The concern with U of A students at Red Deer College is that they are unable to reap the benefits of SU services. Estimates have to be performed on this conclusion.

Pion (sponsored): Will the SU be organizing any awareness campaigns before the January board meeting concerning tuition?

Church: There will be advertising between January 8 and January 12. Handbills are being circulated, and meetings with individual Board members and the Chancellor are ongoing.

Van Aerde: How did the Tuition Town Hall meeting go?

Agard: The University's bottom line regarding tuition was its \$8 million shortfall; Administration was willing to lower the increase, but the difference must come from somewhere else. Any government funding won't appear until February, and any change in the tuition rate will depend on how that funding is directed, and how much there is.

Dube: The Faculte Saint-Jean congratulates the SU regarding the Tuition Town Hall, but it was not advertised on the FSJ campus – posters are required in advance, so that they can be translated.

Church: The posters were sent, but sending them sooner is a good idea.

Jorgensen: What is happening with alcohol restrictions on campus?

Wanke: There are two principal concerns: the ARPC, the governing body for licensing, has concerns with regulation, so other programs, such as a spirit manual, may be introduced. Secondly, policy must be examined to keep students and campus events safe. Rob Rubuliak from Campus Security is leaving for another position, and a new officer must be familiarized with this portfolio. The value of student involvement will be considered.

2000-15/9

LEGISLATION

2000-15/9a BYLAW 9210 - EXECUTIVE CO- ORDINATORS

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 9210 Respecting the Executive Coordinators of the Students' Union

27/0/0 Carried

2000-15/9b BYLAWS 1020, 1030 AND 1050

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council rescind Bylaws

- **1020 Respecting the Academic Affairs Coordinator of the Students' Union**
- **1030 Respecting the Students' Union Community Relations Coordinator**
- **1050 Respecting the Student Activities Coordinator of the Students' Union**

28/0/0 Carried

2000-15/9c BYLAW 7400 – STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council rescind Bylaw 7400 respecting Students' Union Student Services Committee.

Harlow introduced the motion. This committee has not met for three (3) years. This motion is part of the ongoing SU legal review.

26/0/0 Carried

2000-15/10

NEW BUSINESS

2000-15/10a ONLINE EXAM REGISTRY

HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed \$16,000 to complete the transition from a paper to an online exam registry.

Harlow introduced the motion. This was part of **Harlow's** campaign platform: the online registry would be free of charge, as well as logical and efficient. Currently, the exam registry costs \$15,800 per year; the online cost would be \$6,500 per year. However, the current service produces a \$4,800 surplus due to the \$1 charge for exams. Less revenue from students is something that the SU is capable of and willing to overlook this loss. This would be a big improvement over the current service. The \$16,000 would cover the labor cost, the file transfer, and the contract with Marc Dumouchel, as well as the necessary hardware.

McGraw: What is the current status of the project? What remains to be done?

Harlow: The pilot project has been launched, and a University department was selected whose exams were scanned. Through this, it was discovered that labor costs were less than originally estimated, and that \$16,000 is only an outside estimate of the entire cost.

Van Aerde: Will other services or registries undergo similar changes?

Harlow: This is a good idea, but it takes time. There are no specific plans, but it may be a factor in future changes.

Cabaj: Could an online charge be levied for this service?

Harlow: There are problems with this approach, in that a credit card would be necessary. If there is no practical reason for a service to come for a fee, the SU will not levy one.

Cabaj: Is there any way to levy the charge from the ONECard?

Harlow: Council should decide if such a move would be viable, and the logistics would need to be ascertained.

Samuel: There is currently no online platform for the ONECard. There is an initiative to move in that direction, but such a change lies in the future.

Cheng: Is there any backup prepared in the event of a crash?

Harlow: There is backup information, but no backup access. During busy periods such as early semester rushes and exam weeks, people tend to stagger themselves. Crashes are a possibility, but they are rarely for long periods of time, and the service proposed remains superior to that currently provided.

Poon: When will this service be ready for use? Is the paper registry still available?

Harlow: Paper exams will still be available until the end of the academic year. The launch date will hopefully be in April 2001 at the latest. As the new system is phased in, the current service will be eliminated.

Brindle voiced his support for a no-charge service.

Hoffman: Will this service only be extended to students?

Samuel: The exams are legislated by the General Faculties Council (GFC). The freedom to submit exams rests with professors, and cannot be compelled by the SU. There is a concern about the academic property of professors, and copyright and authentication will be necessary, from either CNS or the Registrar.

Dube: What measures are being taken to help students who are unfamiliar with the Internet?

Harlow: This concern has not been considered. This is an easy system, and grades are only available from the University website as well. Rudimentary instruction will be taken under advisement.

Jeong: Will students lose jobs due to this change?

Harlow: Unfortunately, yes, at the end of this academic year. These positions will not be necessary to the new system, and because of the revenue loss that the SU will be swallowing, a new position cannot be considered.

Roesch/Brindle moved to call the question.

Vote to call the question: 24/0/0 **Carried**

The vote on the main motion was compelled.

27/0/0 **Carried**

**2000-15/10b
REVIEW AND
RENEWAL OF
STUDENTS' UNION
STRATEGIC PLAN**

HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 to conduct a review and renewal of the Students' Union Strategic Plan by Xennex Business Networks.

A document was attached to the SC2000-15 Late Additions package. **Church** introduced the motion.

In 1993, the Students' Union wanted a strategic plan, and the one subsequently composed in 1994 has not been revisited. The 1994 plan is good, but outdated: it needs changes to accommodate current structural evolutions and other major factors, in order to reflect the SU's current focus. Responses are being collected about the future of SU services in order to determine the immediate and ongoing needs within the Students' Union Building (SUB).

The objectives of restructuring the 1994 strategic plan are as follows.

1. To address current challenges and goals within the Students' Union in order to plan and prioritize accurately;
2. To address concerns within the SU objectively, through the mediation of a third party, i.e. the hired consultants; and
3. To articulate a clearly defined vision for the short-term future of the SU.

The reasons for undertaking this revised and updated strategic plan in the manner suggested are as follows:

1. The consultants are excellent, including Randy Boissonault, a former SU President who is intimate with the structure of the SU.
2. The student's bill of rights and what is required and expected of the SU need to be articulated.
3. Strategy must be incorporated into the SU's standing bylaws, which need to be active tools. This requires expertise.

These meetings should be finalized and completed by the end of the year. The committee is composed of twelve (12) people, including students, staff, and the consultants.

Coles: Point of Information – what does “the end of the year” mean?

Church: Consultation should be completed by the end of February 2001. The results will be presented to Council for approval after that point.

At this point, **Harlow/Wanke** moved for a ten (10)-minute recess.

Vote: 11/12/1 **Failed**

Discussion resumed on the main motion.

Odynski: Will next year's Executive and other staff on an annual turnover be completely apprised of these revisions during the transition process in March-April 2001?

Church: Council will govern the administration of this plan, and the understanding of staff should not be a problem.

Odynski: What can be done to prevent the lapse the SU currently suffers happening again?

Church: There has been much progress since 1994 in the vision of not-for-profit corporations such as the SU, in that they are no longer identified in the same ways as for-profit corporations are. These revisions will make the strategic plan more relevant to the SU's current identity, and should be revisited every four to five years.

Jorgensen: Is the Executive comfortable with dictating the path of the succeeding Executive?

Church: This is not the intention of the revision. The intention is to identify the SU's current and ongoing priorities and values, and to provide an accurate reflection of the SU. It should not be actively binding on a practical level.

Harlow voiced his favor of the motion, and articulated that a) the legal review demands that the SU revisit this dominant document; and b) the \$8,000 cost is one that the SU can afford; and c) the SU's uniquely high personnel turnover requires that a solid vision for the SU be articulated to act as a guide to enforcing student authority.

26/2/0 Carried

**2000-15/10c
CUP CONFERENCE**

HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1,388.00 for Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life, to attend the Canadian University Press (CUP) Conference in Richmond, British Columbia from January 24-30, 2001.

Wanke introduced the motion. A proposal to change the motion to read "\$988.00" instead of "\$1,388.00" was agreed upon by Council as a **Friendly Amendment**.

Costs for the conference have been estimated as follows:

Airfare - \$203.00

Transportation - \$75.00

Conference Fee - \$500.00

Per diem - \$210.00

Lazin explained that the focus of the conference is twofold: to train new editors of The Gateway to work effectively; and to ascertain the direction of CUP for the year, which in turn determines the tenor of student press. CUP provides legal advice and defense, personnel advice, a newswire, and valuable experience to Canadian student newspapers. It would therefore be helpful for **Wanke** to attend this conference, as The Gateway is part of the Student Life portfolio. All editors of The Gateway will attend as well.

Harlow: As the SU pays \$7,000 per year to CUP, it would be valuable for a first-hand determination of CUP's value to be made.

Partridge: Why can't Gateway editors report to Wanke, rather than her attending herself?

Wanke: This will not be a regular excursion for the Vice-President Student Life. It is important for the Executive Committee to be sure of where it sends its editors to be trained, and needs to justify the fee by gathering more information.

Kwok: Will this serve as a CUP review?

Wanke: The Gateway's organizational review is ongoing, and a recommendation will be made to the Financial Affairs Board (FAB) regarding fees.

Lazin: CUP fees are currently \$4,500, not \$7,000. This fee includes airfare for one editor to attend the conference.

21/4/3 Carried

**2000-15/10d
CREFC**

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate one (1) councillor to sit on the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee (CREFC) for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school year.

Congratulations to **Coles**.

**2000-15/10e
SI AWARDS
SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

CHURCH / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) councillor to sit on the Student Involvement Awards Selection Committee.

Due to complications, this motion, as well as nominations for the Salute Awards Selection committees, were tabled to the next meeting.

**2000-15/10f
GOLD KEY
AWARDS
SELECTION
COMMITTEE
2000-15/10g
EXECUTIVE
REVIEW**

CHURCH / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two (2) councillors to sit on the Gold Key Awards Selection Committee.

Congratulations to **Jorgensen** and **Hoffman**.

CHURCH / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint ten (10) councillors to participate in the Executive Review.

Church introduced the motion. Two (2) councillors will be appointed for each Executive position, and will be required to complete a confidential and anonymous questionnaire, the results of which will be compiled and presented to Executive members. The Executive will also complete reviews of one another. This will be completed before the beginning of Fall Term exams.

The councillors appointed were:

For the President: **Brindle, Roesch**

For the Vice-President Academic: **McGraw, Cabaj**

For the Vice-President External: **Van Aerde, Odyanski**

For the Vice-President Operations & Finance: **Bolding, Read**

For the Vice-President Student Life: **Jorgensen, Wepler**

2000-15/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bolding:** Education Week will take place during the second week of the Winter Term. **Samuel** and **Harlow** have both agreed to a sumosuit wrestling challenge against **Klaassen** and **Hartery**.
- **Brindle:** Councillor **Lee** is leaving Council, to be replaced by Tim Poon. As well, the Engineering Students' Society (ESS) memorial for the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre will be observed. The Santa Stomp profits will go to Santa's Anonymous and WIN House. Engineering Week will take place in January 2001.
- **Wanke** wished Council a happy holiday.
- **Samuel:** Online grades should be available five working days after the final examinations.
- **Dube:** The Faculte Saint-Jean's Christmas party will be this coming Thursday, and Winter Carnival, a talent show and other events are upcoming.
- **Jorgensen:** Business Blitz will be held Wednesday evening, starting at 4:00 p.m. at Squire's pub on Whyte Avenue.

2000-15/13

ADJOURNMENT

Partridge/Idicula moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.