

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 16, 2002, - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-06)

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00
President	Mike Hudema	✓
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	x
VP External	Anand Sharma	✓
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mike Reid	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
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Arts	Chris Bolivar	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner (Aimie Meunier)	✓
Arts	Alexis Pepin	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓
Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓

Business	Jamie Kidston (Queenie Lung)	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓ (6:30)
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✓
Education	Mandeep Gill	
Education	Janet Lo	
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith	✓
Engineering	Jason Tobias	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✓
Residence Halls Assoc.	George Slomp	✓ (6:20)
Med/Dent	Miranda Richardson (Patricia Tsang)	✓
Med/Dent	Jeffrey Cao	✓
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing		
Open Studies		
Open Studies		
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	
Rehab Med	Adelaine Wong (Carla Webb)	✓

Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✓
Science	Katie Grant	x
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓ (7:05)
Science	Constantino Renzi	✓
Science	Chris Samuel	✓
Science	Steven Schendel	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓

2002-06/1 CALL TO ORDER (6:00)

2002-06/2 NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"
Hudema led council in a stirring rendition of the national anthem

2002-06/3 University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"
 To council's pleasure and excitement, **Ross** was actually able to lead the singing of the cheer song. **Welke** was neither pleased nor excited by **Ross's** singing of the cheer song.

2002-06/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Tobias and **Grant** are currently suspended from council. **Grant** was not present; either she or a proxy must be present at the next meeting. **Tobias** explained that he has been preoccupied in Rocky Mountain House, where he ensures that Husky Oil maintains sufficiently high levels of pollution, and has not had access to phone or e-mail.

REID/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT **Tobias** be reinstated to council.
Carried (consensus)

Beginning next week, CRAP will meet immediately after council unless council goes beyond 9:00.

2002-06/5 ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

WEPPLER/SAMUEL MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda.
SMITH MOVED TO ADD Late Additions.
Consensus

2002-06/7

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2002-06/7a

Steve Smith – Budget (15 Minutes)

4 components to SU budget: capital, operating, non-dedicated reserve, dedicated reserve.

Overview: front page

Capital: 2nd page, \$138000

Operating: SU is in many departments, each with its own operating budget

3 non-dedicated reserves: contingency (e.g. kitchen stuff in L'Express), underperformance (in case businesses underperform), and project (funded through Coke deal; spent on priorities that emerge through year)

Dedicated reserve not included (dedicated fees). See SU fee breakdown.

There will be a test next week!

2002-06/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Although **Knoll's** minutes were the subject of much ridicule by Council, the Recording Secretary would like to thank him for stepping up in her absence, as well as for whatever he did to get rid of the crummy old computer.

Smith:

p1: "Kelly" should read "Sarah Kelly;" "Kotovych" should read "Roman Kotovych"

p3: Change "foxy broad" to "heroine," "Ried" to "Reid," and "Faculty St. Jean" to "Faculté St. Jean"

p4: Change "Smith" to "Smith (Councillor)," "Sharma" to "Sharma (Councillor)" in the second occurrence, "following the Ontario deregulation model" to "advocating the Ontario deregulation model," and "the University has a task force that looks at this independent of administration. We want this to go to the classroom." to "the University has a task force that looks at this, but that does not address administration costs. The University has been raising tuition, but it hasn't gone to the classroom."

p5: Change "Ried" to "Reid," "Men-yay" to "Meunier," "How does APRIG hiring policy jive with SU policy." to "What is the Students' Union's policy on discrimination, and is the President aware that the Alberta Public Interest Research Group is currently practicing adverse effect discrimination in its hiring?" and "They are not completely in line with us, but they don't bias" to "APIRG is a group that is external to us, and therefore not bound by our policies. Besides, the form of affirmative action that they are practicing would not be forbidden under our policies."

p6: Change "Huedeama" to "Hudema," "CA is independent of us, so it's difficult to get our concerns a lot" to "CA is an external organization, and therefore we are obligated to act in the best interests of the Students' Union, irrespective of the best interests of Campus Advantage." and "There is a lot of packaging in the packages that are given away, they may not be given away." to "The Executive has decided not to participate in CA's sample pack program due

to concerns over the amount of packaging being used.”

p7: Change “Ried” to “Reid”

p8: Change “We would like to go through a salary review, but we can’t do this so FAB did a review based on hourly wages.” to “This is an attempt to correct inequities as a stop-gap measure until the salary review scheduled for next year.”

p9: Add “2002-05/14b SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve a budgeted expense of not more than \$820 for Mike Hudema, Anand Sharma, and Kim Steele to attend the CAUS conference in Calgary, Alberta from July 7 to July 9, 2002. Carried.”

Kawanami: p8 replace “getting the shaft with respect to wages” to “getting the shaft at the last salary review committee.

The Recording Secretary is ever so grateful to **Smith** for submitting his changes in written form.

2002-06/9

REPORTS

a) Mike **Hudema**, President

Written report provided. Minister of Learning has said that future tuition policies won’t include deregulation – yipee!

b) Mat Brechtel, Vice-President Academic

Bearing a striking resemblance to a paper bag puppet: “9 to 4, 9 to 4, blah, blah, blah.”

c) Anand **Sharma**, Vice-President External

Yay CAUS; down with deregulation.

d) Steve **Smith**, Vice-President Operations and Finance

Written report (“An intimate discussion of Steve **Smith**”) provided (see LA 02-06.01)

In other exciting news, Subway will be the new Food Court tenant [Subway...in SUB...he he he]. They’ve agreed to some tantalizingly progressive packaging and food-saving initiatives.

e) Kail **Ross**, Vice-President Student Life

Written report provided. Chris Robb will be new director of Student Programs.

f) Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Nothing to report, so it’s really okay that the Speaker forgot to call on him.

g) Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee Report

Please see document SC 02-06.01

SHARMA/SMITH (COUNCILOR) MOVED TO APPROVE
Carried

h) Internal Review Board Report

Please see document SC 02-06.02

Hudema: We passed 13 motions in 5 minutes at this super efficient (yet careful and considered) meeting!

2002-06/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Samuel: When will online registration be available? Why is the timetabling system down?
[shrugs, general confusion and passings of bucks]

Clyburn: When will council see a report from Bill Smith re: Travel Cuts lawsuit?

Hudema: [several minutes pass] Oh look; here he is now!

Smith (General Manager): In the late 70s and 80s, we were part of the groups that owned Travel Cuts, then there was a transfer of ownership that was quite messy. Western filed a lawsuit and U of A, Queens and UBC joined. Discovery occurred late last year, rediscovery last week. Expect a trial date in fall or early winter. We can give a more complete report after we go to Western next week.

Schendel: When will we be able to see the handbooks?

Ross: It's shooting [presumably photos] now. We'll have 18,000 in mid-August. It looks great and was below budget. Yay!

Kawanami: Why weren't Kings College and Concordia allowed into the Edmonton Student Alliance?

Sharma: We wanted it to be just U of A, GMCC and NAIT to start. Plus, Concordia and Kings are semi-private and we have political policies saying that we don't support private institutions. However, they're private not-for-profit, so perhaps there's room for debate here. The ESA isn't doing anything right now that requires their involvement.

Smith (Councillor): How does the smoking and non-smoking policy fit in with the municipal bylaw?

Ross: We'll look into this.

Smith: Would **Ross** like to comment on the "You Don't Know Jack" game played before the meeting?

Ross: I placed third, due to trickery and deceit by my opponents.

Sharma (Councillor): What's up with the Funding Solutions Task Force?

Hudema: We're presenting to admin. Students had no input in the initial review; we're trying to get a student presence.

Bolivar: Mr. Nader will receive a \$30,689 honorarium for his appearance; is that reasonable? Why are we paying for two people to travel and why is the cost so high, as our travel policy prohibits us from paying for first or business class tickets. How is this event to be promoted, as no advertising costs are included in the budget?

Hudema: Honorarium goes to three organizations that Nader is affiliated with; only a small portion goes to himself and the speakers bureau that arranged this. This is a high-cost estimate for travel; actual price should be much lower. Nader will not be flying business or first class. Mr. Nader will be speaking as part of the Eco-Conference, which has its own publicity budget.

Meunier: How can the exec approve a document to go to CASA before it comes to council?

Reid: The document should not say "U of A SU" unless it has been approved by Council. Could CASA be given official notice of that fact, until Council approval is obtained?

Sharma: It was made clear at the meeting that this was a preliminary document, to be subsequently modified by Council. It had to be submitted to CASA before Council due to timelines (which have since been changed) and was presented to Council as an information item at the earliest possible date. EAB will be considering the issue on the 25th.

2002-06/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-06.03

Carried (consensus)

2002-06/12

LEGISLATION

2002-06/12a

BOLIVAR/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw 3200 (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-06.04

Kawanami: The optics of this retroactive motion are bad.

Smith: This follows the CUPE agreement. At no point has a member of the Executive Committee ever voted in favor of this policy.

Sharma: We should investigate the salaries paid by other schools and organizations to their Speakers and Recording Secretaries, rather than just pulling numbers out of the air.

Bolivar: FAB considered consulting other schools but wasn't convinced that their situations were necessarily relevant to ours.

Vigeant: The idea was to level the salaries with respect to other SU employees, not necessarily with respect to other schools.

Smith: This is an imperfect, stop-gap measure. A salary review is planned for next year and the issue can be better addressed then.

Carried (19/7/6)

2002-06/12b

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 6300 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-06.05

Smith: This is similar to Bylaw 6600, the Gateway bylaw, and includes several items from the FACRA operating agreement that are better dealt with in bylaw. FACRA suggested some changes, which were duly made.

Carried (28/0/0)

2002-06/12c

SHARMA/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy- Deregulation.

Please see document SC 02-06.06.

Sharma: Deregulation=bad. It leads to inequities and doesn't provide for accessible and affordable education.

Sharma (Councilor): Can you provide an example of deregulation being bad?

Hudema: Deregulation resulted in a 40% decrease in accessibility to low-income students at Guelph and a 50% decrease at the University of Western Washington.

Webb: What, if any, were the positive outcomes found in these studies?

Sharma: We're not here to discuss the merits of deregulation. I don't see any benefits in the area of Education. Supposedly, bursaries and scholarships would be increased, but this has not been proven.

Carried (24/5/0)

2002-06/12d

SHARMA/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, approve the proposed Political Policy – FTAA.

Please see document SC 02-06.07,

Sharma: We're fighting to ensure that Education is excluded from trade agreements. If education is included, there is a strong chance that governments will have to provide the same level of support to private, for-profit institutions as they do to public institutions. Studies have shown that these agreements harm education.

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVE TO REPLACE "lobby the appropriate levels of government to ensure that public post-secondary education is protected under a FTAA agreement" with "oppose the inclusion of education in the FTAA"

Consensus

CLYBURN/KAWANAMI MOVE TO STRIKE "BIFT the U of A SU direct CASA to develop and advocate a comprehensive policy on education as it relates to the FTAA."

Sharma: Let's get our national lobbying organization doing some national lobbying.

Kawanami: CASA doesn't have enough time to consider policy in advance, yet somehow they have time to develop a comprehensive policy before the FTAA is signed on Nov 13?

Clyburn: We are one of 23 members in CASA; we can't "direct" them to do anything. It would be more appropriate to take real leadership on this issue and bring an actual policy to the CASA policy committee.

Wepler: Who exactly is the "U of A SU?" The exec, this council, a committee?

Smith: Whatever is appropriate under SU governance procedures.

Sharma: This issue would be better dealt with by CASA staff than by a formal policy.

BOLIVAR/SMITH MOVE TO CALL THE QUESTION

Carried

Carried (21/9/4)

Carried (26/4/3)

2002-06/12e

SHARMA/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation

of the External Affairs Board and the Executive, approve the proposed Political Policy – GATS.

Please see document SC 02-06.08.

KAWANAMI/REID MOVED TO STRIKE “BIFT the U of A SU direct CASA to develop and advocate a comprehensive policy on education as it relates to the GATS.”

Carried (21/9/2)

Carried (26/5/2)

2002-06/14f

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed budget, contingent on the approval of a ten thousand dollar sponsorship from the Alberta Public Interest Research Group by the APIRG Board of Directors, for Ralph Nader to speak on the University of Alberta campus, and that the budget operate from the Students’ Union’s Special Project Reserve.

Please see document LA 02-06.02.

Smith: Nader was a presidential candidate, environmental and consumer advocate, and pioneered the concept of Public Interest Research Groups. Funding from APIRG has been secured. We expect this to be a break-even venture.

Wepler: What if other sources of funding don’t come through?

Smith: That would be very unlikely, but if it does happen, the money would come from the special projects reserve.

Williams: Who is the other person travelling with Mr. Nader?

Rajulu: Where are 700 people going to be sitting?

Kawanami: Is it double-dipping for this group to be accessing so many different SU funds? Who will be sponsoring this conference? Have you considered less expensive alternatives?

Hudema: Mr. Nader’s personal aide will be coming with him. The presentation will occur in Horowitz, which has a capacity of 720. The SU is hosting this event and we are looking for other groups to partner with us, financially and otherwise. We looked into David Suzuki; he will be coming January 9th (pending Council approval). Other prominent speakers we investigated were booked at this time. Nader is a high-profile speaker, which will hopefully generate interest in the sustainability office as well as more potential partnership opportunities. There will be a \$10 ticket price, with the possibility of a fund for low-income students.

Bolivar: Budgets shouldn’t have question marks in them; Council shouldn’t be approving this with so much of the funding being uncertain.

Clyburn: Budgets are inherently estimates; they always have question marks in them.

Ross: We need to confirm with Mr. Nader very soon, which is the reason for some of the budgetary uncertainty.

Varga: Will the executive have the opportunity to speak with Mr. Nader about various issues while he is here?

Hudema: Mr. Nader will open the Sustainability and APIRG offices as well as

being available during a reception and dinner. There will be a lengthy question period at his presentation.

Sharma (Councilor): If listening to Mr. Nader costs \$30,000, how much does it cost to eat with him?

Ross: Mr. Nader comes with a free supper! This might also be an additional revenue source.

Kawanami: Spending so much money on a speaker may reflect poorly on The SU when we are pleading poverty to the university and government.

Sharma (Councilor): Will the source of funding be made public?

Smith: The funding sources will be well publicized. We should be making decisions based on what is best for students, not what has the best optics.

Carried (23/8/2)

2002-06/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-06/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-06/14a

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVE THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to sit on the Gateway Journalism Society Board of Directors for the duration of the 2002-2003 Council year.

Congratulations to **Laffin**.

2002-06/14b

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVE THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to sit on the Internal Review Board for the duration of the 2002-2003 Council year.

Congratulations to **Bolivar**

2002-06/14c

ROSS/HUDEMA MOVE THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to sit on the Programming Committee for the duration of the 2002-2003 Council year.

Congratulations to **Vigeant**, for her superior rock, scissors, paper abilities.

2002-06/14d

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Operating Agreement between the First Alberta Campus Radio Association and the Students' Union.

Please see document SC 02-06.09

Smith: This is pretty much the same as last year, but some things have been removed that are better dealt with in bylaw. The FACRA board of directors has already approved this.

Carried (34/0/0)

2002-06/14e

SMITH/ROSS MOVE THAT Students' Council eliminate the planned Students' Union Building computer lab from the Students' Union Building Expansion plans in favour of three to six public access terminals to be located on the main floor of the Students' Union Building.

Smith: When SUB expansion plans were originally brought to it, Council was adamant that a computer lab be included and a 22-unit lab was thus incorporated into the plans. The maintenance and replacement costs of this lab would be prohibitive and it would eliminate student group meeting space.

REID/BOLIVAR MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE NEXT MEETING and requests that **Smith** bring a number of different options.

Smith: I have all of the information requested here today; I could present it right now.

KAWANAMI/WELKE MOVED TO CALL THE QUESTION
Carried

Carried (28/7/0)

2002-06/15

INFORMATION ITEMS

2002-06/15a

Smoking Policy

Please see document SC 02-06.10

2002-06/15b

Advertising Policy

Please see document SC 02-06.11

2002-06/15c

Employee Travel Policy.

Please see document LA 02-06.03.

2002-06/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smith: In the travel policy, there is an error in the introduction. That will be fixed for next week.

Sharma: EAB is meeting on the 25th. We're hiring a CAUS coordinator and an application is available in the Exec offices; spread the word! Come see me!

Smith: Please keep your budgets! They're expensive, kill trees and that makes **Hudema** cry.

Ross: Come see me for some Council bonding.

2002-06/16a

Next Council Meeting

July 23, 2002 - 6:00 PM (+CRAP meeting)

August 6, 2002 - 6:00 PM

**UPCOMING
COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

2002-06/17

ADJOURNMENT (8:40)

Introducing...The Council Quote Game!

Only one of the following four comments was not made by the VP External during the July 16 Council meeting. The first member of council to contact the Recording Secretary (in person or by e-mail at hmcgraw@ualberta.ca) with the correct answer (that is, the incorrect comment) will win some entirely trivial prize for their diligence:

- a. "I can't blush and she really is a friend."
- b. "I don't know about you, but I don't want to be deregulated there."
- c. "If you meet me in the hallway, I'll update you there."
- d. [upon being asked by a councilor why he keeps a jar of Vaseline on his desk] "I keep it for you!"