

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday January 22, 2002 - 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2001-19)

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

Arts			
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present	
Business	John Watkins	Proxy	Amri Benjamin
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Absent	
Education	Krista Blankley	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Proxy	Alyssa Norman
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Wepler	Proxy	Mustafa Mirji
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present	

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	Present	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Absent	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Present	
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	

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

Observers

Emilia Kennedy, APIRG

Jonathan Gorton, AG/FOR

Ryan Cheng

Tiffany Brown Olsen, FACRA

Crystal Tracy, FACRA

Braden Barr

Steve Osadutz, *The Gateway*

James Knoll

Curtis Devereux

Adam Cook, Community Relations Coordinator

Martin Levenson, CJSR

Karl Ross

Timothy Singh, APIRG

Christine Rogerson, Athletics Campus Events Coordinator

Alexis Pepin, Student Activities Coordinator

Rebecca Lake, APIRG

Scott Harris, APIRG

Andra Olson, *The Gateway*

Marcus Bence, *The Gateway*

Dan Lazin, CUP

Chris Boutet, *The Gateway*

Collin Gallant, *The Gateway*

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2001-19/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-19/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-19/4

ROLL CALL

McNelly has been expelled from Council owing to delinquent attendance.

Harriman/Jones moved that Jonathan Gorton be instated as an Agriculture/Forestry/Home Economics representative on Students' Council.

36/4/0 **Carried**

Cheng read aloud a letter requesting that Council restore her seat as representative for Medicine/Dentistry.

Jess/Loewen moved that **Cheng** be reinstated on Students' Council.

37/3/0 **Carried**

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-19/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tobias/Jess moved that the agenda of the SC2001-19 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2001-19/12a – DRO Ratifications

Consensus

2001-19/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- A point system has been established to reward councilors who volunteer to sit at Gripe Tables.
- The Coordinators' reports were provided at the meeting.
- International Week is upcoming.
- Nomination forms for Teaching Unit Awards and the University Cup are available, as well as applications for the Lawrence Decore award.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- Involvement Award applications are now available. Monies have been doubled, and former University President Myer Horowitz will be the keynote speaker for Awards Night.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External

- CASA Awareness Week is upcoming; the focus will be on the pan-Canadian accord. A CASA banner is circulating throughout campus to take to the lobby conference in March.
- Information is circulating about a youth summit on sustainable development and transportation coming up in Ottawa. All expenses are paid, and this is a unique opportunity.

d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance

- A written report was provided at the meeting.

e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life

- The Engineering Week wrapup at the Agricom was a success.
- The SU mailbag will be coming to Council February 5.
- Input is needed regarding the faculty association week; an unofficial committee is being struck.

f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Burrows was not present at the meeting.

g. Pharmacy Report

- An oral report was provided by **Prediger**.
- Professional Development Week took place recently in Newfoundland, at which Pharmacy students from across the country gathered. The University of Alberta bid to host the conference in 2003 and unfortunately lost the bid, but did win the Pharmacy literary challenge essay competition.

h. Rehabilitation Medicine

- An oral report was provided by **Webb**.
- A blood drive is coming up.
- A research project on range of motion requires healthy men and women, and will pay \$15.
- The faculty newsletter is being redone, and in the new version, there will be a column for SU events.

i. Executive Committee, Minutes.

Loewen expressed the concern that the Executive Committee minutes provided insufficient information on the daily activities of the Executive Committee, and that these minutes were not comprehensively complemented by the Executive reports.

Loewen/Tobias moved that the Executive Committee minutes be tabled until the next meeting of Council, at which time more detail would be provided.

Loewen: Council is poorly equipped to ascertain the details of activities and the context in which they were performed due to the vague documentation of said activities. Students' Council has considerable responsibility, and it is reasonable to expect to be well-informed about the ongoings of the Executive Committee.

Salyzyn: The minutes are accurate representations of what transpires at the meetings, and specific questions should be addressed in Question Period. Rewriting the minutes would serve no purpose.

Coles: Council should have the right to ask questions regarding these minutes before it approves them. This portion of the agenda should be moved to the items following Question Period.

Harlow: This is how the Executive Committee minutes have always been presented to Council. Council was advised against holding the current Executive wholly accountable for a procedure that they inherited.

Nychka/Kotovych moved to call the question.

Carried

7/32/1 **Failed**

Tackaberry: Could the President comment on the fashion feature he participated in for *SEE* Magazine this past week?

Samuel: There was a Board of Governors meeting that day, and a suit was appropriate. It doesn't necessarily cast negatively on students, because students come from a wide demographic. The position of President should not be prohibitive to particular sorts of clothing.

Agur: What recommendations is the SU making for cuts regarding the University's eight-million-dollar shortfall?

Samuel: The University has a cost reduction task force, which was an SU recommendation. Cuts will likely take place in the areas of travel, professional fees and other such items.

Jones: The SU elections do not offer secret ballots. Why is this?

Samuel: Separate sheets with students' identification numbers on them are required to ensure, through the Registrar's Office, that only students vote, and that each votes only once. There are no plans to alter this procedure.

Adhietty: When the petition for *Gateway* autonomy was presented to classrooms, it was remarked that the SU has placed undue pressure on *The Gateway* regarding its editorial content. Is this true?

Alexander: *The Gateway* has been told that it would be better treated materially if it weren't so controversial, and other comments have been made.

Adhietty: Who said this? And why has it not been raised in Council before?

Alexander: *The Gateway* routinely hears about matters that could jeopardize the positions of people within the organization, and much is said in confidence and 'off the record'. *The Gateway* must make decisions regarding its moral imperative. It was **Wanke** who made the specific comment, and there are other ways in which *The Gateway* feels its editorial autonomy is being impinged.

Boutet (sponsored): **Alexander** once wrote an editorial that **Samuel** responded to; however, the response was potentially libelous, and thus it was not run in the newspaper. There was word from the Executive office that the SU page would be formatted to look identical to a page from *The Gateway's* regular sections, with the letter run on it. That is an infringement of editorial autonomy.

Wanke/Salyzyn/Speer/Zwack/Jones moved to extend Question Period by a further fifteen minutes.

Alexander: Little of this is new information. *The Gateway* is in a uniquely difficult position, as it is expected to hold its government accountable while answering to them as well. Above all there is a constant attempt to keep matters detached and non-confrontational.

Wanke: The pressure alluded to was not as severe as might be imagined. No one is trying to create a conflict, but it is important that *The Gateway* perform appropriately.

Sharma: How will differential tuition be addressed by the SU?

Samuel: The SU has a tuition task force with representation from all faculties. The province has revisited its tuition policy, and the SU is working with them. Both the province and the University have bleak revenue projections, but the SU continues to meet with MLAs to stress the importance of investing in post-secondary education. It is important to get the students' message out before the release of the budget.

Boutet (sponsored): **Wanke's** response to the notion that the Executive would usurp the editors' discretionary authority is insufficient. How does the issue recently raised not trump the editors' autonomy?

Samuel: In that particular case, there was no infringement. Alternative viewpoints should not be considered libelous. A balanced approach should be taken to editorial content.

Boutet objected to any insinuation that his decisions regarding what is and is not published correlate with his personal preferences.

Sharun: What is happening with food and beverage management, and what is being done about the poor reviews given to service at RATT and the Power Plant?

Speer: Steve Derpack has recently been hired as the Senior Manager of Programming and Licensed Activities. Part of his role is to review management structures, and the SU is currently undergoing that process, and exploring the possibility of a night manager position, or a day floor manager.

Wanke: Has Mr. Boutet's job ever been explicitly threatened?

Boutet: No.

Further extension of Question Period was rejected.

2001-19/10

LEGISLATION

2001-19/10a

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

Jones moved that the clause in Section 11e be modified to read 'academic year' rather than 'council year' (Friendly).

26/3/2 Tabled

2001-19/10b

SPEER/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 5400 respecting the Nominating Committee of the Students' Union (SECOND Reading).

28/3/4 Carried

2001-19/10c

SHARUN/SAMUEL (Councilor) MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 6600 respecting the Dedicated Fees Oversight Boards of the Students' Union (FIRST Reading).

Speer outlined the proposed bylaw, before moving on to the proposed amendments placed before Council, which were available at the meeting. The amendments were detailed to Council, which then adopted them as friendly.

Wanke/Zwack moved to suspend Standing Orders regarding adjournment.

26/6/2 Carried

Speer/Hoffman moved that Section 6a be amended to add the words 'no later than June 15'.

Carried

Loewen moved that the word 'annum' be exchanged for 'year' throughout the bylaw (Friendly).

McGraw: Which organizations specifically does the proposed bylaw concern?

Speer: The Golden Bears & Pandas' Legacy Fund, CREFC, WUSC, the Eugene Brody Fund, the Access Fund, the Student Involvement Endowment Fund, and the APIRG.

At this point, a lengthy amendment to the bylaw was circulated for Council's examination.

Jones/Loewen moved that the circulated amendments be adopted into the bylaw.

Harlow ruled the amendment out of order, stating that adopting it would be tantamount to rejecting the bylaw in its entirety.

Loewen challenged the Chair.

15/20 **Failed**

The Chair's ruling was defeated.

Jones: The scheme proposed in the amendment is not radically different from that of the main motion. It is, however, different philosophically. The SU, in this construction, would function as an auditor.

Speer: The bylaw brought before Council is the product of months of consultation with a myriad of bodies; what consultation has been done for this amendment?

Jones: It has been discussed with representatives of APIRG and *The Gateway*. The Internal Review Board is not the sole mechanism for bringing matters to Council. In any case, there would be no objection to referring the amendment to IRB.

Samuel: This amendment appears to be well-thought out and representative of excellent intentions; however, few among members of Council will be able to render a valid opinion at this meeting, because it has only just been circulated.

Samuel/Davidson moved that the amendment be tabled and referred to the Internal Review Board, to be revisited at the next meeting.

Salyzyn: While the spirit of the amendment is good, Council cannot be entirely sure that it is completely appropriate to this situation, or that its contents are comprehensive, until it has been thoroughly examined. IRB should check it for conflicts and other errors; it is of such a quality that it should be dealt with properly.

McGraw: If it were referred to IRB, what mechanism would be in place to ensure that the affected groups are properly consulted?

Samuel: All interested councilors, parties and organizations will be invited to IRB for a comprehensive discussion.

Kumar/Taher moved to call the question.

25/9/0 **Carried**

22/8/1 **Carried**

2001-19/12
2001-19/12a
DEPUTY
RETURNING
OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SPEER / ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, ratify Kim Emsley-Leik, Eva Ng and Queenie Widjaja as Deputy Returning Officers for the 2002 Students' Union General Election.

27/5/1 **Carried**

2001-19/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharun: Thanks to the Executive and the fee boards for attending the dedicated fees meeting this past Friday.

Jess is no longer an Engineering student, and will be joining the faculty of Open Studies, where he intends to fill the long-absent Open Studies seat on Council.

Coles: The Education Students' Association is hosting a Karaoke night at the Power Plant this coming Wednesday. Councilors are eligible to come for the member price of \$2.00.

Agur: International Week is upcoming; Maude Barlow and David Schindler will be speaking on the theme of "Living As If the Planet Matters."

Sharma: February 6 is the Canadian Federation of Students' Day of Action. There will be action.

Hoffman: Business Week is next week; there will be pancake breakfasts, and a fashion show on Saturday. All proceeds will go to charity.

Jones: Thanks to **Wanke** for organizing the Engineering Week wrapup show. Chemical and Materials Engineering were this year's winners.

Zwack: CASA Awareness Week is February 11-15.

Clyburn: The Faculte Saint-Jean will be making an appearance on the main campus to dispense FUN FUN CANDY.

Wanke, in having no announcements whatever for the first time this year, wished her pride noted for posterity.

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ADJOURNMENT

Agur/Zwack moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

CONSENSUS!