

University of Alberta Students' Union

**STUDENTS'
COUNCIL**

**Tuesday November 27, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

MINUTES (SC 2001-16)

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	Brett McNelly	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Absent	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Proxy	Emily Fraese

Arts	Kara Deringer	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Meena Rajulu
Business	John Watkins	Absent	
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 Weppler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Absent	

Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of	Pamela McCoy-Jones	Present	
Nursing			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Present	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Proxy	Jay Zhu
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Proxy	Haley Cleary
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Absent	
Gateway/ Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	

General Manager	Bill Smith	Present	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

2001-16/1**CALL TO ORDER**

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

2001-16/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."**

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-16/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

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

2001-16/4**ROLL CALL**

Weppler/Zwack moved to appoint Pamela McCoy-Jones as a representative for the School of Native Studies.

41/0/0 Carried

Council welcomed Mrs. McCoy-Jones.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-16/5**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Kawanami/Agur moved that the agenda of the SC2001-16 be approved.

Consensus**2001-16/6****PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION****2001-16/6a**

SUB Expansion - Chris Samuel, Jamie Speer, Bill Smith

This presentation was conducted to give Council insight into the motion that will be brought on December 4, 2001. The presentation was delivered in three parts: the history of SUB, the specific design of the expansion, and the financial implications of the expansion.

Samuel presented the history of the Students' Union Building.

In 1967, the SU decided that the current SUB, University Hall, was too small to meet its needs, and planned for a new building. When the SUB that exists today was completed, it was profiled for its ingenuity in *Time* magazine.

The financial arrangement for that construction was that two-thirds of the funding would come from students, and one-third from the University, totaling approximately \$6 million. The makeup of the building has held this arrangement since then: the University owns certain areas of SUB, and in exchange for the \$1 sale of University Hall, Administration agreed to pay SUB's utility and facility bills indefinitely.

In 1993, key tenants of SUB left the building, leaving a gap in revenue. SUB had become gloomy and outdated, and renovation seemed necessary. Thus a document was put together by then-President Randy Boissonnault regarding SUB's potential entitled *Waking the Sleeping Giant*, which was well-received by both the SU and the University. The SU was extremely reluctant to place any further financial burden on students, and thus no fees were levied for the renovation. This improvement helped to centralize SU and University services, and made SUB a more useful and uplifting place to be.

Since that time, SUB has become a 'victim of its own success,' with higher foot traffic *per day* than any other building on campus, and thus, a new expansion is necessary. The idea for this expansion came about under 1997-98 President Stephen Curran, and preparations continued under Presidents Sheamus Murphy, Michael Chalk and Leslie Church. This year, with the mortgage paid off and everything prepared, the expansion is going forward.

The priorities for this expansion are relaxation space, student services, and business and commercial ventures.

Speer presented the specific design of the expansion.

The offices of *The Gateway* will be converted to the Chaplains' Office, the Meditation room and student group meeting space.

There will be a computing lounge, which may be sponsored by Dell or IBM.

The Print Centre will move closer to the Bookstore, and the postal outlet will move to the main floor.

On the main floor, the women's washroom on the west side will be relocated to make way for future westward expansion. The Chaplains area will be converted to a student finance centre, incorporating SFAIC, the Access Fund and Edulinks; and perhaps a banking branch.

There will be more relaxation space in the central area and the front courtyard. The area behind the food court will be covered and will offer further relaxation space. There will also be a new kiosk in the food court. The central stairwell will be relocated. SUBTitles will be expanded into the convenience store area.

The second floor will benefit from the addition of the covered courtyard, which will provide more space for University student services.

At this point, **Speer** showed diagrams and blueprints of the proposed expansion.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council regarding the history of the building and the structure of the expansion.

Renzi: How many computers will there be in the new lounge?
Speer: Between six and ten, as space allows.

McGraw: Will there be renovations to the elevators?

Samuel: The elevators are controlled by the University. There is a stairwell in the tower. Hopefully the high volume services will be centralized on the main and second floors.

Samuel: What will happen to the flame on the main floor?

Samuel: The flame will be moved, but will remain within the relaxation area.

Jones: How long will this renovation last the building? When will it need another expansion?

Samuel: The elements of a future expansion will be drawn into this renovation. Enrolment is rising quickly and is and will continue to be a strain on the building. Expansion will be necessary in the future, but there is the possibility of a second SUB on the south campus.

Weppler: What is the feasibility of building a second tower?

Smith: The second half of SUB was designed to handle a second tower. Hopefully, however, electronic services will increase, so such a construction will not be necessary, and foot traffic will be decreased.

Baxter: Will the theatre lobby be impacted by stairwell renovations?

Speer: No.

Samuel/Weppler moved that Council move *in camera* to discuss sensitive negotiations.

Carried

Samuel/Jones moved that Council move *ex camera*.

Carried

Ground will be broken in February, beginning with the stairwell. The major construction will take place during the summer, when there are fewer students on campus. The expansion should be complete by the beginning of the Fall term, and touchups will be completed by October. There will be a question & answer session on Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 in 2-911 SUB.

Timeline – breaking ground in February – stairwell first – major construction during the summer – minor touchups by September/October

Baxter/Brechtel moved that the minutes of the SC2001-15 meeting be approved.

Speer tabled a written report for this meeting.

Moore: The question regarding Council's ongoing involvement in PIRG bylaw negotiations was omitted.

Consensus

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REPORTS

- a. Christopher Samuel, President
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Appreciation was expressed for the recent snowfall.
 - Students lost the tuition debate, despite strong effort by the SU and the GSA. The SU's excellent strategy would have been more effective had it not been for the student protest that took place outside Council Chambers. Debate on the issue was rendered impossible, and the voted was brought too quickly. From this point on, tuition strategy will be a year-long affair.
 - In Ottawa recently, **Samuel**, GSA President Brad Wuetherick and University President Rod Fraser lobbied the government together regarding student loan reform and other post-secondary issues. **Zwack** is working hard on these issues. This was an excellent opportunity to present a united front to government.
 - A meeting took place between **Samuel** and Premier Ralph Klein to discuss the proposed pan-Canadian accord. Klein has a positive working relationship with the Prime Minister, so his support in this endeavor would be very valuable. Klein has also expressed his support for a renewed focus on post-secondary education.

- b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
 - An oral report was provided at the meeting.
 - Arts Week was a great success.
 - An Academic Planning Committee meeting revealed steps towards creating a new Masters program in Canadian Studies.
 - A student proposal regarding adjournment passed at a recent meeting of GFC.
 - The policy and practice of USRIs is being looked into. Databases are being compiled from each department to assess the best practices.

- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The Student Loan breakfast was a fantastical success, with over 650 students in attendance.
 - The High School Leadership Conference was also very successful, and **Zwack** thanked everyone who volunteered to help. Students approached him saying that the University no longer seemed as big or scary.
 - The CAUS lobby tour wrapped up recently with the meeting with Premier Klein. The SU met with over 40 MLAs, who were challenging to the SU's arguments, but listened carefully.
- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - There may be a ONECard outlet at the newly proposed computing lounge in SUB.
 - The CA Board of Directors decided to have shareholders forward only one of the two loans mandated by membership, due to its strong financial situation. Discussions are taking place with Meloche Monnex regarding student-rated insurance programs, which will ultimately benefit the SU financially. The proposed business plan was passed by shareholders.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Antifreeze preparation is very much underway, and the Student Life office has been very busy between that and the Freshheads FreshFest. There is much merchandise available, and volunteers are sorely needed to place posters and advertise the event.
- f. Chris Burrows
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - November 2 was a disappointment, but the SU can be proud that its strategies were sound, and its voice heard. More efforts are forthcoming.
 - The University will soon become the first known post-secondary institute to have a BA/BSc combined degree.

- g. Education Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Mendoza and Davidson**.
 - Education Week will take place from January 21-25.
 - There is now a food bank box for donations in the ESA office.
 - There will be a Christmas social in the lobby of Education South, with desserts, traditional drinks and other confections. Entrance is free.
 - Sales begin Wednesday for the Education Graduation Raffle, whose grand prize is two tickets to Vancouver with the Oilers hockey team. Tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100.
 - There will also be a graduation fundraiser at Stolly's at \$5 per ticket.
 - At this point, Education councilors undertook a trivia contest for Council, complete with prizes.

- h. Engineering Report
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - An oral report was provided by **Jones**.
 - There will be a western Engineering conference competition held in 2003.
 - ESS offices are moving next year.
 - Engineering Week will be held January 11-19.
 - God Save the Queen.

2001-16/9**QUESTION PERIOD**

Renzi: When will Council see insurance quotes from Meloche Monnex?

Speer: Meloche Monnex will be on campus in early February, and instant quotes will be available online.

Loewen: The legal opinion solicited by Council regarding the PIRG was actually that regarding the *Gateway* referendum, and it still has not been brought to Council.

Samuel: That opinion was not specific enough, and a more specific one is currently being sought. It will hopefully be available within the next couple of weeks.

Baxter: How will the SU be receiving financial benefit from this new proposed insurance plan?

Speer: This is not a commission, but 5% of the premium in exchange for marketing.

Jones: The legal review found problems regarding dedicated fees which are not under Council's control. Can this be addressed?

Speer: The bylaws regarding the Faculte and faculty associations fall outside the proposed dedicated fees bylaw.

Harriman: Is the UASU in contact with other student associations regarding the pan-Canadian accord?

Zwack: We are currently in touch with all CASA schools. UA is currently the champion of this idea.

Darling: Will the new tenants in SUB be wired for the ONECard?

Salyzyn: Hopefully the ONECard will have a broader presence in SUB by then.

Sharun: How does ONECard wiring work?

Salyzyn: There is no transaction fee. This is negotiated in a contract between the SU and the ONECard office.

Sharun: The service at the Power Plant has been excellent recently.

Kawanami: Why was the Power Plant closed early this past Saturday?

Wanke: That was horrendous, and it will not happen again.

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LEGISLATION

2001-16/10a

SALYZYN/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 9100 respecting the Involvement Recognition Awards of the Students' Union (SECOND reading).

Agur/Sharun moved to suspend Standing Order 31 regarding adjournment.

22/11/0 Carried

28/3/0 Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

2001-16/12a

SALYZYN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two councilors to sit on the Gold Key Selection Committee for the 2002 selection process.

Congratulations to **Brechtel** and **McGraw**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councilors should submit Council surveys and their Executive reviews as soon as possible.
- The ASA thanked Chris Jones and the Engineers for providing the cheese for their ASA Week barbecue.
- We Want Your Pants continues to collect clothing donations in SUB this week.
- Councilors were asked to take posters for Freshheads and post them on campus. Free movie passes and treats were offered by **Wanke**.

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ADJOURNMENT

Baxter/Darling moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.