

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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**Tuesday April 2, 2002 - 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

## **MINUTES (SC 2001-23)**

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/ absent</b>	<b>Proxy Name</b>
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/Hom eEc	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/Hom eEc	Jonathon Gorton	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	

Arts	Colin Agur	Absent	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Paul Welke	Present	
Arts	James Knull	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present	
Business	John Watkins	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Charles Beamish	Present	
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Absent	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Present	
Engineering	David Weppler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	Present	

Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	
Medicine/Dentistr y	Karen Cheng	Present	
Medicine/Dentistr y	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of	Pamela McCoy- Jones	Absent	
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	Proxy	Duncan Taylor
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Proxy	Kimberly Williams

Science	Roman Kotovych	Absent	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Absent	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Present	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
Open Studies	Mark Jess	Present	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Present	
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

**Observers**

George Slomp  
Rebecca Lake  
Adam Cook  
Greg Kitt  
Bobby Samuel

**2001-23/1****CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2001-23/2****NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"**

**Samuel** led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-23/3

**University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

**Beamish** led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2001-23/4

**ROLL CALL**

Council welcomed **Welke** as an Arts representative.

Mike Hudema, Kail Ross and Steve Smith were designated Guests of Council.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-23/5

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Wanke/Sharun** moved that the agenda of the SC2001-23 meeting be approved.

**Baxter/Kawanami** moved that items 10d, 10e, 11d and 12d be debated no longer than thirty minutes each.

**Loewen** spoke against the motion.

**Carried**

**Speer/Welke** moved that item 11a be struck.

**Carried**

**Loewen/Jess** moved that items 10e, 10f, 10g and 10h be struck.

**Carried**

**Consensus**

2001-23/6

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

2001-23/6a

Engineering Referendum Results (5 Minutes) - Chris Jones

**Wepler** presented the results of the recent Engineering Faculty referendum. There were 595 ballots cast (19% of the electorate), and of these, 57% approved the referendum. Both the turnout and the result are comparable to Students' Union elections.

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

**Samuel:** How could the referendum be valid if there was no bylaw in place to govern it?

**Weppler:** The bylaw was going to be written if students approved the referendum question. There is a precedent for this sort of procedure.

**Weppler** was thanked for his presentation.

2001-23/7

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Wanke/Kawanami** moved that the minutes of the SC2001-22 meeting be approved.

**Webb** was present.

**Speer:** The Access Fund is maintaining equal interest rates, not lower ones.

**Consensus**

2001-23/8

**REPORTS**

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The province is continuing its review of tuition legislation. The Tuition Task Force will have a document for the April 9 Council meeting.
- The organizational review is approximately 80% finished. It is unlikely that it will be complete before the end of the term, but hopefully the task will be taken up next term.
- The Board of Governors approved a deficit in the University's budget for the first time in 28 years. There is a four-year plan to remove said deficit.
- The Long Range Development Plan will be on the Board agenda in May.
- The provincial budget was recently released, and post-secondary education funding will be maintained at its current level.
- The CASA lobby conference resulted in several new initiatives.
- The SU survey has been released and is available on the SU website.

- b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The Extension Bookstore has been closed. This was a cost-saving measure that resulted in no real reduction of service to students.
  - Awards Night was a tremendous success, owing to the work of Thea Varvis, Steve Derpack and various volunteers.
  - Transition with **Brechtel** is going well.
  
- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - Congratulations to the new Executive.
  - Meetings with Ian McLelland and others were undertaken to explore measures to eliminate deregulation in tuition.
  - The CASA lobby conference was excellent.
  - A recent ACAT meeting was very productive.
  - Nominating committees are ongoing; the incoming Community Relations Coordinator will be selected this coming Friday.
  - Awards Night was very successful.
  - SUB expansion groundbreaking is upcoming.
  - Transition with **Sharma** is ongoing.
  
- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
  - A written report was provided at the meeting.
  - The preliminary budget was approved by the Financial Affairs Board.
  - A new Senior Manager of Finance and Administration was selected after the initial incumbent pursued another employment opportunity. Her name is Beata Fatemi, and she will be an excellent addition to the SU.
  - Congratulations to award winners and Gold Key recipients. Congratulations also to **Salyzyn**, Steve Derpack, **Wanke** and Thea Varvis for an excellent Awards Night.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
  - Thanks to **Salyzyn** and Thea Varvis for allowing artistic license on Awards Night.
  - Transition with Kail Ross has begun.
  - There will be a Battle of the Bands at the Power Plant, from which the winners will attend the next COCA conference.
  - Nominating committees are ongoing.
  - The Student Development Centre office will be located where the current Print Centre is.
  - There will be a Volunteer Party April 6. Council members get free tickets. There will be prizes and free drinks.
  
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
  - **Burrows** was not available to provide a report.
  
- g. Engineering Report.
  - A written report was provided with the agenda package.
  
- h. Law Report
  - An oral report was provided by **Loewen**.
  - The Faculty of Law bid Deans Percy and Klar a fond farewell. New ones are being selected.
  - Congratulations to Mike Reid for being an outstandingly cunning linguist.
  - A new Law Students' Association executive has been elected.
  - Law-specific tuition issues are being explored.
  - Joe Clark spoke at the Law graduation this year.
  - The Law Show was a great success.
  
- i. Executive Committee, Minutes.

There were no Executive Committee Minutes at this time.

**Hudema:** What lobbying efforts have been made to the Law Students' Association regarding differential tuition?

**Samuel:** There has been no formal meeting as of yet. But there is a document regarding differential tuition that will be circulated.

**Lake** (sponsored): Has the opt-out for APIRG been dealt with?

**Samuel:** Concerned students who wish to opt out should go to 2-900 SUB to requisition their refunds.

**Sharma:** Does the recent decision to bind the SU to another year associated with CASA apply to the 2002-03 term?

**Zwack:** Yes. A two-thirds majority of Council can terminate the association, but the fees will have been paid.

**Samuel:** What is the LSA's stance on differential tuition?

**Loewen:** The LSA is attempting to create awareness among Law students. They hold no official position at the moment.

**Jones:** Where is authority designated to bind the SU to CASA for a term beyond this one?

**Samuel:** Membership in CASA is a perpetual agreement, and there has been no impetus by this Council to extricate the SU from that agreement.

**Hudema:** Are efforts ongoing to make SUB expansion "greener"?

**Speer:** The construction design process is already complete. There are no areas of change to be substantially affected at this point.

**2001-23/10**

## **LEGISLATION**

**2001-23/10a**

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

**Wanke:** The amendment from the first reading regarding rounding will shortly be entered on the Constitution.

35/2/2 **Carried**

2001-23/10b

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 (SECOND Reading).

33/1/3 **Carried**

2001-23/10c

KOTOVYCH/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 100 Respecting Students' Council (FIRST Reading).

**Kotovych:** This is being brought forward in order to remove the *Gateway* Editor-in-Chief's seat from Council, now that the autonomy question has been approved.

**Wanke/Jess** moved that this motion be effective for Changeover 2002 (friendly).

**Alexander** spoke in favor.

37/3/0 **Carried**

2001-23/10d

JONES/WEPLER MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 8450 Respecting the Students' Union Faculty Association Membership Fees (FIRST Reading).

**Weppler** introduced the bylaw.

**Weppler** moved that the stipulated date April 30, 2002 be included in the bylaw (friendly).

**Sharma:** Is there a minimum turnout level for this to be approved?

**Jones:** No. Turnout is low throughout campus. If Council is uncomfortable, it can refuse to ratify it.

**Wanke:** Although this is the culmination of excellent work by the Engineering Students' Society, faculty associations are changeable, and this is taxation for non-academic purposes. Such a fee should be left to students who decide to participate in individual events and activities.

**Williams:** Was a No side ventured?

**Jones:** Yes. Both sides were equally funded and advertised.

**Samuel:** There are three objectionable components to this bylaw. The first is that it uses students as a cash source. This is an added financial burden that will not be tax-exempt. The second is that it creates a faculty differential due to population disparity, setting a precedent for varying fees to collect the same amount of money. The third is that the ESS does not have the proper accounting bureaucracy to manage this fee. This bylaw must be defeated, but there are alternatives to it.

**Loewen:** This is a simple way of collecting money that would reduce the existing workload and enhance services. It makes the faculty association more accountable.

**Weppler:** The impetus for the fee is that it will allow the ESS to perform in the capacity that it should. It cuts down on the need for fundraising, and it provides safeguards and checks and balances through its organization. Besides which the debate should center on the viability of the bylaw, because students have already decided to approve the fee itself.

**Tobias:** This fee collects from students what should be provided by corporate sponsorship.

**Nychka:** Corporate sponsorship is very difficult to acquire, and it is already provided for a variety of other projects.

**Harriman:** The fee should have an opt-out clause, and be sensitive to students who do not wish to be involved.

**Speer:** Faculty associations have been accused in the past of misappropriating funds, and such a concern could affect the SU's taxing ability.

**Coles:** The SU enforces student fees of its own, and shouldn't be critical of faculty associations that wish to do the same. This creates a resource to enable faculty associations to do what they are supposed to do.

**Jones:** Students are not being exploited, because they approved this fee *via* election. There are many non-academic fees, such as CJSR, SLS, APIRG and *The Gateway*. This does not set any dangerous precedents.

19/17/4 **Failed**

A roll call was requested by **Weppler, Jones, Tobias, Jess and Laffin.**

19/16/5 **Failed**

**2001-23/10e**

GORTON/HARRIMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed Bylaw 6550 Respecting the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (FIRST Reading).

**Gorton** introduced and outlined the bylaw.

**Loewen:** The bylaw is good, but it should provide an outline of transition procedures.

**Speer** moved the first amendment and circulated it to Council.

**Harlow** considered the amendment out of order.

**Speer** challenged the Chair on the grounds of legislative convention.

26/9/3

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

**Speer/Williams** moved Section 3 of the amendment.

**Jess/Jones** moved that the motion be referred to the Internal Review Board, to report back to Council at the next meeting.

**Wanke** spoke in favor of referring.

19/17/10 **Failed**

**Gorton, Samuel, Smith, Kawanami and Loewen** requested a roll-call vote.

16/20/0 **Failed**

On the amendment: 17/16/2 **Carried**

On the main motion: 28/5/1 **Carried**

**Knoll/Baxter** moved to suspend Standing Orders regarding Adjournment.

10/17/3 **Failed**

**The meeting was immediately adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**