

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 30, 2002 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-08)

| Faculty/Position | Name | 6:00 |
|---|---------------|------|
| President | Mike Hudema | ✓ |
| Vice-President (Academic) | Mat Brechtel | ✓ |
| Vice-President (External) | Anand Sharma | ✓ |
| Vice-President (Finance) | Steve Smith | ✓ |
| Vice-President (Student Life) | Kail Ross | ✓ |
| Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative | Mike Reid | ✓ |
| Agriculture, Forestry, & Home Economics | | |
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| Arts | Chris Bolivar | ✓ |
| Arts | Kyle Kawanami | ✓ |

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| Arts | James Knull | X |
| Arts | Matt Oberhoffner (Aimie Meunier) | ✓ |
| Arts | Alexis Pepin | ✓ |
| Arts | Laura Roberts | ✓ |
| Arts | Vivek Sharma | ✓ |
| Arts | Paul Welke | X |
| Business | Jamie Kidston (Queenie Lung) | ✓ |
| Business | Meena Rajulu | ✓ |
| Business | Holly Tomte | ✓ |
| Education | Charles Beamish | ✓ |
| Education | Daljeet Chhina | ✓ |
| Education | Allison Ekdahl | ✓ |
| Education | Mandeep Gill | |
| Education | Janet Lo | |
| Engineering | Margaret Laffin | ✓ |
| Engineering | Paige Smith | ✓ |
| Engineering | Jason Tobias (Gary Wicentowich) | ✓ |
| Engineering | Michelle Vigeant | ✓ |
| Engineering | David Wepler | X |
| Law | Paul Varga | X |
| Residence Halls Association | George Slomp | X |

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| Medicine/Dentistry | Miranda Richardson (Carolyn Stoltz) | ✓ |
| Medicine/Dentistry | Jeffrey Cao | ✗ |
| Native Studies | | |
| Nursing | | |
| Open Studies | | |
| Open Studies | | |
| Pharmacy | Lanette Prediger | ✓ |
| Rehabilitation Medicine | Adelaine Wong | ✗ |
| Faculté Saint-Jean | Lisa Clyburn | ✓ |
| Science | Chamila Adhihetty | ✓ |
| Science | Kimberly Dary | ✓ |
| Science | Katie Grant (Lindsay Eales) | ✓ |
| Science | Aisha Khatib | ✗ |
| 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 | ✓ |

2002-08/1 CALL TO ORDER (6:05)

2002-08/6 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SAMUEL/BEAMISH MOVED TO approve the agenda.

ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO SUSPEND standing order 9

Carried

SHARMA MOVED TO add 14b so he can go to a conference.

ROSS MOVED TO strike reports

Carried

2002-08/8 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED TO approve the minutes of the July 23 meeting.

Carried

2002-08/10 QUESTION PERIOD

Laffin: How many un-read e-mails are in Sharma's in-box?

Sharma: I get lots of e-mails, both from myself and from Kim Steele. Of the thousands I've received, I responded to 173.

Dilatory question from **Smith:** Are **Sharma's** feelings hurt when he realizes that he hasn't read a message he sent himself?

Kawanami: Does the upcoming "Puppetry of the Penis" show abide by the SU's proposed ethical purchasing policy?

Smith: The ethical purchasing policy hasn't been passed yet and doesn't mention pornography.

Samuel: How's that CFS report coming along?

Sharma: CFS sent the wrong organizational chart and CASA is apparently understaffed during the summer. It might be a while.

Renzi: What's new with the U-Pass?

Hudema: ETS is still saying \$240/student. We're in a coalition with the Sierra Club, NAIT, GMCC et al., and are researching U-passes around North America. The average is \$83/student so the ETS figure is way out of whack.

Samuel: Why don't the accommodation and food figures in the Eco Conference budget add up?

Hudema: We'll get back to you on that.

Dilatory question from **Kawanami:** During FARCE last night **Sharma** took a phone call from a feminine voice. Was she blonde?

Smith: What did Sharma (Councilor) learn about the ethical ramifications of me getting a parking pass and selling it to him at reduced rate?

Sharma (Councilor): **Smith** eloquently explained that it would cost the SU more for him to have a parking pass. I applaud his ethical integrity.

Pepin: Are we doing anything for the University Open House?

Hudema: There will be a dinner-style AGM at the Westin and later there will be an opportunity to ask the President questions. We're trying to get more time for student questions.

Clyburn: Is parent orientation going ahead this year? Will the SU be involved?

Ross: It will run in the last week of August. Yes we will be involved.

Hudema: Why couldn't Sharma fit both of his conference requests on one piece of paper?

Sharma: I wanted it to be clear that these were separate requests.

Smith: Did the VP External not admit to having both gut instinct and "plenty" of hearsay?

Sharma: [sheepishly] Yeah.

Hudema: Is it not true that the correct numbers for the Eco Conference budget are: \$90/night for accommodation and 2 daysx5x\$50.00?

Smith: You betcha.

Sharma: What's new with parking?

Ross: An increase can probably be expected, as the director of parking services says that parking is subject to "market forces."

Pepin: Is it true that Stadium parkade will be available only to staff, not to students, in September?

Ross: Not that I know of.

Kawanami: In April, the Parking Services website said that Stadium would not be open to students in the fall.

2002-08/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-08.01 and SC 02-08.02

SMITH MOVED TO WITHDRAW the July 15, 2002 Executive committee report.

Consensus

2002-08/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-08/13a

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board, approve the proposed Operating Budget for the Students Financial Aid and Information Centre.

Please bring documentation from the last meeting.

Smith: SFAIC is funded by a dedicated fee and is thus not included in the general SU budget. In previous years, SFAIC has run a surplus and some of that accumulated surplus will be consumed by this year's deficit budget.

Carried (28/1/0)

2002-08/13b

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the attached Eco Conference budget.

Please bring documentation from the last meeting.

Smith: The accommodation figures should read "3 speakers for 2 nights at \$90/night" and the Food figures "Food 2 days x 5 x \$50.00." This is a fairly conservative, break-even budget.

Clyburn: Other than the obvious fact that the environment is good, what is the justification for this conference?

Sharma (Councilor): From whom have we received donations and what do we owe them in return?

Hudema: This is cost-effective as well as being inherently good. The conference will provide an opportunity to showcase and raise the profile of the sustainability office and find students and volunteers who are interested in sustainability in the SU and at the university as a whole. The conference will have a debate stream featuring experts on Kyoto and other topics as well as a workshop stream about applying concepts of sustainability to the U of A. We expect significant media coverage, possibly at the national level.

Samuel: More than 24% of the budget is being spent on pre-conference posters; this is rather ironic for an Eco Conference.

Smith: The high percentage for posters is a reflection of the small size of the conference budget.

Meunier: Will the two other main tenets of sustainable development [economic and social, as well as environmental] be addressed at the conference?

Sharma: Yes, all three areas will be addressed. The U of A has a long way to go with respect to environmental measures; this would be a big step forward.

Meunier: Will the promotional materials be printed on recyclable materials?

Ross: You betcha.

Kawanami: Is it necessary to spend so much on publicity for this conference, considering that we should get lots of free publicity from the Ralph Nader talk?

Pepin: What, exactly is "pre-Conference posters, etc."? Posters shouldn't cost \$2775.

Smith: The Nader presentation will be piggy-backing on Eco-conference publicity, not the other way around. Most of the poster cost is for design time.

Carried (24/5/0)

2002-08/13c

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expense for Anand Sharma to attend the Le Feuq conference August 11-15, 2002.

Please bring documentation from the last meeting.

Sharma: This is the first time this conference has been held; it will deal largely with accessibility, affordability, deregulation, FTAA, and GATT. Attendees will be mostly CASA members. There is a pressing need for provincial groups to discuss these issues.

Samuel: Has **Sharma** already registered for the conference?

Sharma (Councilor): Since so much money is spent sending exec members to conferences, could we please receive some information about the different conferences so Council could better prioritize them?

Smith: Conference information is contained in the budget.

Meunier: Considering how much time **Sharma** already spends with CASA members, isn't his attendance at this conference rather redundant?

Brechtel: CASA doesn't address provincial issues; this will provide an opportunity to discuss provincial issues with students from across the country.

Bolivar: Has anyone from the exec ever asked students whether they think sending exec members to so many conferences is a good use of their fees?

Laffin: These expenditures are already budgeted, if sometimes poorly; can we send **Sharma** to a math conference to help with this?

Kawanami: Why are we going to a conference for the lobbying organization for Quebec? The issues facing post-secondary institutions in Alberta are quite different from those facing schools in Quebec. If this is such a significant, important conference, why was it added on the Late Additions?

Hudema: Issues like affordability, accessibility and deregulation are facing post-secondary institutions in all provinces. Ontario schools have already faced many of the issues that we're currently dealing with; this will provide us with a great opportunity to learn from other schools' experiences.

Samuel: Why do the accommodation figures in the different budgets not agree? Couldn't many of the benefits of attending this conference be attained through correspondence instead?

Hudema: We've already attempted to correspond, but it hasn't been very productive. Being there in person is more effective and is better for brainstorming, planning, etc.

Bolivar: If these two motions are approved, the conference budget is exhausted and we would be unable to attend any conferences outside of CAUS and CASA. We shouldn't limit our options so early in the year.

Clyburn: At EAB we were told that deregulation is no longer an issue in Alberta; why is it suddenly an issue again?

Sharma: This is a budgeted expense and no other conferences are anticipated this year. Deregulation isn't an issue for us this year, but it may be again soon. Flight costs will go down if I attend both conferences, as it will include a Saturday stay. The conference addresses the issues that are most pressing to students. This was not a Late Addition item this meeting; it was last week because we didn't hear from the organizers until the last minute.

Carried (20/10/1)

2002-08/13d

BRECHTEL/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the appointment of Elizabeth Sumamo, Elizabeth Meiling Shih, Emily Kraus, and Chad Moore as student-at-large members of the Awards Selection Committee.

Samuel: Considering the current legal issues resulting from the perceived inbreeding in our awards system, it's probably not good to see so many familiar names on this list; what selection criteria were used?

Smith: Unfortunately, this is largely unavoidable due to the fairly small pool of interested students from which we are drawing.

Carried (24/4/0)

2002-08/13e

SHARMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint two (2) councilors to sit on the Dean of Students Review Committee.

Please bring documentation from the last meeting.

Kawanami: Does this committee require members of the Students' Union or members of Students' Council? We use Nomination Committees to decide the SU appointments to many university committees.

Brechtel: Nom Coms are expensive and time consuming. Precedent suggests that we use nominations from Council, due to the short timeline involved (the deadline is tomorrow).

Rajulu: What time commitment is involved?

Clyburn: Could we open this motion to members of the Students' Union, rather than just Councilors?

Sharma (Councilor): What duties are involved in this committee?

Hudema: Meetings will be about once a month until the end of the year when they will be more frequent. Yes, this could be opened to all members of the Students' Union.

Carried (28/2/1)

Congratulations to **Chhina** and **Dary**

2002-08/13f

BRECHTEL/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint two (2) councilors to sit on the Gold Key Selection Committee.

Congratulations to **Rajulu** and **Ekdahl**

2002-08/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-08/14a

SMITH/KAWANAMI MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections, appoint Haley Cleary to the Committee for the Finding And Realization of Changes to Elections as a student-at-large for the duration of the Committee's mandate.

Carried (23/8/0)

2002-08/14b

SHARMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve a budgeted expense for Anand Sharma to attend the Concordia-McGill conference on August 8-11, 2002.

SHARMA MOVED TO AMEND the total conference amount to \$160, as there is in fact no delegate fee.

Friendly

Samuel: It seems odd to attend a conference just because we're there.

Bolivar: Why go to a conference that discusses the same issues as were raised at Le Feuq just days before?

Laffin: If **Sharma** doesn't go to this conference, will there be money left in the conference budget?

Hudema: This conference will have a different pool of students than will Le Feuq, allowing us to hear many other views. As this is on a weekend, it won't conflict with the VP External's other duties. \$160 is a very small expense for a conference. Approving this will also lower the flight cost for Le Feuq.

Kawanami: Why do we need to go to every single CASA and CFS conference? Do we really receive proportionate benefit from each additional one?

Ross: I'd like to see the VP External present a detailed expense report to Council after the conference.

Sharma: This is an important conference. The Le Feuq conference is quite exclusive. Getting additional points of view for such a small expense is great value; I wouldn't be able to attend any other conferences with this amount of money.

SLOMP/SMITH MOVED the previous question.

Carried

Carried (24/7/0)

2002-08/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts gear will be available August 6 – watch for it!

2002-08/16a

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 2002.

Tuesday, August 20, 2002.

**UPCOMING
COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

2002-08/16b

Athletics

Business

**UPCOMING FACULTY
ASSOCIATION
REPORTS**

2002-08/17

ADJOURNMENT (7:40)

Although the VP Ops and Finance is always an excellent source of humorous Council stories, one of the following didn't happen at the July 30 meeting. The first Member of Council to e-mail the Recording Secretary (hmcgraw@ualberta.ca) with the correct answer will receive a reward reflecting the prestige and importance of this contest.

Which of the following did the VP Ops and Finance not do at the July 30 meeting?

- a. Present his report in the form of a multiple-choice quiz
- b. Express total comfort with the idea of nude male performers in Horowitz.
- c. Suggest that purchasing a one-way ticket would be an effective way to lower the VP External's conference budget.
- d. Use the number of e-mails in his in-box as evidence to support his claim to be better-loved than the VP External.
- e. Have his ethical integrity praised by a Councilor.