

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

MINUTES (SC 2002-09)

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00
President	Mike Hudema	✓
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓
VP External	Anand Sharma	✓
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓
BoG 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	x
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓

Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓
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 (Lee Gendron)	✓ (6:55)
Engineering	Jason Tobias	✗
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✗
Law	Paul Varga	✓ (6:10)
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✗
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson	✗
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✗
Native Studies		
Nursing		

Open Studies		
Open Studies		
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	x
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong (Carla Webb)	✓ (6:10)
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty (Roman Kotovych)	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary (Emily Kraus)	✓
Science	Katie Grant (Lindsay Eales)	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓
Science	Constantino Renzi	x
Science	Chris Samuel	✓
Science	Steven Schendel	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	x
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓

**MINUTES (SC 2002-09)**

2002-09/1

**CALL TO ORDER (6:00)**

2002-09/6

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

REID/KNOLL MOVED TO approve the agenda

**Carried**

2002-09/8

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

WELKE/WILLIAMS MOVED TO approve the minutes

P4:

**Sharma** has responded to all but 173 of the thousands of e-mails he has received, not 136.

**Samuel**, not **Sharma (Councilor)** inquired re: the status of the CFS report **Clyburn** also asked whether the SU would be involved in parent orientation (yes)

P5:

**Smith** asked whether the VP External had “plenty” of hearsay, not “punty,” as that wouldn’t make any sense at all.

Carried

2002-09/9

### **REPORTS**

#### **President (Mike Hudema):**

Off gallivanting in San Francisco last week. Checked out Eco Offices at UBC and Western. Met with Minister of Learning, Lyle Oberg today and received commitments to avoid deregulation. He is very open to consultation. The Universities Act will be reopened this year; we’d like to see more students on BoG. Eco Conference press release this Thursday at 11:00 in Horowitz – watch for us in the news! Looking to start Second Harvest free meal program.

#### **Vice-President Academic (Mat Brechtel):**

Creative report before council. CNS will look into the possibility of getting French-language capabilities on all campus keyboards. (please see LA 02-09.03)

#### **Vice-President External (Anand Sharma):**

I met with Lyle Oberg too! Everything is status quo for deregulation. Scott Winder will be the new CAUS coordinator; he’s working on the website now. Our policies are sometime inconsistent with those of CASA and CAUS; hoping to update some of those. Tuition document will be tabled on the 20<sup>th</sup>. U of S will be coming to visit. U Pass is a hot issue and I had to deal with it while Mike was gone. Now it’s his. Heh heh.

#### **Vice-President Operations and Finance (Steve Smith):**

Written report for those between the ages of 10 and adult attached. (please see LA 02-09.02)

#### **Vice-President Student-Life (Kail Ross):**

I was interviewed by Canadian Press today about the transition between High school and University and there’s a photo opp coming up. Hot stuff.

#### **Golden Bears and Panda’s Legacy Fund**

Written report attached (please see LA 02-09.01)

#### **Faculty of Arts (James Knull and Aimie Meunier):**

We’re in a major fundraising campaign, strengthening our CODA, and building bridges. Oct. 15-18 is Arts Week! We call it Octoberfest. It’s like Engineering

Week, but with Arts students instead. \$3199.33 worth of burgundy and buff Arts gear will be at the ASA office tomorrow afternoon. Huzzah.

**Faculty of Business (Holly Tomte):**

We're getting ready for our orientation on Sept. 12.

2002-09/10

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Kawanami:** Will the fund for low-income students to attend the Ralph Nader talk be available to any student or only U of A students?

**Smith:** Any low-income person may apply for the fund.

**Welke:** Why is the American spelling of "colour" used in the U of A cheer song?

**Brechtel:** Many University documents use the American spellings; it's probably just an oversight.

**Hudema:** I do my best to triumph over the University's incompetence and pronounce the "u" anyway.

**Krauss:** Why does Pandas wrestling get less money from the Legacy Fund than the Bears?

**Smith:** The Bears are going to Germany; this is the only instance of discrimination between the two teams.

**Smith:** Didn't the VP Academic only win last meeting's Council Quotes through treachery and deceit, by seeing the question before it was released to the general public?

**Brechtel:** I'd like to defer to the VP gut feelings and hearsay, as these are the sole grounds on which this accusation is based.

**Sharma:** I'd like to defer?

**Kotovych:** Has the University considered a February convocation?

**Brechtel:** There is a smaller one after the fall term.

**Welke:** Are the minutes of the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund meeting public?

**Smith:** Not until they have been approved.

**Sharma (Councilor):** What are we doing to get more students on BoG?

**Hudema:** "Everything is on the table;" we're not sure how many more seats this means, but hopefully this will translate into more students on the committee. There is a big process changes to the Universities Act will have to go through before they are final.

**Kawanami:** When the Universities Act is changed, will we seek to have our fiduciary duty more explicitly stated to avoid many of the issues that arose last year?

**Smith:** Heck yeah.

**Meunier:** Why doesn't the exec understand the difference between sustainable development and environmental stewardship? (i.e. that sustainable development involves economic and social factors, as well as environmental)

**Hudema:** We attempt to refer to the upcoming conference as covering "environmental sustainable development" but sometimes that gets lost.

**Kotovych:** How was the penis show?

**Ross:** It was interesting. They disrobed and showed us their origami. I was enlightened, although I didn't try it at home because it looked painful and I'm a rookie.

**Smith:** Much like walking and chewing gum, it's not possible to perform penis origami and talk on the phone at the same time.

**Kawanami:** Will A&W in the expanded SUB be offering an expanded menu to enhance students' breakfast options?

**Smith:** Not to my knowledge.

2002-09/11

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-09.01

**Kawanami:** Money from the Student Groups Granting Committee can only fund U of A students; isn't it inconsistent for the Ralph Nader fund to follow different rules?

**Smith:** As it turns out, I was wrong; only U of A students are allowed. How convenient.

2002-09/14a

HUDEMA/SMITH moved that Students' Council approve the proposed Operating Budget for the Sustainability Office.

Please see document SC 02-09.02

**Smith:** Although I personally didn't vote for the president, many students did and often due to his green platform. Students like this.

**Khatib:** What are the possible negative repercussions of this office?

**Ross:** There are none, barring start-up costs. It's win-win!

**Schendel:** What are the \$1000 travel costs associated with the office?

**Meunier:** I'm all about sustainability, but is this really the best use of student money and are there perhaps better fundraising options?

**Bolivar:** What might be a ballpark figure for savings the SU can expect to see from this? How can we ensure the sustainability of the Sustainability Office in the hands of future execs? Printing costs seem awfully high for a sustainability office.

**Sharma (Councilor):** What are the projections for investment turnaround? How will this benefit students currently in their third and fourth years?

**Varga:** What, exactly, is contained in the guidelines for sustainable living?

**Sharma:** This office can have an important effect both on the SU and on the lives of students in general. Many other schools have sustainability offices; it's a shame that it's taken the U of A so long. I don't commend the president much, but I support him on this.

**Krauss:** Have you checked with the health board about whether students would in fact be allowed to use their own dishes at SUB food outlets? Residence tried to do this and was told that it was only permissible for coffee cups.

**Meunier:** How economically sustainable is this?

**Clyburn:** Will we be expected to spend this same amount on training each year?

**Smith:** Payback will range from one month to five years. Re: political sustainability: we don't have power over this, nor should we. Travel includes funds for attending various Eco Conferences which wouldn't be necessary each year.

**Kotovych:** Do we have a bylaw for the sustainability office? Will there be a provision for re-examining the sustainability office after a number of years?

**Bolivar:** If the environmental audit reveals that the economic costs of changes to SUB outweigh their benefits, will they still be done for the sake of the environment? Will this overlap the university's sustainability task force? Are we just hugging the same tree twice?

**Roberts:** We're getting caught up in the initial costs of setting up this office; let's focus on the long-term benefits. We'll have better funding opportunities once the office is established.

**Hudema:** The printing budget of \$3500 is associated with advertising this new service, publishing reports, etc. We're trying to move everything online to cut down on paper costs. The guides go above and beyond common environmental knowledge. The university supports us on this initiative and it doesn't overlap their taskforce. We haven't explicitly checked with the health board, but all indications are that this will be in compliance. This is a great way to consolidate different ideas regarding sustainability and should be revenue-generating in about 3 years. Even if not revenue-generating, this is something that students are really interested in.

**Webb:** I'm all about the environment. But the SU itself is a terrible waster of paper (e.g. many copies of things at council); will the SU be making an effort to reduce this?

**McGraw:** Efforts have been made this year to reduce the amount of paper used by council.

**Carried (27/6/0)**

2002-09/14b

SMITH/HUDEMA move that Students' Council approve the proposed Operating Agreement between the Students' Union and the Gateway Student Journalism Society.

Please see document SC 02-09.03

**Smith:** This is essentially the same as the document council approved in principle earlier this year. Some minor points added e.g. can't sublet, have to follow our operating policies, review commences earlier (all changes on advice of lawyer)

**Reid:** Who, at present owns the name "The Gateway?" How much did we sell it for or what royalties are we receiving?

**Kawanami:** Is the Gateway aware of the new smoking policies?

**Smith:** The Gateway staff are aware of the new smoking policy. "The Gateway" is owned by the SU, but the right to use it was transferred to the GSJS by referendum. As such, we don't receive royalties for it.

**Reid:** Did the question explicitly state that they would be allowed to use it for free? A lot of time and money was spent building up the reputation behind this name to just give it away.

**Smith:** Strictly speaking, we could have charged royalties, but it was implicit in the question that the right to use the name did not require royalties to be paid.

**Carried (24/7/1)**

**Smith** requested that it be minuted that the president is a dink. Unfortunately, this can't be done as it would be out of order.

**2002-09/16a**  
**UPCOMING**  
**COUNCIL**  
**MEETINGS**

**Next Council Meeting**  
August 20, 2002  
September 3, 2002

**2002-09/16b**  
**UPCOMING FACULTY**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**REPORTS**

Education  
Engineering

**2002-09/17**

**ADJOURNMENT (7:20)**  
SHARMA/WELKE MOVED TO adjourn

Council Quotes...cha cha cha...

You know the drill by now (or if you don't, for shame). Be the first to contact the Recording Secretary ([hmcgraw@ualberta.ca](mailto:hmcgraw@ualberta.ca)) with the correct answer and win...something. But not necessarily promptly, as last week's winner, the VP Academic, who has yet to receive his prize, can attest. Your victory will be announced in the next minutes, unless I forget, as happened to Councilor Kawanami, who received no glory for his win two meetings ago.

To reward the diligence of those council members who helped us get our CRAP together after the council meeting:

Which councilor received more phone calls during the CRAP meeting than the Recording Secretary does in a typical week?