University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday April 10, 2001 at 6:00 pm Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2000-23)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Absent
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Absent
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Absent
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Andre Poulin	Absent
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	Paul Chaput	Absent
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Absent
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Present
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Tim Poon	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Proxy
Law	Chris Veale	Present
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Absent
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Absent
Native Studies (School of	8	
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	Absent
Science	Zaki Taher	Proxy
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Present
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		i resent
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Tim Poon
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Recording Secretary

Sarah Kelly

Present

Observers

Jon Dunbar, News Editor, *The Gateway* David Zeibin, Production Editor, *The Gateway* Aleem Rajani, Access Fund Administrator

2000-23/1	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order by Harlow at 6:04 p.m.
	At this point, nominations were opened for the position of Speaker of this meeting. Poon was elected by consensus.
2000-23/2	<u>NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"</u> Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.
2000-23/3	<u>University of Alberta CHEER SONG</u> McGraw led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.
2000-23/4	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> Brindle/Harlow moved that the agenda for the 2000-23 meeting be approved.
	Late Additions 2000-23/9j – Bylaw 800: Honoraria and Salaries 2000-23/9k – Bylaw 390: Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund 2000-23/9l – OP: Student Group Financing 2000-23/10b – Transfer of Funds for a New Laptop 2000-23/10d – Student Activities Coordinator 2000-23/10e – Programming Committee 2000-23/10g – Student Life Board 2000-23/10g – Student Groups Committee 2000-23/10h – Nomination Form 2000-23/11a – Amended Agenda
	Item 2000-23/10c was struck from the Late Additions agenda.
2000-23/6	 Consensus <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Samuel/Wanke moved that the minutes of the 2000-22 meeting be approved. Wanke: Wanke was not asked specifically not to attend the CUP conference, and was barred from plenary aspects of the conference, not the conference in its entirety. The reference to CCBC/CA trying to replicate aspects of CUP should be struck. Her threat of non-payment was understood, but not taken seriously.

- **Wanke**: The wheelchair in Stadium Parkade is being looked into; the decision to remove it has not been made.
- **Samuel**: On page 11 of the Minutes, in item 2000-22/9j, "Student Caucus" should be replaced by "General Faculties' Council".
- Lazin: On page 7, during Question Period, the SU was confused with CCBC/CA.
- **Hoffman**: **Hoffman** was not absent for the meeting; she arrived after the attendance roll call.

Consensus

2000-23/7

<u>REPORTS</u>

a. Leslie Church, President

- **Church** was absent for the meeting.
- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Nomination Committees are wrapping up.
- Transition, both with incoming Vice-President Academic Amy Salyzyn and with **Church**, has been occupying a good deal of time.
- There have been some advances with the ONECard project; there was a demonstration for **Samuel** and senior managers, and the next step will be to give a demonstration to vendors.
- As part of his transition, **Samuel** has been sitting on the World Track & Field Games Steering Committee; this Committee continues to look for students who are interested in getting involved with the Games.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
- **Agard** was absent for the meeting.
- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Preparing the preliminary budget has been occupying a good deal of time; it should be available for Council by the May 1 Changeover meeting.
- The SU legal review is wrapping up; this meeting's legislation is the last of it. There will be some renumbering and renaming of some bylaws, and these changes will go through the Internal Review Board as editorial.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Quite a bit of time has been spent hiring for additional Orientation positions and Associate Directors.
- Committees are wrapping up.
- The creation of the new Handbook is underway, with two (2) excellent editors. Their idea is to create a mirror setup for the Handbook and the SU web page, in order to foster uniformity.
- Senior Manager of Finance and Administration Anita Kuper, **Harlow** and **Wanke** continue to work on *The Gateway* bylaws and summer publication.

- The CCSA will presently be replacing COCA.
- **Wanke** visited Queens University this past weekend, and is working with the General Manager on new ways of encouraging pride, spirit and tradition at the University of Alberta. Queens has set an excellent example in this regard, and it was an inspiration to replicate their enthusiasm here.
- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- At the last Board Finance and Property Meeting of **Cormier**'s term, energy efficiency measures were discussed due to increasing utility prices.
- Transition with incoming Board of Governors Representative Chris Burrows is ongoing.
- **Cormier** is preparing his Final Report.
- g. Arts Faculty Report
- An oral report was provided by **Speer**.
- The Arts Students' Association elections took place recently, and all Executive positions have been filled. There are some vacancies for councillors, due to **Odynski**'s appointment as Communications Director, and **Harlow**'s appointment as Speaker.
- The Department of Canadian Studies is going to be eliminated when current students have graduated. It was a regrettable financial necessity.
- On Wednesday, April 11, the ASA will be hosting a barbeque in the Arts quad in support of charity.
- h. President of Athletics Report
- An oral report was provided by **Macapagal**.
- Winter sports have ended: Golden Bears Basketball, Pandas Hockey and Pandas Volleyball did not make the playoffs; Pandas Basketball got silver; Golden Bears Hockey made the Nationals; Golden Bears Volleyball came in fifth; Golden Bears Track & Field came in first; at NAIA, Golden Bears Tennis won and Pandas Tennis attended; and Pandas Rugby got gold.
- There are five (5) new inductees to the Wall of Fame.
- Green & Gold Awards will be Thursday: 5:30 cocktails; 6:30 awards; 8:30 dinner and 10:30 dance.
- The Maury Van Vliet Memorial will be held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Gym.

2000-23/8 <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>

Van Aerde: What was the cost of renovating Chambers, and who paid for it? **Samuel**: The SU is not sure of the exact cost, but the expense was covered by the Secretariat and President's budgets, and the SU did not contribute.

Jorgensen: Regarding the Executive Committee Minutes of April 2, what are the thoughts on creating an annual report for the SU? **Samuel**: It has been discussed, and it is considered a very good idea. Monies were spent for an SU strategic review, and the plan struck calls for an Executive business plan. As such, councillors and students can know what the Executive Committee will be doing. The idea has received support, and **Church** will be working on it.

Lazin: Could someone tell Wanke to inform Council at a more appropriate point in the meeting that bound editions of *The Gateway* can be ordered? Odynski: That suggestion will be taken under advisement.

Jorgensen: When will Council be getting an update on the progress of Executive goals?

Samuel: If Council wishes, such an update can be made available at the Changeover meeting.

Jorgensen: Regarding the Executive Committee Minutes, what discussion was there regarding Council continuing to abstain from using electronic voting? Harlow: Following the idea that councillors should be open and accountable, there is the risk that electronic or secret voting could mitigate that openness. This will be addressed soon, but **Harlow** was convinced to table a decision on the issue until an entire review of the Standing Orders of Students' Council is undertaken. <u>LEGISLATION</u>

2000-23/9a BYLAW 2500 – GENERAL FACULITIES COUNCIL STUDENT CAUCUS BYLAW

2000-23/9

SAMUEL/HARLOW MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2500 - Respecting the General Faculties Council Student Caucus.

Debate ensued on this Second Reading.

Brindle: Student Caucus is an extension of General Faculties' Council, not *vice versa*. The Vice-President Academic should not have such jurisdiction.

Gall: Although Student Caucus has been governed a certain way in the past, it is not necessarily the most effective way. Governance should be subject to change and improvement. Attending Student Caucus makes representatives accountable.

Veale: There should be seventy-two (72) hours' notice for schedule changes, rather than thirty-six (36). Further, it is not appropriate that the commitment for GFC councillors has been doubled when the term's representatives have already been elected. If this motion is passed, it should not come into effect until May 2002.

There was an amendment to change the notice for schedule changes from thirtysix (36) to seventy-two (72) hours. (Friendly)

Jorgensen: Since the notice for schedule changes of all committees is thirty-six (36) hours, could this be changed as well?

Samuel: Such a change would require revisiting the bylaws for each of these committees, which the SU has already done this year as part of the ongoing legal review.

Hoffman: How important is the notice policy?

Samuel: The notice for Student Caucus has never been invoked, as there is always a Caucus meeting prior to each GFC meeting. There has never been an additional Caucus meeting.

Veale/Brindle moved that the motion be amended to be effective May 1, 2002, rather than immediately.

Harlow opposed the amendment. GFC councillors should not resent this added time commitment, because it is essential to the effectiveness of their seats on the Council.

Zwack opposed the amendment. Most councillors already attend Student Caucus, so the effect of these changes would be minimal.

Veale spoke in favor of the amendment. The councillors who did not help to write these changes should be considered.

Samuel: When GFC councillors are elected, there is an expectation to attend Student Caucus. The Academic Affairs Coordinator is expected to contact each new councillor to make him or her aware of Student Caucus meetings. Student Caucus makes these students better representatives, and these changes would only solidify an existent expectation.

Roesch: It is not the Students' Union's responsibility to ensure that representatives outside the SU are performing their tasks adequately. Enforcing attendance to Student Caucus is not an advisable idea.

Van Aerde/Hoffman moved to call the question. Vote on the call to question: Carried

Vote on the Amendment: 9/16/1 Failed

Vote on the main motion: 16/8/1 Failed

Harlow requested a roll call vote.

Samuel: For Harlow: For Wanke: For Speer: For **Darling**: For **Odynski**: For Zwack: For Hoffman: For Jorgensen: Opposed Roesch: Opposed Coles: For Klaassen: For Brindle: Opposed **Poon the Younger**: Opposed Weppler (proxy): Opposed **Partridge** (proxy): For Veale: Opposed

	Moore: For Read: Opposed Cabaj: Opposed Ganes: Opposed Gall: For Van Aerde: For Taher (proxy): For McGraw: Opposed Adhihetty: For Macapagal: For
	Roll Call Vote: 17/10/0 Failed
	Harlow/Samuel moved to Reconsider and Enter on the Minutes: that the motion be tabled and voted upon again at the Changeover meeting.
	Brindle: It is unfair to 'hijack' the decision of Council.
	Samuel : It is the belief of Harlow and Samuel that Council wishes to see this motion passed, but due to high absence, many councillors were not present to express their opinions.
	Point of Order (Brindle) : The Executive Committee is trying to overturn the decision reached by Council.
	The Motion to Reconsider and Enter on the Minutes was read out by the Secretary.
2000-23/9b ARTICLE VIII- FINANCE	The Motion to Reconsider and Enter on the Minutes was granted by the Speaker. CHURCH/HARLOW MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Access Fund Board, approve the changes to Article VIII of the Constitution regarding Finance.
	Harlow introduced the motion. The Access Fund is experiencing a surplus, and the proposed change is to reduce the fee levied to students per term.
	The aim is that the Access Fund will dispense five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars per year in coming years. As eight hundred thousand (\$800,000) dollars would be collected per year, the difference would go to the Access Fund Endowment, as part of the ongoing goal that the Access Fund eventually become self-sustaining. The proposed changes would extend the time between now and when the Access Fund would be self-sustaining by five (5) years.
	At this point, asking students to pay towards the endowment at the current fee level is unfair. The SU wants to maintain its mandate that if it does not need students' money, that money will not be levied.
	Access Fund Administrator Aleem Rajani attended the meeting to answer questions.

Poon the Younger: Has more effective advertising of the Access Fund been considered? Not enough students know either what the Access Fund it, or that they can opt out of paying the fee.

Harlow: The Access Fund does need better advertising, including classroom speaking, which is a priority for next year. However, even with that change, there will be a considerable surplus in the Access Fund, and many more bursaries would have to be distributed to negate that surplus. The fee reduction will not deprive any students.

Jorgensen: Was the endowment part of the original intention of the Access Fund? Harlow: Yes, it was, and the proposed changes do not eliminate the resources to continue contributing to this endowment.

Jorgensen: Would Council's best interests not be served by making the Access Fund self-sustaining as quickly as possible?

Harlow: Questions like that are the reason that this is Council's decision to make.

Rajani (sponsored): The initial idea was that the endowment would be funded by ten per cent (10%) of monies collected from students. Currently, more than this is being contributed to the endowment, which is unnecessary and impractical, and will eventually inspire criticism of the methods and activities of the Access Fund.

Speer: Approximately half of all funds levied are currently being contributed to the endowment, rather than being distributed in the form of bursaries. This should be changed.

Gall/Speer moved to call the question. Vote to call the question: 14/9/2 **Failed**

Moore: Could the criteria for bursary eligibility be changed so that fewer students are rejected, making the Access Fund more accessible to students? Harlow: The spirit of the Access Fund is that it is for last-resort situations, for students who cannot access student loans and other funding. Within the six years since the referendum passed, this last-resort policy could not be altered. Moore: In that case, the motion should be defeated until it can be established whether or not the criteria should be changed.

Harlow: Even if it were changed, there would be a considerable surplus.

Wanke: The Access Fund was created because there was a considerable lack of funding for students in need at the time. If the referendum had not passed, the SU was likely prepared to create such a fund from their own coffers. The intention of this change is positive; the SU is taking too much money from students, and they deserve to get it back. If, for any reason, it is decided that the lowered fee is insufficient, it can be revisited to be raised again.

Jorgensen: Is the endowment fund based on providing the amount of money that is currently collected?

Harlow: The assumption is that the Access Fund would collect approximately eight hundred thousand (\$800,000) dollars, and it hopes to disburse five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars. With the change, the endowment would be more efficient.

Poon the Younger spoke in favor of the motion. The monies are not currently being ascribed according to referendum criteria, and it is the advertising that needs improvement. Is it possible for Council to see the Access Fund's advertising plan? **Harlow**: Yes.

Rajani: The Access Fund is currently creating a new marketing plan, which will be made available to Council.

Veale spoke against the motion. The Access Fund should become self-sustaining as quickly as possible.

Harlow: The Access Fund is currently collecting more than double than what is being distributed in bursaries. The necessity of the fee being more than what is proposed is optimistic.

Wanke: There is some difficulty justifying the amount of money the Access Fund is receiving from students, and the SU should not be taxing them unnecessarily.

Samuel (councillor): The Access Fund Administrators are more knowledgeable about this issue than Council is, and we should abide by their judgment.

Weppler: Students who cannot afford to pay the fee can opt out. The students of future years should be considered.

Zwack spoke in favor of the motion. The government has contributed a significant amount of money to students since this referendum passed. The original intent of the Access Fund is now outdated, and it should serve its purpose in the most efficient way possible. It will still serve students more effectively than in previous years.

Zwack/Darling moved to call the question. Vote to call the question: **Carried**

20/6/0 **Carried**

2000-23/9c

PP-PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, renew the political policy Respecting Parental Contribution under the Alberta Students Loan Program as amended.

Carried

2000-23/9d

BYLAW 7600 STUDENTS' UNION INFORMATION REGISTRIES HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 7600 Respecting Students' Union Information Registries.

Harlow introduced the motion. This is the one of the last motions arising from the Students' Union's legal review. The changes include removing the Directors and Associate Directors from the Service bylaws and into Nominating Committees. This is in the spirit of conforming law to practice. It is well-taken that job descriptions do not truly belong in the bylaws.

Carried

2000-23/9e BYLAW 7800 STUDENT	HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 7800 Respecting Students' Union Student Financial Aid and Information Centre
FINANCIAL AID AND INFORMATION	Carried
2000-23/9f BYLAW 8100 DIRECTOR OF STUDENT GROUPS	HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 8100 Respecting the Director of Student Groups of the Students' Union
2000-23/9g BYLAW 8300 STUDENT HELP	Carried HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 8300 Respecting Student Help Carried
2000-23/9h BYLAW 8700 STUDENT OMBUDSERVICE	HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 8700 Respecting the Student OmbudService of the Students' Union.
	Carried
2000-23/9i BYLAW 8900 STUDENTS' UNION	HARLOW/CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 8900 Respecting the Students' Union Safewalk Service
SAFEWALK	Carried
2000-23/9j BYLAW 800 – HONORARIA & SALARIES PAID BY THE STUDENTS?	HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 800 Respecting the Honoraria and Salaries Paid by the Students' Union to Term and Elected Employees.
THE STUDENTS' UNION TO TERM	20/1/5 Carried
AND ELECTED EMPLOYEES 2000-23/9k BYLAW 390 – CAMPUS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT	HARLOW / WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 390, Respecting the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund.
FUND	Harlow introduced the motion. There are two (2) principal changes in this motion. First, it is proposed that Section 6 'terms of reference' be removed. Terms of reference have not existed between the department and the Students' Union for some time, and there are no joint terms of reference. The SU wants to protect its sovereignty, and terms of reference could be construed as imposing a secondary level of jurisdiction.

The second change is in Section 7, regarding the allocation of funds. CREFC cannot allocate funds more than one year in advance, and the SU does not want the University to be able to use the fund as a supplement to its own budget.

There was an amendment to the motion to include the term "monetary awards" in Section 7d. (Friendly)

The Chair of CREFC is also the Chair of the Recreation Action Committee, and carries out a number of duties on behalf of Campus Recreation. The purpose of CREF should not be to reimburse the Chair of the Recreation Action Committee. A third of CREF monies have gone to the Lifestyle Centre, which indicates that the fund is becoming a layer of the University's budget.

Carried

2000-23/91 OPERATING POLICY – STUDENT GROUP FINANCING	HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, approve the proposed changes to the Operating Policy respecting Student Group Funding as amended.
	Harlow, with Council's consent, withdrew this motion.
	No vote was taken on this motion.
2000-23/9m POLITICAL POLICY – STUDENT PARTICIPATION	HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, renew the Political Policy respecting Student Participation as amended.
	Harlow introduced the motion. This policy is straightforward, and should be renewed as it remains very relevant.
	Veale : Does this policy include Students' Council? If so, voter turnout at the last Students' Union general election was low, and the feasibility of taking action should be considered. Samuel : This policy covers University assemblies only. Students' Council is distinct, as set out in the Universities Act.
	Carried
2000-23/10	NEW BUSINESS
2000-23/10a CASA NATIONAL DIRECTOR	HARLOW/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon recommendation of the External Affairs Board, ratify Liam Arbuckle as the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Association for the 2001/2002 academic year.
	Carried
2000-23/10b TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR A NEW LAPTOP	HARLOW / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a transfer of \$3,700.00 from the contingency reserve for the purchase of a new laptop computer.

Harlow introduced the motion. The General Manager's laptop computer has burned out. Its component parts can be replaced, to an extent, but a new one is necessary. When the repairs to the old computer have been made, the additional one will be very useful for Students' Union staff.

Jorgensen: What kind of laptop computer is this? **Harlow**: A G4 PowerBook.

Samuel (councillor): Why is a laptop necessary, rather than a desktop computer?

Harlow: The General Manager is very involved in external affairs, and attends many conferences on the SU's behalf. He is also responsible for the SU's affiliation with Campus Advantage, and PowerPoint presentations to various companies.

Jorgensen: If these are the only uses of the computer, why is the Executive Committee requesting such an expensive model?

Harlow: This is the recommendation of the computer staff, which the Executive trusts.

Coles/Wanke moved to OMNIBUS items 2000-23/10d through 2000-23/10g inclusive. **Carried**

2000-23/10d STUDENT ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR 2000-23/10e PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE 2000-23/10f STUDENT LIFE BOARD

2000-23/10g STUDENT GROUPS COMMITTEE **WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of ALEXIS PEPIN as Student Activities Coordinator for the 2001/02 term.

WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of MARINO COCO, JAMES DERRY, and LEAH GANES to the Programming Committee. WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of SUCHAET BHARDWAJ, MARIEL DAGOT, and JAMES LAI to the Student Life Board.

WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the appointment of JAMES DERRY to the Student Groups Committee.

Vote on OMNIBUS motion on items 2000-23/10d through 2000-23/10g inclusive: **Carried**

2000-23/12

2000-23/13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bound editions of *The Gateway* are \$25.00, and one's name can be embossed on it. See **Wanke** for more information.
- Thanks were extended to everyone who came to the Volunteer Appreciation Party.
- The Business Students' Association will be hosting Beer Gardens again on the last day of classes, Wednesday, April 11.
- Stephane Dion, President of the Queen's Privy Council in Canada, will be appearing at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on Thursday, April 12.
- Congratulations to Tim Poon for doing an excellent job as Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

Brindle/Harlow moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.