

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 6:00 pm
Students' Union Building, Room 402

MINUTES (SC 2000-16)

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	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Andre Poulin	Present
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Richard Kwok	Absent
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	Absent
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Present
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Tim Poon	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
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Absent
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Absent
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 Adhietty	Present
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Annabel Duncan-Webb(p)
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Present
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Raymond Biesinger, The Gateway
 Michael Winters, Managing Editor, The Gateway
 Allan Chambers, Edmonton Journal
 Marcus Bence, The Gateway
 Dave Alexander, Arts & Entertainment Editor, The Gateway
 Kim Steele, Students' Union Researcher
 Shannon McEwan, President, Graduate Students' Association
 Jon Dunbar, News Editor, The Gateway
 Shaun Flannigan, The Gateway
 Vianne Fung, The Gateway
 Julian Cheung, The Gateway
 Christie Tucker, News Editor, The Gateway

2000-16/1**CALL TO ORDER**

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

2000-16/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"**

Church led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

2000-16/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG**

The Faculty of Science led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2000-16/4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Roesch/Coles moved that the agenda of the SC2000-16 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2000-16/9h – Bylaw 100: Students' Council

2000-16/9i – Standing Orders

2000-16/10d – SI Awards Selection Committee

2000-16/10e – Students' Council Meeting

2000-16/10f – CUP Conference

2000-16/10g – Deputy Returning Officer

Consensus

2000-16/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brindle/McGraw moved that the minutes of the SC2000-15 meeting be approved.

Samuel: Parking Services' donation to the TELUS Centre was on a cost-recovery basis.

Samuel: The SU is looking into high speed internet, not cable modem deals.

Samuel: The wrong committee was specified in item SC2000-15/10f.

Wanke: The SU and Campus Security discussed security issues, not specifically drinking on campus.

Consensus

2000-16/7

REPORTS

a. Leslie Church, President

A written report was provided at the meeting.

- **Church** expressed her hope that members of Council had a good Christmas holiday, and introduced the guests of Council, Shannon McEwan (President, Graduate Students' Association), Kim Steele (Students' Union Researcher), Allen Chambers (Edmonton Journal), and representatives from The Gateway.
- There was a major victory for students at the Academic Planning Committee, when the University presented a new proposal for a 3.7 per cent tuition increase instead of the original 5.7 per cent. The provincial government has stated that it would inject \$25 million into post-secondary education, and the University of Alberta will receive \$5.5 million. \$2.4 million of this will go into the University's base increase, \$1.3 will go to staff salaries, and \$1.8 million will go into tuition. The battle for low tuition is not over, however, and many issues will be raised at Friday's Board of Governors meeting. It is excellent that both the University and the government are recognizing tuition as an issue.

- The SU is trying to promote awareness about the upcoming tuition meeting by producing and circulating posters and handbills. **Church** asked Council to take ample quantities of both to spread across campus in time for the meeting, which will be taking place at the TELUS Centre on Friday, January 12. The SU is hoping for high visibility, and will be serving hot chocolate and doughnuts on the street outside early in the morning. A signup sheet was circulated.
 - **Church** asked Ms. McEwan to speak. McEwan stated that the GSA will support a tuition increase between 0 and 2 per cent.
- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Bookstore Task Force has two meetings this week, and will be discussing an idea that could potentially reduce textbook markups by ten per cent.
 - **Samuel** is working to have the add-drop deadline extended to ten days, as well as wider deferral times. The Registrar is warm to these ideas.
 - The Teaching and Learning Committee will work on FEC Reforms and midterm professor evaluations.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Edmonton Transit System (ETS) is working on a proposal to bring to students, but it will not be going to referendum this year.
- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- University Administration should be congratulated for recognizing the tuition problem.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
An oral report was provided at the meeting.
- Antifreeze is going very well so far. Karaoke will be happening this evening. Antifreeze has an excellent committee, and throughout the week there will be a constant rotation of events.
 - The Student Life Board has decided on a number of initiatives for the rest of the term: parking regulations, housing, the lack of sanitary napkin dispensers on campus, and recycling on campus. Any recommendations are welcome.
 - The Gateway has made an official bid for autonomy, and the SU will be preparing an official stance.
- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The tuition increase proposal has improved, but it is still insufficient.
 - Meetings with individual members of the Board of Governors continue to go well: it is challenging and positive to exchange concerns, and their reception to ideas is better than expected.

- g. Arts Faculty Report
- An oral report was provided by **Speer**.
 - The Arts Students' Association (ASA) is dealing with internal matters at the moment, trying to improve its image with the Faculty and the University. Other initiatives include reconstructing its Constitution and bylaws, as well as the Executive in order to make it more effective and up-to-date. The ASA is considering levying a minimal fee for Arts students in order to expand services. The ASA is also trying to put together a Spring concert, to release tension before final exams.
- h. Business Faculty Report
- An oral report was provided by **Jorgensen**.
 - Many volunteers for Antifreeze are Business students!
 - Business students will be travelling to the Jasper Park Lodge over Reading Week.
 - Business Week is upcoming.
 - The Business Students' Association (BSA) elections are coming up in February, and the initiative to get a computer lab was successful.

2000-16/8

QUESTION PERIOD**Taher:** What is happening with marks and transcripts?**Samuel:** The Registrar receives the marks, and takes five (5) days to input it. Part of the problem with receiving marks late lies with the professors, who often submit marks late. The Registrar's Office is trying to get professors to turn in their exams and final grades finished in a timely manner.**Taher:** Can any incentives be provided for punctuality?**Samuel:** Unfortunately, no. A memorandum has been sent to professors regarding punctuality issues.**Gall:** What is going on with The Gateway's autonomy bid?**Wanke:** They brought a proposal forth, and whether or not they bring it to referendum is their choice.**Van Aerde:** Can a schedule of Antifreeze's events be provided?**Wanke:** Of course! Wednesday: Cool Running, Mixology 101, Apres Ski. Thursday: Whose Line is it Anyway? (satire), Sleeping Bag Drive In. Friday: Silver Screen Party. Saturday: Bears and Pandas events, Battle of the Bands.**Adhihetty:** What stage are the staff contracts at?**Samuel:** The agreement with the academic staff ratified in 1999 expires in 2002. Dr. Carmichael of the AAS:UA stated that staff are suffering due to outdated cuts while the province is at a surplus.**Speer:** Why was there a shortfall with Antifreeze, causing monies to be transferred from the Sponsorship Fund? Was there an oversight?**Wanke:** There was no oversight. Sponsorship got the same amount of funding this year as last, and Antifreeze had more people involved this year than it had last year. Money transferred to Antifreeze was spent on additional initiatives.

Poon the Younger: What is happening with the University and the ONECard?
Samuel: There will be more information on this at the next meeting.

Adhihetty: What stage is the customer service initiative at?

Harlow: A customer service review is currently being conducted at RATT, including the menu, staffing, and music. Currently, the review is only happening at RATT. The results will be available soon.

Speer: What is happening with the proposed online textbook registry listed among the executive goals?

Smith: At the time that goal was set, the SU was close to an agreement with an online book dealer. However, shortly afterwards there was a "dot-com meltdown" in the stock market, which caused Indigo to cut much of its online staff, and the SU deal was made a much lower priority. The SU is still having productive discussion with the University about textbooks, as well as working on improving coursepacks.

Veale: Are there other issues with transcripts being late?

Samuel: Administration is undergoing a self-audit to create a lower error margin. The Student Access Centre is also being renovated. PeopleSoft Version 7.6 is being implemented on campus, and with that will come the return of the S.T.A.R. Report.

Speer: What about the Executive goal of reviewing the Board of Governors bylaw?

Church: The office of the Board of Governors Representative was moved from the basement of SUB to the second floor, so that **Cormier** can make more effective use of SU resources. The SU wants to continue developing its relationship with the Board. The Bylaw 100 changes will address some issues that have arisen, including making the Board of Governors Representative a full member of Council.

2000-16/9

LEGISLATION

2000-16/9a BYLAW 9210 - EXECUTIVE CO- ORDINATORS

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (SECOND READING) Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 9210 respecting the Executive Coordinators of the Students' Union
35/0/0

35/0/0 Carried

2000-16/9b BYLAWS 1020 - AAC 1030 - CRC 1050 - SAC

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT (SECOND 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**

35/0/0 Carried

**2000-16/9c
BYLAW 7400 -
STUDENT
SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

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

Zwack: What is the reason for rescinding this bylaw?

Church: Committees don't need to be articulated on bylaws, and the SU is working quite well without this one. It is obsolete: services are being divided into individual portfolios in order to make more meaningful contact with them.

33/1/1 **Carried**

Zwack's abstention was noted.

**2000-16/9d
BYLAW 10430 -
OFFICERS OF
STUDENTS'
COUNCIL**

HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 10430 Respecting the Officers of Students' Council

Harlow introduced the motion.

According to parliamentary regulations, it is anomalous to have a paid Speaker, and it would give more prestige to the responsibility of the post if it were elected rather than appointed. Someone with technical expertise is still necessary, which is why government at the provincial and federal levels hires a Speaker with the proper skills but lessened authority. Another Speaker, with full rights, would be elected by Council to be the Chair.

A problem is also presented with the current regulations governing the Deputy Chair of Council, who is the President. The President needs to be able to participate fully in discussion, so an elected Deputy Speaker should be available in the absence of the Speaker, as well as to chair any ad hoc committees. This would reduce confusion, and clear information from these committees back to Council. Neither elected Speaker would be paid, but the technical Speaker and the Recording Secretary would continue to receive a per-meeting stipend.

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

Gall: It makes no sense to elect someone from Council whose faculty would then lose valuable representation. As well, such a candidate would not have the full knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order necessary to govern Council.

Hoffman: Why has this issue been raised? Are other Student Councils governed this way?

Harlow: Research involved the governance structures at the government level only, and the Executive is unsure about other Student Councils.

Idicula: Passing this motion would result in confusion between Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure.

Brindle expressed his opposition to the motion. Students' Council is smaller than government councils, and does not require complex measures to govern it properly.

Agard spoke in favor of the motion. The current Council works well, but having an additional elected Speaker would help it to work more effectively.

Poon the Younger: No elected councillor would be qualified enough to be effective.

Zwack: Can Executives be elected as Speakers?

Harlow: Short answer "No," with an "If"; long answer "Yes," with a "but."
Real answer: absolutely not.

Ganes: The motion does not stipulate that the elected Speaker is required to be a councillor. Will there be any training?

Harlow: Yes, there will be training. The amalgamation of Robert's Rules of Order with parliamentary procedure would be quite simple. As an elected member of Council, any councillor may decline nomination for Speaker. Representatives are allowed to vote, and may be able to better represent the interests of Council from the Speaker's chair. The Speaker will vote on tied motions, which are currently automatically defeated.

Harlow/Zwack moved to amend Section 4 to include 4b: the Speaker and Deputy Speaker must be elected from among incoming voting councillors of Students' Council.

Discussion ensued on the amendment only.

Jorgensen: Would the Speaker be elected from the outgoing or incoming Council?

Varvis: From the incoming Council.

Poon the Elder: Why should external parties be exempt from consideration?

Harlow: The emphasis should remain on elected representation.

Ganes: Giving such a responsibility to the incoming Council would be inadvisable, considering that councillors don't know each other and are still unsure about procedure.

Speer: It would be dubious electing someone who has an incoming bias towards a particular faculty.

Poon the Elder/Zwack moved to call the question.

Vote to call the question: 33/0/1 **Carried**

Vote on the Amendment: 25/7/2 **Carried**

At this point, discussion resumed on the main motion.

Cheng: Who will the Speaker represent? How will this improve the governance of Council?

Harlow: The main idea is to give a greater focus to elected representation, making Council more similar to the simple mandates of the Executive Committee, which has an elected chair (the President) rather than an appointed Speaker.

McGraw: How much time is put into the current Speaker's job?

Varvis: There was a significant learning curve at the beginning, but experience of the position is individual rather than universal.

Adhietty: Council always suffers a good deal of confusion at the opening of the term, and it is beneficial to have the experience of the Speaker for guidance. A newly elected Speaker would only add to this confusion.

Jorgensen: Students elect councillors to serve as councillors, not Speakers.

Roesch/Brindle moved to call the question on the main motion.

Vote on the call to question: 28/6/0 **Carried**

Vote on the main motion: 11/21/2 **Failed**

2000-16/9e
BYLAWS -
200 - SPEAKER OF
THE SU AND
210 - RECORDING
SECRETARY OF
THE SU

HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, repeal Bylaws

- **200 Respecting the Speaker of the Students' Union**
- **210 Respecting the Recording Secretary of the Students' Union**

This motion was respectfully withdrawn.

2000-16/9f
BYLAW 10200 -
LEGISLATION OF
THE SU

HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 10200 Respecting the Legislation of the Students' Union

33/0/2 **Carried**

2000-16/9g
BYLAWS
1700 - EFFECTIVE
LIFE OF SC
MOTIONS AND
1400 - POLITICAL
POLICY OF THE SU

HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee repeal Bylaws

- **1700 Respecting The Effective Life of Students' Council motions**
- **1400 Respecting Political Policy of the Students' Union**

30/0/1 **Carried**

2000-16/9h
BYLAW 100 –
STUDENTS'
COUNCIL

HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT (FIRST READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 100 respecting the Students' Council.

There was an amendment to re-include the Speaker and omit the Parliamentary Councillor (friendly).

Taher: Why does Council need increased representation?

Harlow: Faculties can have as many or as few voting members as they choose. Faculties should not lose seats, and no faculty will lose representation.

Idicula spoke in favor of the motion. Interested students could participate in SU activities more readily with more seats on Council.

Poon the Elder: This motion was defeated in Council several years back. Why is it more relevant now?

Harlow: That motion was simply for a different maximum cap of representation. This current motion aspires to make Council adjustable according to the population of faculties on a per-year basis.

Coles: What about the people who are in “feeder faculties” for their first years, and are planning to transfer into professional programs to complete their degrees? Would it make sense to represent these people through what will ultimately be irrelevant faculties to them?

Coles/Hoffman moved to refer this motion back to the Executive Committee, in order to examine the number of students transferring to different faculties following pre-professional years.

Discussion ensued on the amendment only.

Zwack: This proposal is unnecessarily confusing.

Ganes voiced favor for the motion.

Idicula spoke against the motion. In a student’s first year, he or she should be represented by the faculty he or she is currently in, rather than a faculty he or she may or may not be joining in a subsequent year. It makes very little sense.

Vote on the amendment: 4/23/0 **Failed**

At this point, discussion resumed on the main motion.

Ganes: Adhering closely to the democratic process is positive and should be pursued, but Council’s role is to give everyone an idea of student current events and activities, and the larger faculties – such as Arts, Science, Engineering and Education – would overwhelm the smaller ones and prevent equal representation.

At this point, Council reached its three-hour time limit.

Brindle/Poon the Younger moved to EXTEND Council by ONE HOUR.
18/7/2 **Carried**

Roesch: Do these numbers reflect all students, including off-campus students?

Samuel: Yes. Student population will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Gall/Zwack moved to call the question.

Vote on the call to question: 21/5/0 **Carried**

Vote on main motion: 21/7/0 **Carried**

2000-16/9i
STANDING
ORDERS

HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, adopt Standing Order #16 to the Standing Orders of Students’ Council.

25/0/1 **Carried**

2000-16/10

NEW BUSINESS

**2000-16/10a
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate sixteen (16) councillors to sit on the 2001 Nominating Committee

Congratulations to **Roesch, Coles, McGraw, Van Aerde, Hoffman, Gall, Brindle, Poon the Younger, Poon the Elder, Ganes, Odynski, Darling, Cheng, and Schell.**

**2000-16/10b
GATEWAY
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

WANKE / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) councillor to sit on the *Gateway* Advisory Committee effective immediately

This item was amended to read "Editor-in-Chief Selection Committee" instead of "Gateway Advisory Committee." (friendly)

Congratulations to **Brindle and Klaassen.**

**2000-16/10c
HANDBOOK
EDITOR
SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

WANKE / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) councillor to sit on the Handbook Editor Selection Committee

Congratulations to **Partridge.**

**2000-16/10d
SI AWARDS
SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

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

Congratulations to **Poon the Younger.**

**2000-16/10e
STUDENTS'
COUNCIL
MEETING**

10g – THE ME MOTION – vote: 24/0/0

HARLOW / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the addition of a Students' Council meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2001.

25/0/0 **Carried**

**2000-16/10f
CUP
CONFERENCE**

HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three (\$.2743.02) Dollars and Two Cents to allow ten (10) *Gateway* editors to attend the CUP Conference at the end of January 2001.

Partridge: If The Gateway is bidding for autonomy, why are they asking for this money from the SU?

Wanke: The Gateway editors are SU employees until such time as an autonomy referendum is successful, and the Executive Committee intends to treat them as such.

Klaassen: Why do all of the staff have to go?

Wanke: There are many different sessions particular to each editor, and there is plenty for everyone to learn.

Church: What is the purpose of this conference?

Lazin: The conference addresses the entire scope of newspaper production, and there is a professional development component for individual portfolios. Both News Editors and the Circulation Manager are going because editors tend to work for The Gateway for more than one term, and a News Editor could be an Editor-in-Chief the following year, while the Circulation Manager could be a line editor. There is also instruction on business development.

Brindle voiced his support of the motion.

Partridge also expressed support, but asked why The Gateway failed to budget enough funding for the conference.

Lazin: The initial math was wrong.

Wanke: The reason is that The Gateway budgeted for a trip to Vancouver by road rather than flying, changing the cost from \$150.00 to \$450.00.

Lazin: There were nine (9) editors last year, and Christie Tucker is being paid for.

Wanke: Christie Tucker is being paid for through CUP fees, paid by the SU.

Zwack/Brindle moved to call the question.

Vote on the call to question: 22/1/2 **Carried**

Vote on the main motion: 24/0/0 **Carried**

**2000-16/10g DEPUTY
RETURNING
OFFICER**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Sarah Kelly as Deputy Returning Officer effective January 15, 2001.

Kelly will be taking a leave of absence from her duties as Recording Secretary, as stipulated in the Students' Union Election bylaw, until the Students' Union General Election is concluded.

24/0/0 **Carried**

2000-16/11

INFORMATION ITEM

2000-16/11a

The Executive Committee minutes were included in the Late Additions package as an Information Item only.

2000-16/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Zwack:** The new Delta Upsilon house is opening this weekend, and will be hosting an open house next Monday.
- **Lazin:** Any questions regarding The Gateway's bid for autonomy can be directed to Gateway editors.
- **Poon the Younger:** Engineering Week is next week, and will be lots of fun for everyone!
- **Church** invited Council to the tuition meeting of the Board of Governors.
- **Smith:** The SU will be signing an agreement with Campus Advantage exempting all students with incomes under \$20,000 from online tax filing charges. He also expressed deep appreciation to the Executive for ignoring the fact that he was wearing shoes from two different pairs the day before.
- **Wanke:** Complimentary tickets to the Antifreeze Karaoke Night are available to Council.
- **Bolding:** Education Week is also next week, and **Klaassen, Hartery, Samuel** and **Harlow** will be in sumo suits!

2000-16/13

ADJOURNMENT

Darling/Taher moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:08 p.m.