

University of Alberta Students' Union

**STUDENTS'
COUNCIL**

**Tuesday August 7, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

M I N U T E S (SC 2001-07)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent	Proxy Name
President	Christopher Samuel	Present	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc			
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Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	

Arts	Joshua Fraese	Absent	
Arts	Kara Deringer	Proxy	Peter Haggard
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Absent	
Business	John Watkins	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Absent	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Absent	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Proxi	Neil Carey
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Weppler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Proxy	Margaret Laffin
Engineering	Mark Jess	Proxy	Kristie Papsdorf
Law	Brian Loewen	Absent	
Residence Halls Association	Don Welsh	Absent	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Proxy	Salima Pashid

Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Proxy	Ryan Endersby
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Proxy	Earvin Ledi
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Proxy	Leah Ganes
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Absent	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Proxy	Kimberly Dary
Science	Constantino Renzi	Present	
Science	Chris Samuel	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Proxy	Candace Rypien
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Absent	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Absent	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Absent	
Gateway/ Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	

Recreation Action Committee			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

2001-07/1**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2001-07/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada!"**

Samuel led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

2001-07/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

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

2001-07/4**ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

Harlow informed Council that councilors **Kara Deringer, Krista Blankley, and Brian Loewen** have been dismissed from Students' Council due to delinquent attendance.

At this point, Peter Haggard, proxy for Kara Deringer, presented an appeal to Council on **Deringer's** behalf.

Haggard explained that it was **Deringer's** understanding that any councilor removed from Students' Council has the right of appeal, and that Council will vote on the merits of that appeal, choosing either reinstating the councilor or not. He went on to read from a letter composed by **Deringer**.

Deringer's appeal was based primarily on her contention that no date information regarding Students' Council meetings was given to the successful candidates in faculty association elections. As a result, she believed that meetings of Students' Council began in September. Currently, **Deringer** is in Quebec finishing a summer language bursary program, and will return to Edmonton in one week's time.

In conclusion, **Deringer** asserted that her absence was due to misinformation, and that she still wishes to be a valuable member of Students' Council. She asked to be reinstated, and gave herself up to Council's discretion.

Melnyk/Darling moved that Students' Council reinstate Kara Deringer as a councilor for the Faculty of Arts.

At this point, Council began deliberating on whether or not to reinstate **Deringer**.

Wanke: What is the procedure for contacting councilors regarding the dates of meetings?

Harlow: There is no formal procedure at this point.

Weppler: In previous years, all Council members got reminders several days prior to each meeting.

Kelly: There have been staff changes to the position of Administrative Assistant (Executive). The reminders were practiced by Slavinka Osmanagic, and were not necessarily part of the formal job description.

It was agreed that the Administrative Assistant (Executive) should resume the practice of sending reminders of Council meetings.

Zwack: Why didn't the Arts Students' Association notify **Deringer** that her attendance was delinquent?

Melnyk: The Arts Students' Association was not aware that **Deringer** did not have a schedule of meetings.

The vote on whether or not to reinstate **Deringer** required a two-thirds majority to pass.

22/3/4 Carried

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Melnyk/Hillier moved that the agenda of the SC2001-07 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

SC2001-07/12h – Ratification

Zwack: The ratification of Thomas Lim has been a long-standing issue, and the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee is meeting this coming Thursday.

Coles noted that the Business and Education faculty reports had been skipped over on the agenda. Therefore, the agenda was amended (friendly), substituting in the Business and Education faculty reports.

Consensus

2001-07/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mendoza/Renzi moved that the minutes of the SC2001-06 meeting be approved.

Salyzyn: On page 8, in the statement *The conclusion was that it is very important to circulate information on post-secondary education...* the word *conclusion* should be struck, and the word *suggestion* substituted in.

Wanke: The Students' Union did get a response regarding participating in Churchill Square during the World Track & Field Games, but this response was from the University.

Harlow: Welsh and Samuel (councilor) were present at the meeting.

Consensus

2001-07/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- **Samuel** reported that he was pleased to be back in Edmonton, as he first traveled to Vancouver for the Students' Union Development Symposium (SUDS), and then to Victoria for the Annual Premier's Conference.
- SUDS was an excellent conference, and was useful in that it allowed many Canadian student unions to meet, confer, and discuss lobbying strategies.
- **Samuel** has been meeting with many people regarding strategy for the upcoming tuition debate. The debate has been moved up, and the final decision regarding tuition for the upcoming year will be made in November.
- Kirsten Odynski, Director of Communications, has been working on marketing Executives to students, and is generating ideas for campaigns to that end.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- There have been some very positive open talks with the ONECard Office recently, regarding options for the ONECard in SUB.
- The Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta has approached the Students' Union about participating in their new professor orientation program.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- SUDS was excellent. **Zwack** prepared a conference report, which was available at the meeting.
- **Zwack** has recently met with Members of Parliament Libby Davies, who gave a presentation on lobbying, and Peter Goldring. With whom he discussed student issues.

- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
 - A written report was provided with the agenda package.
 - **Speer** thanked **Hillier** for sitting on the Financial Affairs Coordinator selection committee.
 - The Access Fund granting committee will be meeting this coming Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in room 2-911 SUB.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The position of Athletics Campus Events Coordinator is currently being dealt with.
 - The musical act for the Week of Welcome has been confirmed.
 - A conference report was available at the meeting.
 - **Baxter** was the winner of the previous meeting's Shakespeare quiz.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors
 - **Burrows** apologized for his absence, due to illness, from the previous meeting.
 - **Burrows** attended the Tuition Philosophers' Café on July 30, and plans to attend the subsequent gathering on August 16.
 - **Burrows** explained that there has been no recent Board activity.
- g. Executive Committee, Minutes.

The Executive Committee minutes, included in the agenda package, were adopted by consensus.
- h. Business Report.
 - An oral report was provided by **Watkins**.
 - **Watkins** thanked Queenie Lung for her excellent proxy work.
 - There isn't very much current activity for Business, but the Business Students' Association is preparing for a September orientation, and mini-golf will be happening on the 2nd floor of the Business Building.
 - The School of Business daytimer is ready.

- i. Education Report.
 - An oral report was provided by **Mendoza**.
 - The Education Students' Association is making plans for Week of Welcome.
 - There will be a student local held September 21-22.

2001-07/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Kotovych: What is the status of the Universal Bus Pass?

Zwack: Community Relations Coordinator Adam Cook is working with the Edmonton Transit System in analyzing the current proposal. Finalizing is happening on ETS's end, and after that a student survey will be conducted, hopefully at the beginning of September.

Sharma: Are there, or can there be written minutes for the Tuition Philosophers' Café gatherings?

Samuel: While it's positive that people are interested in what goes on during these gatherings, it would be contrary to the spirit of the initiative to have minutes taken. These are brainstorming sessions, and anyone who is curious about what happens in them should attend.

Kawanami: What kind of promotion has there been for the Students' Union Fun Championships in Athletics?

Wanke: There are posters throughout campus, and handbills have been distributed at local playgrounds and at the Kinsmen centre.

Wanke: When is the indoor golfing in the Business Building?

Watkins: The Business Students' Association is looking at October, but there are no specific dates yet.

Sharma: What does the Executive Committee plan to do regarding the negative student opinion of the new VIDS project as recently expressed in *The Gateway*?

Wanke: *The Gateway* should not be taken as the student body's reaction generally. Part of the responsibility for garnering student reaction is with the councilor, being active in his or her constituency. The VIDS project will continue as scheduled.

Sharma: Will there be a continuing consultation process with students?

Wanke: The formal consultation process is finished, but there will be surveys, conducted through *The Gateway* and other means.

Renzi: What is a 'student local'?

Coles: The Education Students' Association is governed both by the Students' Union and by the Alberta Teaching Association, and each year they gather to meet and discuss student issues.

2001-07/10

LEGISLATION

2001-07/10a

ZWACK/WANKE MOVED THAT (SECOND READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve Bylaw 5600-Student Groups as amended. Please see document SC 01-07.04.

27/1/4 Carried

2001-07/12

NEW BUSINESS

2001-07/12a

WANKE/ZWACK MOVED THAT the Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed \$5000.00 to purchase a membership in CUP for the 2001/2002 year, pending a signed Memorandum of Understanding that resolves outstanding issues between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Canadian University Press (CUP). Please see document SC 01-07.05.

Wanke introduced the motion.

Wanke met with Canadian University Press (CUP) President Don Iveson to assemble a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Students' Union's access to information, in order to properly register the Students' Union as a member of CUP. There were some misunderstandings last year at the CUP conference that both parties hope to avoid this year. The Executive Committee has approved the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding, and currently, CUP is drafting its own revisions. The Executive Committee also wants a lawyer to examine the document to ensure that it acts in the SU's best interests.

CUP is a unique body, and its services to student newspapers cannot be replicated. *The Gateway* has profited from membership in the past, and asks that its membership be renewed.

At this point, the floor was open to questions and comment from Council.

Kotovych: What is CUP?

Wanke: The Canadian University Press (CUP) is a national organization for student newspapers, providing a wire service, access to legal counsel, and professional training and consultation from journalism professionals. Most student newspapers in Canada are members.

Alexander: *The Gateway* has prepared an information package on CUP, which should be available in the coming week. It outlines the functions and benefits of CUP, as well as the jobs it provides for students. If Council has questions, members should either write to *The Gateway*, or visit the editors at 0-10 SUB.

Watkins: Is the \$5,000.00 stipulated in the motion for the membership itself, or for legal fees?

Wanke: It is for the membership.

Kawanami: If the motion is pending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, should Council not be able to see the document before making its decision?

Wanke: The Memorandum of Understanding is still a working document at the moment, and the Executive asks that it be trusted to make a fair decision, to the benefit of Council, *The Gateway*, and students.

Sharma: Why are we not allowed access to this information?

Wanke: This issue was brought to extremes last year, and our SU is already late registering for membership. The Executive assures Council that this is a good direction for *The Gateway*.

Salyzyn: The main issue, and the one that should be discussed, is the membership itself, rather than the Memorandum of Understanding.

Alexander: *The Gateway* had hoped to make the information on CUP readily available by now, and perhaps it would be better to postpone this motion until Council can be properly informed.

Kotovych/Sharma moved that Students' Council table item SC2001-07/12a until the next meeting.

At this point, discussion ensued on the motion to table only.

Brechtl: What is the membership deadline?

Wanke: There is no absolute deadline, but the benefits that can be reaped from membership become fewer and fewer as the year goes on.

Samuel (councilor): When will the information package be available?

Alexander: It will be ready within the week.

Rypien: Is there any specific reason that the motion should not be postponed?

Wanke: Simply that it postpones the membership itself, and the year is running out.

Salyzyn: There is no reason to postpone. Is there any reason that the Editor-in-Chief should not speak to Council at this meeting, answering any questions regarding CUP?

Sharma: Information is not currently being provided from anywhere, and this year's Council should not base its decisions on the conclusions of last year's Council.

Watkins: Why can Council not have its questions answered at this meeting?

Wanke: What information is necessary?

Sharma: The details of the Memorandum of Understanding, as well as the contentious issues from previous years, should be explained in full.

Kawanami: When is the next issue of *The Gateway* coming out? In other words, will postponing the motion affect the newspaper either way?

Alexander: Staff at *The Gateway* spent a significant amount of time putting together the information package on CUP, and Students' Council should see it while it's relevant. It would be a good idea to postpone.

Kotovych: This is a large expenditure, and Council should expect some written information concerning where the money is going.

Wanke stated that she would respect the wishes of *The Gateway* regarding the motion.

Vote on motion to postpone: 22/5/6 **Carried**

2001-07/12b

WANKE/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint one (1) councilor to sit on the Gateway Salary Review Committee.

Wanke introduced the motion. The Executive Committee has been solicited to revisit the decisions of the Personnel Review Committee regarding *The Gateway* made in the 1999-2000 term. Due to the actions of the editorial staff that term, who did not articulate themselves properly on the issue of salary, the Executive realizes that the issue should be reopened.

Congratulations to **Kotovych**.

At this point, **Zwack** asked if an omnibus motion for the CASA items would be appropriate. **Harlow** replied that because it was CASA legislation, each item should be considered individually.

Zwack challenged the Chair.

Vote to uphold the ruling of the Chair: 8/22/2 **Failed**

Zwack/Weppler moved that items SC2001-07/12c through SC2001-07/12f be omnibused.

Carried

2001-07/12c

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to the CASA Constitution as amended. Please see document SC 01-07.06.

2001-07/12d

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to the CASA Bylaw 1 as amended. Please see document SC 01-07.07.

2001-07/12e

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to the CASA Bylaw 2 as amended. Please see document SC 01-07.08.

2001-07/12f

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to the CASA Bylaw 3 as amended. Please see document SC 01-07.09.

Zwack introduced the motion, and outlined the proposed changes to the CASA constitution and bylaws, as made available in the agenda package.

Vote on items SC2001-07/12c through SC2001-07/12f inclusive:

Carried

2001-07/12g

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the hiring of Kyle Williams as the Financial Affairs Coordinator.

30/1/3 **Carried**

2001-07/12h**EUGENE L. BRODY
FUNDING
COMMITTEE**

SAMUEL / ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Thomas Lim as a Student at Large member of the 2001-2002 Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee.

Zwack: Thomas Lim was originally rejected from this committee due to a misunderstanding.

Brechtel stated that he wished to withdraw his comments from that discussion, as he now realizes that they were in error.

Harlow apologized for any misrepresentation or error on behalf of Council, which intended no malice.

Carried**2001-07/14****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council photos will be taken August 21, 2001 at 5:25 p.m. at the Arts Building.
- The September 4, 2001 meeting of Council has been cancelled.
- **Kotovych** has a ticket for tomorrow's Trappers game, if anyone wants it.
- **Wanke** urged Council members to attend the SU Fun Championships in Athletics, held this coming Friday and Saturday in the field between HUB Mall and Rutherford South, next to the LRT station.
- **Wanke** invited any interested Council member out to see *The Score*.
- **Melnyk:** Happy Birthday dear **Hillier**.

2001-07/15**ADJOURNMENT**

Weppeler/Mendoza moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.