

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

MINUTES (SC 2001-10)

| 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 | Absent | |
| Agric/Forest/HomeEc | Shawn Harriman | Present | |
| Agric/Forest/HomeEc | Brett McNally | Present | |
| Arts | Anand Sharma | Present | |
| 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 | |

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| 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 (6:49 p.m.) | |
| Engineering | David Weppler | Present | |
| Engineering | Jason Tobias | Present | |
| Engineering | Mark Jess | Present | |
| Law | Brian Loewen | Present | |
| 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 | |

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| Faculté Saint-Jean | Lisa Clyburn | Present | |
| Science | Chamila Adhietty | Proxy | Candace Rypien |
| Science | Constantino Renzi | Present | |
| Science | Helen McGraw | Present (7:03 p.m.) | |
| Science | Mat Brechtel | Present | |
| Science | Roman Kotovych | Absent | |
| Science | Rupesh Kumar | Absent | |
| Science | Samuel Hillier | Present | |
| Science | Zaki Taher | Present | |
| Science | Chris Samuel | Present | |
| President Athletics | Vacant | | |
| Gateway / Editor in Chief | Dave Alexander | Absent | |
| Recreation Action Committee | | | |
| General Manager | Bill Smith | Absent | |
| Speaker | Gregory Harlow | Present | |
| Recording Secretary | Sarah Kelly | Present | |

Observers

Jonathan Gorton

Jonathan Tischer

Adam Cook

Alexis Pepin

2001-10/1

CALL TO ORDER

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

2001-10/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada!"

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-10/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-10/4

ROLL CALL

Harriman/Zwack moved that Brett McNally be instated as a representative for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics.

35/0/2 **Carried**

Samuel/Samuel moved that Brian Loewen be instated as a representative for the Faculty of Law.

Harlow explained that according to the changes to Bylaw 100 recently approved by Council, Mr. Loewen cannot be instated as a representative, as he has already been expelled for delinquent attendance. However, **Harlow** left the decision in Council's hands.

Mr. Loewen explained that he was unaware that there were meetings of Council during the summer. There was a great deal of confusion in September, and he did not attend Council meetings at that time because he did not believe that he was allowed. Mr. Loewen concluded by stating that although Bylaw 100 is clear on such matters, he would be honored to represent the Faculty of Law and all students as part of such an excellent assembly.

At this point, the floor was opened to debate.

Sharma: If Council were to breach Bylaw 100 and reinstate Mr. Loewen, could the decision be reversed by the D.I.E. Board?

Harlow: Students' Council is supreme in this matter, and the D.I.E. Board cannot question its rulings.

Sharma: Is the same true of S.C.A.A.B.?

Harlow: S.C.A.A.B. convenes only when the D.I.E. Board has made a procedural error.

At this point, according to custom, Mr. Loewen left Council Chambers so that Council could deliberate further and vote on the motion.

28/7/2 Carried

Mr. Loewen was welcomed back to Council.

At this point, a roll call was performed by the Secretary.

2001-10/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hillier/Jess moved that the agenda of the SC2001-10/5 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2001-10/6a – A Presentation by the President

2001-10/12d – CASA Conference

2001-10/12e - ACEC

Consensus

2001-10/6

2001-10/6a

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

At this point, **Samuel** (President) took the floor to make a brief presentation warmly congratulating the Secretary on having been chosen for the MacTaggart Writing Award, a travel scholarship endowed by former University of Alberta Chancellor Sandy MacTaggart and his wife, Cecile.

A bouquet of truly beautiful flowers was presented to the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee. The stunned Secretary thanked the Executive Committee and the rest of Council for their support and congratulations.

2001-10/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Weppler/Agur moved that the minutes of the SC2001-09 meeting be approved.

Samuel (councilor) was, once again, present at the meeting rather than absent.

Consensus

2001-10/8

REPORTS

- Christopher Samuel, President
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The first Gripe Tables of the year have been completed. The SU decided on a more interactive approach this year, and is compiling a report of several immediate resolutions made in response to some of the complaints and comments. This report will be made available at the next series of Gripe Tables.
 - The SU survey has begun and information will be collected from more than 3,000 students on campus. **Samuel** thanked **Salyzyn** for her hard work. Results of the survey will be made available to Council as soon as they have been compiled.
 - The Gripe Tables and the execution of the SU survey would not have been possible without the time of many volunteers, whom **Samuel** thanked. At this point, Council was offered a listing of all volunteer opportunities for the coming year.
 - The University has decided on moving a 3.65% tuition increase at the November 2 Board of Governors meeting. The SU hopes to refine that number further, but recent developments in the international economy are making the possibility rather remote. The University feels it cannot decrease the suggested number, due in particular to the provincial government's 1% budget cut and the \$8 million structural deficit the University currently faces. The SU is in serious and constant negotiations with Administration, and has the support of the Graduate Students' Association. The next phase of the lobbying plan is to meet with the Board of Governors. The SU has hoped to make this a very public discussion, but the events of September 11 has focused attention decidedly elsewhere. Doug Owrarn will be making a tuition presentation to Council next Tuesday, and councilors were encouraged to force him to justify his belief in the lack of any alternatives to the tuition increase.
- Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The meeting of the General Faculties' Council in September was, overall, a good one for students. The student representatives formed a strong presence, and gained student representation on Chair selection committees and Dean selection committees.
 - **Salyzyn** and Academic Affairs Coordinator Thea Varvis are reviewing the Student Awards bylaw and looking at referendum fee resources. This will likely be coming to Council in the near future.

- Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- On October 11 there will be an Annual General Meeting held for the University, and students from Council and other boards and committees are invited to contact their MLAs to be hosted for the meeting.
- 520 letters have been sent to high schools for the High School Leadership Conference. External Affairs Coordinator Adam Cook is working on this. The project will eventually need volunteers.
- With regards to polling stations on campus for the upcoming municipal election, the City has informed the SU that arrangements would have had to be made prior to May 2001. Thus, polling stations are unfortunately impossible.
- The Mayor's forum will be held on October 10 from 2:00 until 4:00 in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Unfortunately, mayoral candidate Bill Smith has declined his invitation.

- Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided in the agenda package.
- SUB expansion feedback is expected from the COFA meeting taking place this coming Thursday. Information sessions for SU staff, tenants and University Student Services will be held regarding the expansion.
- **Speer** also attended a sponsorship meeting and a stakeholder meeting.
- A SUB expansion meeting discussed matters of financing and the refining of space configuration.
- At a recent Customer Service meeting, mechanisms for an upcoming Silent Shopper program are being put in place for RATT and the Power Plant.

- Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The University has given the SU the green light to develop the First Year Experience, which would provide full-year orientation services to first-year students. Such a program would include referrals and an information area with highly trained staff. This is an exciting prospect, but it is in a very preliminary stage of development.
- Plans for Antifreeze are beginning, and letters are being sent out for people to sit on its planning committee.
- A letter has been sent to the Canadian University Press regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. The Executive Committee is currently waiting for a response.
- This coming Thursday is the first *Survivor* night at the Power Plant this year.

- Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors

Representative

- Unfortunately, due to illness, **Burrows** was unable to attend the meeting.

- Nursing Report
- An oral report was provided by **Ledi**.
- **Ledi** thanked Council for an excellent learning experience so far this year.
- The Nursing Students' Association is working on participation in a colloquium to be held in Mexico City in October 2002. **Ledi** is currently sitting as the fundraising representative for the cause. He urged members of Council to contact him with strategy suggestions. This colloquium will network nurses and researchers all over the continent, and Nursing students at the University of Alberta are honored to have been invited.
- Nursing students are concerned that the Gripe Tables are inaccessible to their Faculty, as many of their classes are far from the center of campus.
- **Ledi** suggested that for the same reason, the SU consider establishing a branch outside of SUB on campus.

- Pharmacy Report
- An oral report was provided by **Prediger**.
- Last Friday, an awards ceremony was held for students and faculty members in Pharmacy.
- Pharmacy students are bidding to host Professional Development Week in 2004. The cost of bidding is \$4000.00, and will require traveling to Newfoundland. This is an important event, and fundraising is underway.

2001-10/9**QUESTION PERIOD**

Clyburn: Is there a consensus yet in the negotiations with APIRG representatives? What are their requests for board composition?

Speer: APIRG wants a board composed of the general student population, with nine students-at-large. The SU feels that because the funds are funneled through the SU, there should be SU and Council representation on the board. The SU must be accountable to the funds and practices of the board.

Taher: Now that students will have representation on Dean and Chair selection committees, what will the process be? Will the SU wait for faculties to contact them?

Salyzyn: Thea Varvis is currently compiling a list of student representatives for faculties, but the SU's approach will be reactive, because students will need to respond to committees when they're struck, which is not on a regular basis.

Hillier: Efforts to make SUB smell less like vomit have been unsuccessful. What is happening with this?

Speer: The University has been contacted to identify the problem, and efforts are ongoing.

Davidson: Why are there no Campus Corners at Oilers hockey games?

Wanke: The Oilers have approached the SU about such a relationship, but on the condition that their tickets be sold at the SUB Information Booth, and that certain quotas be met. This is infeasible right now.

Baxter: Will regular attendance regulations be enforced at next week's special meeting?

Harlow: Yes.

Tobias: What penalties would students suffer if there were a budgetary shortfall with a 0% tuition increase?

Samuel: With the proposed increase, \$3 million in tuition fees will be collected by the University. If there were no increase, the University's structural deficit would increase from \$8 million to \$11 million, which would translate into cuts on campus.

Kawanami: Is there any further information on consumption quotas pertaining to the Coke agreement?

Speer: The quota figure is not public information.

Kawanami: When does the agreement expire?

Speer: The Coke agreement expires in the school year 2007-2008.

Samuel: Council should be given a presentation on this issue. This will be composed for a Council meeting in the near future.

Jones: Could the quota figure be provided to Council *in camera*?

Samuel: Permission will need to be confirmed.

Deringer: Which gripes did members of the Executive Committee choose for immediate resolution? How were the choices made?

Samuel: The Executive wanted to select several issues and resolve them, in order to show students that progress is being made on addressing their concerns. The others will be considered in due course, and diligently addressed. The choices were based on those gripes that reflected the most important student issues.

Salyzyn: For the Academic portfolio, the issues chosen were increased photocopying prices and extending Add/Drop deadlines. The others are under consideration.

Wanke: More information needs to be disseminated to students. Issues in the Student Life portfolio are being divided between the Student Life Board and the Programming Committee.

Sharma: Why was Council not consulted about the SU's tuition strategy, considering that it has been released to the media?

Samuel: The University made its proposal on September 11, when approaches, strategy and content had to be severely altered. These events fell between Council meetings. Feedback from Council is welcome.

Sharma: Who devised the strategy?

Samuel: Random students on campus were consulted, as well as the Executive Committee, the Communications Advisory Committee, the Student Communications Coordinator, the SU's Researcher, and many others. The Executive has taken a leadership role on this issue, and felt that striking a specific committee would prove no more useful than the mechanisms in place.

Sharun: Will Council members and other students be able to discuss strategy for the meeting with Dr. Owrap beforehand?

Samuel: The Tuition Town Hall meeting will provide just such an opportunity. Information about it will be sent to members of Council *via* e-mail.

Mendoza: Will Council be provided with a more comprehensive financial report than the one presented at the last meeting of the General Faculties' Council?

Samuel: Certainly.

Samuel (councilor): Where do the monies from Imaginus go?

Speer: Imaginus pays for the staff who are students, but the SU does not share in its profits. They rent the space in Dinwoodie Lounge.

Harriman: Should APIRG not be a separate entity from the SU, and control its own finances?

Samuel: The wording of the APIRG referendum question made no mention of autonomy. According to the Universities Act, the University and the SU are the only two bodies on campus empowered to collect fees, so APIRG could not do this independently. The SU is trying to address the needs and wishes of APIRG within the confines of the Universities Act stipulations. A bylaw is being created to govern this post-referendum process in the future.

Harriman: Is the SU asking for more than half of the representation on the board that is being composed?

Samuel: The model for this board is the same as the one used for the Access Fund, which also dispenses monies on a case-by-case basis. There must be adequate SU representation on this board, because it is the only way to ensure direct accountability to Council.

Zwack: The APIRG is the first of its kind in Alberta, and thus it is the first time that the Universities Act in Alberta is being tested against it.

Samuel: At a future meeting of Council, there will be a presentation regarding APIRG.

Fraese: An interesting gripe was the one suggesting that Council representatives be paid.

Wanke: Councilors are highly prized, but there is a direct conflict of interest inherent in making the positions paid.

Jess: How can Council members at the University of Lethbridge be paid?

Samuel: Council has obviously identified an issue that its members are passionate about. The time and effort expended by Council representatives is truly remarkable, and the Executive Committee, in response, will examine possible support and reward mechanisms.

Darling: What is the process of implementing the new VIDS system?

Wanke: Equipment is still coming in, and staff are working on its compatibility with existent equipment. Currently, footage of SU events is being sought for replay on the televisions, and other ideas are being explored.

Darling: Is there any new information on the locations of the televisions?

Wanke: The proposal for campus-wide VIDS has not yet gone through. The televisions in SUB will remain in their current locations, pending re-evaluation due to SUB expansion. Soon, the SU will be trying three 'beta' sites with the old televisions: the Games Room, Dinwoodie Lounge and the Student Groups office.

Sharma: Will the SU consider taking a proactive stance in the tuition debate by participating in or supporting a protest rally against the increase?

Samuel: The SU considers logical argument more persuasive and effective than loud argument, and declines to participate in or lend its support to any protesting or rally measures. The SU has built a relationship with Administration and government based on courtesy and professionalism, and has profited from that relationship. The SU itself does not respond well to 'loud' tactics, and there is no reason to believe that Administration will. Students need to articulate themselves well in order to gain respect and be heard.

Sharma: Considering lower increases and tuition levels at other universities in Canada, whose students do employ protest measures, can the SU truly claim that such tactics are ineffective?

Samuel: Are there examples showing a direct cause and effect?

Sharma: Such universities as Simon Fraser and Queen's have excellent campaigns that governments have responded to.

Samuel: Schools in British Columbia have benefited from a New Democratic provincial government, and within two years the trends in their tuition will likely worsen. Queen's signed off on a policy with their SU that quality would be their first priority, given the problems arising from the 2% tuition cap policy in Ontario. The University of Manitoba's tuition rollback is being called into question at the moment, and there are several other examples of these extreme measures being ultimately fruitless.

Sharun: A recurring concern at the Gripe Tables is the substandard service at RATT and the Power Plant. Why is service not improving? What measures are being taken to address these concerns?

Speer: Customer service protocol was finalized last week, and the Executive Committee is following up on it to ensure that it is carried through. A Silent Shopper program is being implemented, but resultant improvements will take time. The SU is working consistently towards this goal.

Sharun: Will customer comment cards be available at the bars? How many managerial reviews are conducted each year?

Speer: Comment cards are being developed, and name tags for servers will become mandatory. Managerial review is the jurisdiction of the General Manager, who examines managers' work on an ongoing basis.

Clyburn: Are students aware of the University's reserve fund, and the amount of money in it?

Samuel: There is an ongoing debate between the University and the SU over what a portion of this reserve should go towards: the SU believes that it should be decapitalized for tuition relief, while Administration insists that it is more important to use it for campaigning. Dr. Owram should be consulted about this at the next meeting.

Jones: How would the Executive Committee characterize the changed perception of the SU in the eyes of the provincial government, in light of the recent 1% budget reduction?

Zwack: The provincial government will honor the direction of all monies already committed; there are simply no further financial commitments being made at this point.

Samuel: The University remains pessimistic on this issue, considering its current structural deficit. At the moment, there are no government grants forthcoming to help address it. Many assumptions about future funding have been called into question.

Deringer: How much money is in the Access Fund reserve? How is this money being invested?

Speer: The surplus is currently approximately \$800,000. It is in the Access Fund bank account, and is being invested *as per* SU policy. Due to the organizational review, the direction of these monies in the future is being examined. A decision will be reached in the next three to four weeks.

Wanke/Sharma moved the Question Period be extended by fifteen minutes.

Carried

Samuel (councilor): Is there a target date for the implementation of the full-year orientation service?

Wanke: Not at the moment. Hopefully it will be established and running by September 2002. The Orientation program will remain as it is. Along with the University's proposal, the SU hopes to reinstate the senior-year orientation program, and other services are being considered.

Brechtel: Who will pay for these programs?

Wanke: The proposal will insist that the University pay for all the services. Administration is concerned with increasing retention of first-year students, and are looking to the SU to help them with this issue. This will be similar to services such as SFAIC and Orientation, which are SU-run with University funding.

Samuel (councilor): There is a concerning disparity in the pricing of the video game Virtua Tennis between SUB and HUB Mall. In SUB, the cost is \$1.00, while in HUB it costs only \$0.25. Is anything being done about this?

Speer: Video games in SUB are contracted by an outside provider, whom the SU will contact with these concerns.

2001-10/10

LEGISLATION

2001-10/10a

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee rescind Operating Policy 50.03 relating to Student Group Grants.

Speer introduced the motion, explaining that this is an archaic policy which should have been rescinded some time ago.

32/1/2 **Carried**

2001-10/10b

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, rescind Political Policy "Student Loan Program-Privatization of".

Zwack introduced the motion. As student loans are no longer privatized, this policy is no longer relevant.

35/1/2 **Carried**

2001-10/10c

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, rescind Political Policy "Student Loan Program: Risk Sharing".

29/6/3 **Carried**

2001-10/12

NEW BUSINESS

2001-10/12a

SPEER/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify the MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between THE STUDENTS' UNION, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA and THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1368.

Speer introduced the motion. After a long process of negotiation, an agreement has been reached between the SU and CUPE. CUPE Local 1368 has approved the document. **Speer** outlined the significant changes, as provided in the agenda package.

Baxter noted his abstention.

Jess: Is the designated increase cumulative?

Speer: It will be compounded.

Jones: Does this impact the SU budget negatively?

Speer: Monies were set aside for these negotiations, so the increases have already been accounted for.

Rajulu/Jess moved to call the question.

35/2/3 **Carried**

35/0/2 **Carried**

2001-10/12b

ZWACK/SPEER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support Jennifer Wanke attending the conference activities associated with Prairie Music Week, September 27-31, on the provision that she incur the full cost of registration fees (not to exceed \$175.00) and that Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, consider a reimbursement of the registration expenses at its October 2 meeting.

Wanke introduced the motion. It is traditional that the COCA Western Regional conference be held at Prairie Music Week. Preparations and organization of this event were postponed until the last minute, but it worked out well: early bird rates were granted for flights, and conference rates were obtained at hotels. However, **Wanke's** registration fee had not yet been approved, and because this was not sufficient cause to call an emergency meeting of Council, she paid the fee herself. This is an important conference for COCA, and for the Student Life portfolio. If preparations had been made earlier, there would have been a motion at Council prior to the conference.

25/10/3 **Carried**

2001-10/12c

ZWACK/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Chris Burr and James Knull to the External Affairs Board as Student-At-Large members.

32/2/1 **Carried**

**2001-10/12d
CASA GENERAL
MEETING**

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$3900.00 to send the Vice-President External to the CASA General Meeting in Ottawa from October 13-21, 2001.

Zwack introduced the motion. This is the same conference expenditure that was brought to Council previously, but the cost has been reduced because **Salyzyn** will not be attending. As well, due to the events of September 11, the Lobby conference has been replaced by a General Meeting. **Salyzyn** will not be attending because the Lobby conference would have been more appropriate to her portfolio.

Jones: Will this motion supercede the previous one?

Harlow: Yes.

Sharma: The hotel seems to be particularly expensive.

Zwack: The reservations for the Lobby conference could not be broken; the hotel was chosen because of its proximity to Parliament Hill. More cost-effective accommodations will be sought in the future.

Kawanami/Samuel (councilor) moved to call the question.

32/2/0 **Carried**

34/1/1 **Carried**

**2001-10/12e
ACEC**

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Athletic Campus Events Coordinator Hiring Committee, ratify the hiring of Christine Rogerson as ACEC.

28/4/4 **Carried**

2001-10/14**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Samuel:** At the Council meeting after the tuition meeting, Ian Reade, Director of Marketing, will be making a presentation on the University's Customer Service Program. **Samuel** asked that representatives be prepared with concerns and comments.
- **Mendoza:** There are new video games in the basement of the Education building, including virtual golf and foosball.
- **Kelly:** The Secretary thanked the Executive Committee again for the lovely presentation made to her at the meeting.

2001-10/15

ADJOURNMENT

Brechtel/Davidson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.