

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday March 12, 2002 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2001-22)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent	Proxy Name
President	Christopher Samuel	Absent (CASA)	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Absent (CASA)	
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	Jonathon Gorton	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Proxy	The Rev. Paul Welke
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Expelled	

Arts	James Knull	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Holly Tomte
Business	John Watkins	Absent	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Absent	
Education	Charles Beamish	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Proxy	Emily Jarrett
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Proxy	Heidi Binner

Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary		
Native Studies (School of	Pamela McCoy- Jones	Present	
Nursing			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb		
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	Absent	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Present	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Absent	
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

Kail Ross

Steve Smith

Mike Hudema

Dan Lazin

Colin Robertson

Mat Johnston

Chris Bolivar

Gregory Kitt

Adam Rozenhart

David Zeibin

Shawn Hildebrandt

2001-22/1**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

2001-22/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."****Salyzyn** led Council in the singing of the national anthem.**2001-22/3****University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"****Harlow** led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.**2001-22/4****ROLL CALL**

At this point, **Harlow** addressed some concerns that he has had with the business and conduct of Council, and Council's relationship to the Chair in particular, over the course of this year.

Harlow began by apologizing for having perhaps been drawn into debate during the previous meeting. This, he explained, is not the role of the Chair, and he was in default if he affected the outcome of said debate.

Secondly, **Harlow** expressed his concern with the behavior of Council regarding amendments to motions. Amendments cannot be re-introduced if they have been previously defeated in a given meeting. The original rejection must be upheld.

Along the same vein, **Harlow** announced that from this point forward, he alone will make rulings regarding whether or not Late Additions are in order. There are regulations governing whether or not Late Additions will be admitted into the agenda that heretofore have neither been considered nor enforced.

Regulations govern Council, **Harlow** explained, so that both majority and minority rights are protected throughout proceedings, and to ensure that the views of Students' Council are maintained and upheld.

There is an integrity to the office of the Speaker, which must be respected both by Council and by the Speaker himself. The Chair cannot be challenged simply because regulations prove inconvenient.

At this point, **Harlow** offered his resignation, if these statements and rulings were judged by Council to be unfair.

Council urged **Harlow** to remain as the Speaker of Council, with one dissent.

Regular proceedings ensued at this point.

Fraese was expelled from Council due to delinquent attendance.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

McGraw/Brechtel moved that the agenda of the SC2001-22 meeting be approved.

Jones/Loewen moved that Council designate Messieurs Ross, Hudema and Smith as Guests of Council.

Carried

Late Additions

SC2001-22/12w – Approved

SC2001-22/12x – Rejected

Consensus

2001-22/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-22/6a

Engineering Student Fees - David Wepler (20 minutes).

The Engineering Students' Society has decided to bring forward a referendum question at the next Engineering faculty elections regarding the levy of a *per* term fee for Engineering students. **Wepler** explained to Council that no motion was being brought to Council at the moment.

Feedback has been compiled regarding this fee proposal, and it has been largely positive. Such a fee – approximately three dollars, seventy-three cents (\$3.73) *per* student *per* term – would afford stability to the Engineering Students' Society, as well as increase its efficiency and provide new opportunities for Engineering students. There would be no differentiation between 'active' and 'passive' students.

Consultation has taken the form of speaking with the ESS Board of Directors, Student Vehicle Projects, CoFA, the Students' Union Executive Committee, and Engineering students at large. Consultation with students has been mainly informal, but the Engineering Students' Society hopes to involve all Engineering students.

The allocation of the proposed fee would be determined by a general meeting of the Engineering Students' Society, open to all Engineering students.

There will be a referendum for all Engineering students held on March 20 and 21, 2002. Provided the question is approved, a Students' Union bylaw would have to be developed for its governance.

Wepler explained that the Engineering Students' Society – should the question be approved – would not directly collect more money. The monies from the fee would flow into clubs and student projects. Checks and balances will ensure that the fee is spent responsibly and in the best interests of students.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

Renzi: How were Engineering students polled to gauge interest in this fee?

Wepler: There was a 'Meet the ESS President' Day in RATT. Student clubs and Vehicle projects were also spoken to, as well as students in Engineering buildings. Students have expressed several legitimate concerns, but ultimately, the majority were in favor.

Tobias: Does the Engineering Students' Society have the organizational structure to deal effectively with such a fee?

Wepler: The ESS is currently dealing with large amounts of cash, and their track record is one of experience and success.

Salyzyn: Given the unpredictable nature of voter turnout, will the Engineering Students' Society be establishing a minimum voter turnout that would validate the referendum?

Jones: A 'Yes' side and a 'No' side will hopefully increase voter turnout.

Wepler: There may be a 'Neutral' side campaigning as well, simply to circulate information and raise interest.

Wepler was thanked for his presentation.

Renzi/Wanke moved that the minutes of the SC2001-20 and SC2001-21 meetings be approved.

The requested changes to the minutes of the SC2001-21 meeting will be included in the agenda of the SC2001-23 meeting as a Late Addition.

These minutes cannot be approved until these changes have been approved, and thus will be revisited by Council at the SC2001-23 meeting.

2001-22/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- Due to the CASA Lobby Conference, **Samuel** was absent from the meeting.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- **Salyzyn** congratulated Mike Hudema, Mat Brechtel, Anand Sharma, Steve Smith, Kail Ross, and Mike Reid on their victories in the recent Students' Union elections, and applauded each of the candidates for having run.
- Current issues include the ONECard, the confidential survey, and Awards Night.
- Survey results will be soon be available to Council.

c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External

- Due to the CASA Lobby Conference, **Zwack** was absent from the meeting.

d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance

- **Speer** congratulated all the candidates in the recent SU election.
- A new Senior Manager of Finance and Administration, Galib Amlani, has been hired to compensate the sad departure of Anita Kuper.
- Dan Costigan has recently been hired as the Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications.
- Ground has been broken on SUB expansion.
- The preliminary budget should be available to Council on April 2.
- **Speer** congratulated the men's Volleyball and women's Hockey teams on their recent national victories.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life – Written or oral report may be provided at the meeting.
 - The 'First-Year Experience' has gotten the green light, and **Wanke** is working with Dale Coffin and Chris Robb on this project. It will not be called the First-Year Experience.
 - The recent COSA meeting discussed safety issues.
 - SU attache cases are for sale, in two invigorating sizes.

- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.
 - **Burrows** had nothing to report.

- g. Business Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Weppler**.
 - There will be an Organizational Analysis conference in April.
 - **Weppler's** report was supplemented by **Sharun**.
 - Congratulations to Holly Tomte, who was recently elected Business Students' Association President.

- h. Education Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Mendoza**.
 - Education students across campus are relieved to see the end of the teachers' strike.

- i. Executive Committee, Minutes.

Please see Document SC 01-22.01.

- j. Students' Union Boards & Committees Reports
The Minutes of the various SU Boards and Committees are available on the SU WebPage: www.su.ualberta.ca.

Loewen objected to the placement of these items on the agenda. The Executive Committee welcomed questions.

Loewen: What is the political policy relating to honorary degrees?

Salyzyn: The SU objected strongly when the University proposed to offer an honorary degree to Premier Ralph Klein, and therefore this policy was created to note the SU's official opposition to honorary degrees being presented to any standing politician.

Harriman: How did Executive members decide which gripes to focus their energies on?

Wanke: Discussions on various committees came to conclusions regarding which gripes were most important.

Salyzyn: The projects the SU was most likely to see concrete results from were taken up.

Renzi: Where are the Print Centre and Postal Outlet being moved to?

Speer: The Print Centre will move to where the Function Room now sits, and the Postal Outlet will move into the expanded SUBTitles space.

Jones: Why are students paying fees for services not yet in the Constitution?

Speer: This matter is being dealt with.

Hudema: Has the Executive Committee explored the feasibility of lobbying City Hall to lift residential taxes, due to the municipal surplus?

Speer: This is an issue that has been explored.

Wanke: The Residence Halls Association has been working on this issue with Housing and Food Services, and has asked the University to consider it, particularly in light of recent rent increases.

McGraw: Due to the recent approval of *Gateway* autonomy, will there be a proportionate decrease in SU fees?

Wanke: No percentage of current fees go towards the production of *The Gateway*.

Loewen: What is the SU doing to maintain faculty solidarity in the differential tuition debate?

Salyzyn: The SU is working with CAUS and has developed a document containing a fair tuition model, based on accountability, quality and fairness. Faculty associations have been consulted. The tuition task force is also working on solutions. This question will be raised at GFC Question Period.

Sharma: Is it true that the Access Fund surplus is being funneled towards SUB expansion?

Speer: The Access Fund requires that fifteen *per cent* of its surplus be held in reserve. Beyond that, the surplus is being invested in SUB expansion. The amount will be returned to the Access Fund. The Access Fund loses nothing; it is maintaining its investment portfolio with lower interest rates.

McGraw: When is the Gateway Journalism Society selecting its members?

Alexander: They will be selected when the remainder of the staff is hired.

Davidson: When will the "First-Year Experience" be implemented?

Wanke: That is impossible to tell prior to further consultation with the University. This will simply be an expansion of Orientation.

Sharma: Why were the President-Elect and Vice-President External-Elect not sent to the CASA Lobby Conference, as approved by Council?

Salyzyn: This is a new initiative, but upon consideration it was decided that the CASA Northwest Transition would be a more appropriate conference to send these individuals to.

Loewen: If the expenditure was approved by Council, does that not make it mandatory?

Wanke: No.

Salyzyn: The decision was not made due to political beliefs.

Question Period was extended by fifteen minutes.

Samuel: Is the legal reserve still within its budget?

Speer: No. It is being used for the TravelCUTS lawsuit right now.

Samuel: Will earplugs be available in SUB during final exams, due to the noise pollution?

Speer: There will not be any significant noise pollution during exams, but there will be some truly excellent demolition at the end of April.

Hudema: Has there been consultation with Pembina Hall regarding the noise of SUB expansion?

Speer: The SU has met with the Pembina Students' Association and the Pembina representative for Housing & Food Services. Pembina is being catered to in every way possible.

Harriman: What will happen to unresolved Gripes at Changeover?

Wanke: They will be filed with a report stating what has been done and what remains to be done.

Loewen: Regarding the CASA Lobby Conference, the appearance of this measure is certainly unfavorable.

Salyzyn: Appearance issues will be mitigated if anyone examines the circumstances under which the decision was reached. The President and Vice-President External- Elect will be sent to the transition conference, so they are not missing anything.

Jones: Why are students not being refunded the money they paid into APIRG, given that APIRG has not been active this year?

Speer: Partially based on the request of APIRG, those monies will be forwarded to next year's projects.

2001-22/10

LEGISLATION

2001-22/10a

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Article VIII of the Constitution, Powers Regarding Finance (FIRST Reading).

Wanke: The change involves an increase to the WUSC fee, from thirty cents to thirty-five cents. The SU is empowered to make this change, and the extra money will be very helpful. The monies will be put towards travel grants to bring students to the University of Alberta, as well as some permanent purchases, such as computers.

Loewen moved that the words "Pursuant to a referendum passed on 16 and 17 March 1988, and subsequently modified in March 2002 to add fifteen *per cent* to the sum dictated by said referendum" be included in the original question (friendly).

Harlow ruled that the increase could be by only four cents, rather than five, because five exceeds the fifteen *per cent* limit.

Wanke challenged the Chair.
The Chair's ruling was upheld 19/9/3.

Harlow ruled the motion out of order due to its illegality.

McGraw/Kawanami moved that the motion be revisited, with “thirty-four” in place of “thirty five”.

Carried

Loewen/Jess moved that the denomination by which the sum is changed be rounded to the nearest cent, and thereby, to strike “thirty-four” to be replaced by “thirty-five”.

27/3/0 **Carried**

27/3/1 **Carried**

2001-22/10b

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3100 (FIRST Reading).

Loewen/Kawanami moved that the words “Vice-President Operations & Finance shall have the authority to transfer up to \$500.00 from the Project Reserve” be struck from the bylaw.

Discussion ensued on the amendment.

6/15/3 **Failed**

Samuel/Sharma moved that the word “should” be struck in favor of the word “must” (friendly).

Jones/Jess moved to suspend Standing Order 30 regarding Adjournment.

Carried

24/4/0 **Carried**

2001-22/11

OLD BUSINESS

2001-22/11a

McGRAW/JONES MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed changes to the Standing Orders of the University of Alberta Students’ Council.

McGraw outlined the proposed changes to Standing Orders.

Jess moved that the words “orders of the day” be struck in favor of the words “agenda package” (friendly).

Welke/Kawanami moved that Standing Order 4 regarding bilingual anthems be struck, as Alberta is not a bilingual province.

Jones: Alberta is not a monolingual province either; its language is undesignated.

Clyburn: Regardless of the province, the University of Alberta itself is bilingual.

Brechtel/Jess moved to call the question.

19/1/4 **Carried**

12/13/0 **Failed**

Wanke/Salyzyn moved to restore the Executive Committee to its original place in the agenda, and that the proposed Standing Order 11 be struck.

Discussion ensued on the amendment.

10/13/3 **Failed**

A decision on the main motion was not reached, as Council decided (20/3/0) to move immediately to more pressing business.

2001-22/12

NEW BUSINESS

2001-22/12a

SALYZYN/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two (2) councilors to sit on a Litigation Committee that will provide direction to legal counsel relating to the current legal action against the Students' Union.

Salyzyn/Speer moved that Students' Council move *in camera* to prepare instructions to present to a lawyer representing the Students' Union.

18/0/1 **Carried**

Jess/Welke moved that the structure of the representative committee be articulated in the main motion.

18/4/0 **Carried**

Jess/Jones moved that Council appoint two councilors to sit on the committee with the Vice-President Academic, and strike the General Manager and Christopher Samuel from the committee.

Sharma/Jess moved that Council allow the General Manager and Christopher Samuel to sit on the committee as non-voting members, where all other members have voting rights.

4/17/3 **Failed**

Jess/Gorton moved that the General Manager be allowed to sit on the committee, and that the words "next meetings" be struck in favor of "subsequent meetings".

12/11/1 **Carried**

On the Amendment: 13/11/0 **Carried**

Harriman/Brechtel moved that the motion be postponed until the next meeting of Council, provided legal counsel is present.

9/13/0 **Failed**

Jess/Welke moved to strike the words "until the next meeting of Students' Council" from the motion.

14/9/1 **Carried**

On the main motion: 15/4/4 **Carried**

Congratulations to **Samuel** (councilor) and **Loewen**.

Speer/Salyzyn moved that Students' Council move *ex camera*.
Carried

2001-22/12b

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Jenny Perkins be approved as a student-at-large representative to the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee for the remainder of the 2001-2002 Students' Union year.

This item was tabled to Old Business for the April 2 meeting of Students' Council.

Salyzyn/McGraw moved that items SC2001-22/12c through SC2001-22/12u inclusive be omnibused.

Carried

Sharma raised some concerns regarding the manner in which students are selected for Involvement Awards, and expressed his hope that the Executive Committee would offer some scrutiny to the current criteria.

Salyzyn expressed her conviction that the selected recipients are legitimate and deserving.

19/0/4

Jones and **Adhietty** wished their abstentions noted.

2001-22/12c

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Alberta Treasury Branches Involvement Award to Bobby Dosanj and Lana Law.

2001-22/12d

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Anne Louise Mundell Humanitarian Award to Dimitri Baloukov and Rebecca Lake.

2001-22/12e

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Cristal Mar Memorial Award to Trent Gillespie and Alison Webster.

2001-22/12f

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Dean Mortensen Award to Kyla Rice and Tim Russell.

2001-22/12g

SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Dr. Randy Gregg Athletics Award to Ryan Schulha and Jossann Mackenzie.

- 2001-22/12h** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Eugene L. Brody Award to Michelle Carle and Colin Agur.
- 2001-22/12i** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Hilda Wilson Memorial Volunteer Recognition Award to Linda Hajjar and Hannah Seo.
- 2001-22/12j** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Hooper-Munroe Academic Award to Jessica Pallett and Alberta Ma.
- 2001-22/12k** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Java Jive Merchants Ltd. Award to Janine McCready, Arun Gupta, and Rahoo Agarwal.
- 2001-22/12l** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Lorne Calhoun Award to Queenie Lung and Jared Orynik.
- 2001-22/12m** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Mamie Shaw Simpson Book Prize to Chamila Adhihetty and Haley Cleary.
- 2001-22/12n** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Royal Bank Financial Group Involvement Award to Jocelyn Crocker and Carrie Davidge.
- 2001-22/12o** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Tevie Miller Involvement Award to Bevan Janzen and David Wepler.
- 2001-22/12p** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Tom Lancaster Award to Neil Parmar and Candace Rypien.
- 2001-22/12q** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Walter A. Dinwoodie Award to Ogla Markvardt and Kenman Gan.

- 2001-22/12r** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Students' Union Award for Excellence to Talib Rajwani.
- 2001-22/12s** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Royal Bank Student Faculty Association Involvement Award to Merry Shields.
- 2001-22/12t** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the Gold Key Society Recognition Award to Chamila Adhihetty, Naomi Agard, Colin Agur, Michelle Carle, Dan Coles, Bobby Dosanj, Wendy Gall, Kenman Gan, Mat Oberhoffner, Jared Orynik, Alex Ragan, and Jon Sharun.
- 2001-22/12u** SALYZYN/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the decision of the Awards Committee to present the SALUTE Award to Yadollah Maham and Sandy Rennie.
- 2001-22/12v** LOEWEN MOVED THAT Whereas, the manner in which health care benefits are being distributed in Alberta is currently subject to change dramatically,
Whereas, the student body is concerned that changes may have significant impact on their ability to access quality health or to afford quality health care,
Council directs the External Affairs Board to monitor the changes in Alberta Health Care. EAB will report to Students' Council quarterly. EAB will make any necessary recommendations for action to Council as soon as practical but no later than April 2003.
- This item was tabled to Old Business at the April 2 meeting of Students' Council.

2001-22/15

ADJOURNMENT

Brechtel/Jess moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.