

**Tuesday September 18, 2001-6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

MINUTES (SC 2001-09)

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	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc			
Arts	Anand Sharma	Proxy	Vivek Sharma
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Present	
Arts	Kara Deringer	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Meena Rajulu
Business	John Watkins	Present	

Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	<i>Vacant</i>		
Residence Halls Association	Don Welsh	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Present	
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	

Science	Rupesh Kumar	Present	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Chris Samuel	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
President Athletics	<i>Vacant</i>		
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	
Recreation Action Committee			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

Observers

Kirsten Odynski, Student Communications Coordinator

Thea Varvis, Academic Affairs Coordinator

Adam Cook, Community Relations Coordinator

Alexis Pepin, Student Activities Coordinator

Kyle Williams, Financial Affairs Coordinator

2001-09/1**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Samuel requested that Students' Council observe a minute of silence for the victims and families of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in the United States.

2001-09/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada!"**

Samuel led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

2001-09/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

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

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ROLL CALL

Salyzyn/Wanke moved that Students' Council appoint Shawn Harriman.

38/0/1 Carried

Welcome to Shawn Harriman, a new representative for the faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics.

It is required that the Speaker receive written evidence of the Executive's eligibility to sit on Students' Council – that is, that each Executive member is registered in at least three credits per term. Thus far, **Harlow** has received confirmation from **Wanke**, **Salyzyn**, and **Zwack**. **Samuel** and **Speer** assured Council that their confirmation would be coming forthwith.

At this point, the Secretary conducted a roll call.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Melnyk/Sharun moved that the agenda of the SC2001-09 meeting be approved.

Late Addition

SC2001-09/12d - ACEC Coordinator

Consensus

2001-09/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Wepler/Samuel (councilor) moved that the minutes of the SC2001-08 meeting be approved.

Wepler: The Natural Resource Engineering Facility is being built.

Speer: 40%, not 50%, of FACRA funding is from the SU.

Speer: The Klein Tories have been in power since 1993.

Speer: It is "Cityfone," not "Citiphone."

Wanke: Messieurs Bakay and Boutets were perceived as sanctioned delegates at the CUP conference, which they were not.

Consensus

2001-09/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- **Samuel** welcomed students back to campus for another school year.
- Congratulations to **Wanke** and her volunteers for the success of Orientation and WOW.
- The Executive Goals, revised as part of the SU's strategic plan, have been publicized into a handsome document, which will be made available for distribution.
- The University has identified SUB expansion as a high priority. The schedule is going as planned.
- The organizational review is also going well.
- The SU capitalized on the presence of the federal Liberals during their caucus in Edmonton recently, principally by meeting with Ministers and MPs.
- The University may soon be seeing an increase in base operating funds, which will hopefully affect the outcome of the tuition debate.
- Regarding the September 11 terrorist attacks, Canadians and students must remember that they are not immune from the effects of such a tragedy. The rage felt by Americans is beginning to infiltrate campus, and it is important that SU representatives promote a message of understanding and of tolerance. The diversity of Canada is a strength, and students must ensure that what they know as Canada is protected and maintained.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The SU survey, to be performed in early October, will be a comprehensive survey of undergraduates, hopefully accessing 3000 students, primarily in classrooms. Questions will cover student life, the quality of political representation, and personal information, such as income and marital status. Volunteers will be needed from Council. Anyone interested should contact Dan Costigan.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External – Written Report.

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- **Zwack** thanked everyone who participated at the federal Liberal caucus.
- CAUS met with Learning Minister Lyle Oberg, and identified its principal issues for the year, which are: tuition, needs assessment, parental contribution, and interest rates, in that order. CAUS is hoping for a maximum increase of 2%.
- The SU's work on the upcoming civic election has begun.

d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- Christian Idicula will likely be hired as the Campus Advantage national program coordinator.
- SUB expansion town hall meetings will be held this Wednesday and Thursday.
- An agreement has been reached with the CUPE Local negotiating board. This has been an ongoing process since **Harlow's** term, and everyone is very pleased to see it finished.
- Next week's FACRA meeting is cancelled.

e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Comprehensive reports for WOW and Orientation will be available soon.
- **Wanke** thanked Council for participating in WOW, and for wearing the SU keychains.
- Due to the coverage provided in SUB of September 11's terrorist attacks on the US, VIDS has been confirmed as a crucial service of the SU.
- A volunteer party will be held for WOW and Orientation volunteers at the Power Plant. Volunteers should contact SU reception desk for tickets.
- Power Plant programming is starting, including move nights in Dewey's and 'recovery brunches' on Saturday mornings and afternoons.
- The ACEC will be selected this Friday.
- Due to the relatively small stipend provided to visiting WUSC students, **Wanke** contacted the Bookstore about making textbooks more accessible. As a result, the Bookstore is providing 50% of the cost of their textbooks, and publishers are provided the remaining 50%.
- The COCA regional conference is coming up.
- Planning for Antifreeze is beginning.

f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors

Representative

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Little business was brought to the BoG meeting last Friday: it was mostly strategic and budget planning principles.

At this point, the quarterly reports of the SU Coordinators were tabled for Council's edification.

g. Residence Halls Association Report.

- An oral report was provided by **Welsh**.
- Operations have recently begun.
- The RHA's new office is in Garneau.
- A residents' Council meeting is upcoming, during which association representatives will be selected.

- h. Medicine/Dentistry Report.
 - An oral report was provided by **Chaudhary**.
 - This week, an interdisciplinary banquet, "Health is Wealth," will be taking place.
 - Run for the Cure will be taking place on September 30. Previously, it has raised over \$15,000.
 - The Monster Mash for Halloween is upcoming.
 - **Cheng** added that Dentistry offers discount services.
- i. Executive Committee Minutes.

The Executive Committee Minutes were adopted as tabled.

2001-09/9**QUESTION PERIOD**

Clyburn: Why are old editions of *The Gateway* thrown into the garbage rather than recycled?

Alexander: The Circulation Manager is instructed to recycle them.

Alexander thanked **Clyburn** for bringing this matter to his attention.

Kawanami: Is there an update on the universal bus pass issue?

Cook: The SU is still working with the Edmonton Transit System on this issue. A charter document is currently being negotiated, which will bring the question to a vote.

Nychka: Why didn't the LRT stop between Churchill and University stations during the WOW dance?

Wanke: That was a Park'N'Ride, which is an agreement between the SU and the LRT.

Brechtel: Will faculty associations be able to add questions to the SU survey?

Salyzyn: The question list is close to being finalized, and the content of them will be at the strategic level. As such, the questionnaire must be both short and non-specific, and faculty association questions would not be appropriate.

Hillier: What is the status of the Canadian University Press Memorandum of Understanding?

Wanke: The Memorandum is still in progress; the issue hasn't been touched recently, due to WOW and Orientation. More information will be available soon.

Sharun: When will the results of the SU survey be completed, and when will they be available to the public?

Salyzyn: All students will be able to view the results of the survey. The hope is that the analysis will be sophisticated, so there is currently no projected date, but it will certainly be ready in the first term.

Adhietty: Is it permissible for students to be solicited in study halls?

Wanke: Both SU space and University space have regulations prohibiting external solicitation, but such regulations are difficult to police. If there is a problem, those in charge of the study hall or Campus Security should be notified. If there is solicitation from external bars, however, please contact **Wanke** directly.

Agur: How will the upcoming grade conversion work? Is there information to be had on this?

Salyzyn: The conversion will take place in September 2003. Hopefully there will be a web site with information on the process.

Webb: Will the grade conversion affect all students, or just new students?

Salyzyn: The change will be total, affecting both new and returning students. However, the conversion will not be retroactive, so returning students will have two grade types on their transcripts.

Speer: The Law faculty web site has a grade conversion guide.

Salyzyn: However, not all grade transitions are alike. The conversion guide will be helpful, but it may not be absolutely accurate.

Coles: Is there any information about individual faculty reaction to the prospect of the grade conversion?

Salyzyn: This is an enormous change, and all faculties are being consulted as much as possible. It will go forward regardless, but an attempt is being made to accommodate everyone.

Zwack: The mandate is coming from the provincial government, not from the University itself. This conversion is taking place throughout Alberta.

Coles: Does this mean that the University of Calgary 4-point system will not be the same as the University of Alberta's?

Zwack: Ultimately, the goal is that this will be a provincially common system.

Darling: Will the SU be doing anything regarding the upcoming civic election?

Zwack: There will be a mayoral debate in the Myer Horowitz Theatre, and campaigns are being constructed to promote awareness of the election. Students can have an enormous impact on the outcome of the election.

Kotovych: Will all mayoral candidates be involved in the forum?

Zwack: That hasn't been decided at this point. The External Affairs Board is currently figuring out which candidates should be invited.

McGraw: Will there be polling stations on campus?

Zwack: Hopefully, but there is no guarantee of this.

Kawanami: Why was there no Cash Only line at the Bookstore this year?

Salyzyn: The Bookstore Manager thought it would be a better service to provide more full-function tills. However, if this is a concern, it can be raised at the next meeting. **Salyzyn** invited Council to e-mail her with comments or concerns.

Alexander: Is there any update on consumption quotas for the Coke agreement?

Speer: There is a quota, and the University of Alberta is meeting it.

Alexander: Is there a precise figure?

Speer: No.

Alexander: Can a precise figure be provided?

Speer: More information will be sought.

Jess: What is happening with the APIRG?

Samuel: Negotiations are continuing, and a bylaw governing how funds will be transferred and managed is being constructed. There is no current constitution/bylaw provision for how to govern the material of referenda after it's been passed, and this will be coming to Council soon.

Sharun: What is happening with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity?

Wanke: In negotiations with Dean of Students Bill Connor and Jason Ding, Student Groups Director, DKE has been reinstated provisionally as a student group and a fraternity acknowledged by the University. More information is coming soon.

Sharun: What are the terms of their reinstatement? Will there be an official announcement?

Wanke: There will not be any particular announcement. DKE has had disciplinary problems in the past, both with the University and the SU. The DKE house is private property, but the fraternity is required to follow Student Group regulations like everyone else.

Jones: When is the alcohol awareness training seminar?

Wanke: Alcohol regulations at events at venues other than the Power Plant or RATT are becoming stricter. Student Groups must send at least two delegates to this seminar if they wish to hold any such events this year. This is taking place this coming weekend, both on Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Weppler: Are people who attended the seminar the previous year required to attend?

Wanke: Seminar training is valid for two years running, but people who attended must be executive members of their student group for it to remain valid. A refresher course is also necessary.

2001-09/10

LEGISLATION

2001-09/10a

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 100 Students' Council (SECOND Reading).

Samuel introduced the motion, stating that the changes were for housekeeping purposes.

Jones: 'Councilor' is misspelled throughout the bylaw. This change is editorial.

Jones: In sections 11b and 11c, *next Council meeting* should be changed to *next regularly scheduled Council meeting*.

Wanke: Extenuating circumstances can be dealt with on an individual basis.

Jones/Jess moved that Section 11e be struck from the bylaw.

Jones: This section is anti-democratic, as those who were duly elected to Council should be allowed to remain on Council.

Taher: When one is elected, one must also adhere to the obligation that comes with being elected. Furthermore, mechanisms are in place for councilors to be reinstated, but at all times, students should be ably represented. Positions that are chronically vacant due to delinquent attendance should have the opportunity to be filled by more enthusiastic and disciplined representatives.

McGraw: Students' Council would not expel representatives for ill-advised or self-serving reasons. Expulsions thus far have been appropriate.

Burrows: Delinquent representatives should be readmitted to Council only if Council allows it.

Wanke: Council is a democratic body, and it is hurt when people are chronically absent. Council is lenient when reinstating representatives, but this provision is necessary.

Samuel/Jess moved to call the question.

41/2/1 **Carried**

Vote on the Amendment: 10/31/2 **Failed**

Jones suggested that Section 11d could be made clearer with the wording *A reinstated member of Council who misses a subsequent meeting is subject to removal from Council.* (Friendly)

Tobias/Jess moved to call the question.

38/1/0 **Carried**

40/2/1 **Carried**

2001-09/10b

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 200 Changeover of Students' Council (SECOND Reading).

44/0/0 **Carried**

2001-09/11

OLD BUSINESS

2001-09/12

NEW BUSINESS

2001-09/12a

WANKE/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint two members of Students' Council to sit on the Advisory Search Committee for Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Congratulations to **Speer** and **Renzi**.

2001-09/12b

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint one councilor to sit on the D.I.E. Selection Committee. This committee will meet on Wednesday October 3, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to **Watkins**.

2001-09/12c

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$3900.00 to send VP External and one other member of the Executive Committee to the CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa from October 13-21, 2001.

Zwack introduced the motion. This is CASA's annual Lobby Conference. Bylaws state that this conference must be held before October 31 of each year.

Clyburn: Who will be attending?

Zwack: **Zwack** and **Salyzyn**.

Samuel: Ordinarily the President and the Vice-President External attend this conference, but **Samuel** has been detained by the early tuition debate.

37/0/7 **Carried**

2001-09/12d
ACEC SELECTION
COMMITTEE

WANKE / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one councilor to sit on the hiring committee for the ACEC.

Congratulations to **Samuel** (councilor).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Harlow:** Anyone wanting a Students' Council orientation should contact the Speaker.
- **Salyzyn:** A group of concerned professors will be convening a panel called *Making Sense, Making Peace* at HC L-1 at 4:00 p.m. this Wednesday.
- **Speer:** SUB expansion town hall meetings will be taking place this Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Wanke:** There will be a pre-party for the screening of *Joyride* at the Power Plant.
- **Wanke:** Due to the infiltration of 891 messages in her Inbox, **Wanke** apologized for any delay in responding to e-mails.
- **Zwack:** Anyone who wants tickets to John Raulston Saul should contact **Zwack**.
- **Zwack:** **Jess'** birthday will be celebrated at Squire's at 8:00 p.m. this coming Thursday.

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ADJOURNMENT

Taher/Brechtel moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.