

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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**Tuesday, August 20, 2002 – 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**ATTENDANCE (SC 2002-10)**

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00	9:00
President	Mike Hudema	✓	✓
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓	✓
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	✓ (6:15)	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓	✓
Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓	✓

Business	Jamie Kidston (Queenie Lung)	✓	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓ (6:45)	✓
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✗	✗
Education	Mandeep Gill		
Education	Janet Lo		
Engineering	Margaret Laffin (Candice Heron)	✓	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith (Jason Doornbos)	✓	✓
Engineering			
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant (Tania Li)	✓	✓
Engineering	David Wepler (Gary Wicentowich)	✓	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✗	✗
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✓	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson	✗	✗
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✓	✓
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger (Kurt Greene)	✓	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	✓	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓	✓
Science	Chamila Adhietty	✓	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✓	✓
Science	Katie Grant	✓	✓



SMITH/SLOMP MOVED TO go ex camera  
**Carried**

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED TO go in camera  
**Carried**

In Camera Business

SMITH/RENZI MOVED TO Go ex camera.  
**Carried.**

**2002-10/9**

**REPORTS**

**2002-10/9a**

**President (Mike Hudema)**

Interviewed on Big Breakfast re: Eco Conference. Go register for the conference online! Donations are coming in. Dean of Ag For is enthusiastic about moving on some of our green issues. Student housing crisis is a hot issue. Edmonton bicyclist group is looking to provide more services for students. Edmonton Student Alliance working on Upass report to bring to ETS. Updated operational policies, incorporating environmental changes. 2 fundraisers planned for “The Big Ralph Show”.

**2002-10/9b**

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

Written report containing many acronyms provided (LA 02.10.01).

**2002-10/9c**

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

Report from Le Feuq Conference has many grammatical “specialties” because it was drafted by people who are more proficient in French than they are in English. Online education has been excluded from provincial education policy; this is particularly problematic for Athabasca University (also a CAUS member).

**2002-10/9d**

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

Report paying homage to WOW theme provided (LA 02.10.02).

**2002-10/9e**

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

I’m just a figurehead for Mariel who actually does everything, including writing my reports (written report provided in a paper-efficient form). Jaimie Speer is going away to York Law School; come celebrate his departure tonight at the Garneau Pub.

**2002-10/9f**

**Financial Affairs Board (SC 02-10.01)**

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO APPROVE

**Kawanami:** Is FAB the body that makes loans?

**Speer:** FAB can approve loans up to \$4000.

**Smith:** Actually, it’s \$5000.

**Carried**

2002-10/9g

**Committee for Council Reform and Progress (Greg Harlow)**

Idea of seating plan nixed. By a very narrow margin, idea of scrapping 9:00 adjournment was recommended to be sent to council. Recommended development of a legislative process that would allow motions to be sent to committees for refinement after first reading.

2002-10/10

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Sharma (Councilor):** What's new on the parking front?

**Ross:** Newton Place will no longer be open to residents. Stadium will no longer be open to students except residents of Pembina. Parking Services made a \$2.6M profit last year but claim to have raised parking fees only once in the last decade; I will be looking into the validity of this claim. Online registration can only handle 50 people at once; this is ridiculous. 200 Jubilee parking spots will be displaced by LRT expansion. The old Football field is a "temporary" parking lot, but will probably become a permanent one. They're only "here" on the food chain; for answers, I need to go to "here".

**Speer:** Parking Services is supposed to operate on a cost-recovery basis; how can they justify this huge surplus?

**Ross:** Parking has been running a profit only lately. This profit goes into the university's operating budget.

**Kawanami:** Councilors receive parking passes for council meetings but not for committee meetings; can this expensive problem be remedied?

**Ross:** This is something that I can do!

**Clyburn:** Where is national information in the CFS report? Is this meant to be a final report? How pertinent is it to U of A? Why did it take so long to get a conference report to council. Also, how are you feeling? Did you really endorse outsourcing and de-regulation?

**Sharma:** It took so long because I was preparing a comprehensive report comparing CASA and CFS. I endorsed outsourcing wrt internet resources to facilitate electronic voting and deregulation wrt talking to outside media during elections. This has nothing to do with outsourcing staff or deregulating tuition.

**Tomte:** Zwack, what do you think about CASA and CFS?

**Zwack:** Both organizations have their merits, but U of A fits in better with CASA than CFS. We have dedicated ourselves to CASA, created the constitution, and past vice-presidents external have been organization presidents; we've been with this organization from day one and we should stick with it. Let's change what's wrong with the organization, not just change organizations. Continuity of lobbying is important for it to be effective

**Sharma:** **Zwack,** do you have any intention to run to be national director of CASA and how does this affect your ability to provide an unbiased opinion to council?

**Zwack:** This is a low-ball question and I decline to answer.

**Dary:** Who is Theory of a Dead Man?

**Ross:** A baby band of Chad Kruger and some entertainment lawyer in New York. They've been touring the US and are looking to break into Canada. They were cheap.

**Renzi:** Is there a working model of the handbook? I'm ever so excited to see it.

**Ross:** We have 18,000 handbooks, available in my office. They were on budget

**Meunier:** How liberally will the rules to Buzzword Bingo be enforced?

**Welke:** Very. Cheating is actively encouraged.

**Smith:** How many times have you seen Titanic, Greg?

**Harlow:** That's privileged information. Often enough to know that if I yelled "iceberg" when the Paramount logo came up, everyone laughed.

**Zwack:** Have you consulted city officials about the UPass?

**Hudema:** We've tried to meet with the mayor but have not been successful. We're working with Councilor Michael Phair.

**Kawanami:** What is the relevance of the "Art and Activism" workshop at the Eco Conference?

**Hudema:** This session isn't costing us anything. Art and the environment have a long history of close ties.

**Kawanami:** Why does the online registration system have operating hours? Why are the passwords and logins so obvious?

**Brechtel:** Off hours are batch time; this seems suspiciously long and I'm looking into it. Apparently it would have taken too long to coordinate efforts of various departments to use any of the other two university passwords that all students have. This is also suspicious.

**Samuel:** Who will be occupying the new retail spaces in SUB?

**Smith:** We have a pretty good idea, but I can't tell you.

2002-10/11

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2002-10/11a

Please see document SC 02-10.02

**Bolivar:** The operating policy on fair trade coffee seems like a political policy, rather than an operating one. I'm not against paying workers what they deserve, but some of the wording in this operating policy are clearly political in nature.

**Hudema:** I don't think this is necessarily a political policy. Our main coffee vendors were already looking into this. The first sentence could easily be struck from the policy and the remainder of the policy is clearly operational in nature.

**Samuel:** What material are coffee cups usually made of?

**Hudema:** Styrofoam...

**Samuel:** BINGO!

**Kawanami:** There are no vote numbers on any of the motions passed; why is

this?

**Hudema:** Apologies; they should be there.

**Schendel:** What's the \$15,000 for video conferencing? Why was it nixed?

**Hudema:** Two video conferencing centers were planned: one on the main floor with access for all students (still planned) and one for a high-tech meeting area in the lower level which has been deemed redundant (comparable university meeting spaces are under-utilized and lose money). The area will still be wired for the service if it's desired in the future. This also restores student group meeting area lost to the computer lab.

**Kawanami:** What ramifications does this pose for the computer lab?

**Hudema:** Not sure wrt space allocation. But there is \$15,000 now available in the SUB expansion budget.

**Schendel:** So this is basically \$15,000 slush money?

**Hudema:** Pretty much.

2002-10/12

### LEGISLATION

2002-10/12a

SAMUEL/SMITH MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 4300 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-10.03

**Samuel:** We are aiming to change the composition of FAB so that the entire executive and General Manager are no longer sitting FAB members. Reducing quorum from 6 to 4 will allow us to meet it more easily.

**Smith:** There has been fear in the past that the exec can effectively control FAB. There has never been a need for the entire executive to sit on FAB.

BOLIVAR/KAWANAMI MOVED TO retain 4h [i.e. to keep the GM as a non-voting member]

**Bolivar:** The GM should have a seat on FAB.

**Hudema:** Anyone can go to a FAB meeting; this is just a symbolic gesture and unnecessary in the bylaw.

**Samuel:** It's rare for the GM to attend a FAB meeting; his presence is obviously not essential.

**Smith:** The GM can send a designate, traditionally the senior manager of finance and administration; this amendment is sound.

**Kawanami:** Anyone can come to Council meetings and we still have the GM as a non-voting member.

**Brechtel:** If FAB were ever to go in camera (e.g. during a personnel discussion), guests would have to leave but the GM's opinion might be beneficial.

**Smith (GM):** I have frequently sent a designate to FAB which helps the board be more effective. This allows me to exercise my fiduciary responsibility.

**Carried**

**Sharma:** Why was the executive committee originally made FAB members?

**Ross:** Exec are often involved in the issues FAB is discussing; their knowledge and opinion can be valuable.

**Kawanami:** BINGO!

**Bolivar:** Removing Exec members is unnecessary. Ultimately, council can overturn a FAB motion if it believes the Exec has manipulated the board.

**Kawanami:** The entire executive isn't members of EAB, AAB, etc. To have this policy for FAB alone doesn't make any sense.

**Hudema:** **Smith** requested that the exec not vote at FAB but attend where possible. This motion limits the railroading ability of the exec. Although everything must ultimately come to council, the exec is generally better prepared at council due to the greater time and resources available to them.

**Sharma:** This motion should be withdrawn until the issue of whether the Exec should be on FAB can be better examined. Although **Smith** did request that exec members not vote at FAB, ultimately, this was just a request.

**Smith:** Currently, in order for FAB to make quorum, every non-exec member must be present or the exec must have a substantial presence. Of the 11 voting members, 5 are exec. Quorum is 6.

KAWANAMI/HUDEMA MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 30.

**Carried (25/6)**

SLOMP/HUDEMA MOVED the previous question

**Carried**

**Carried (18/5/2)**

2002-10/12b

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Bylaw 7500 (FIRST Reading).

Please see document SC 02-10.04

**Smith:** This bylaw would govern the Eco Office whose budget Council approved last week.

**Clyburn:** A 30-hours-per week requirement for a student seems excessive.

**Smith:** This is consistent with our other positions. Most of the students who fill these positions are not full-time students.

**Meunier:** Congratulations to the President for understanding the difference between sustainability and environmental conservation.

**Carried (21/1/0)**

BRECHTEL/WELKE MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 1.

**Carried** (Objection: **Reid**, to protest a lack of foresight on the part of the executive)

**Clyburn:** BINGO!

2002-10/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-10/14a

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVE THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) councilor to sit on the Chief Returning Officer selection committee. This committee will meet in early September.

**Smith:** This is a fairly complicated issue. The nom com made a decision. That candidate did not accept. After disagreement over the nom com's second choice, DIE board chose Kim Emsley-Leik. She accepted, then subsequently resigned. There is a question of whether nominations should be re-opened or whether the position should be offered to Alex Taylor, who was the third person short-listed by the committee. We prefer the former.

**Taylor:** The preamble to the DIE board decision identifies me as the third choice for the position. There were three short-listed candidates out of a larger field of applicants. I have tried to resolve this with the exec before coming to council. There is no provision in the bylaw for the creation of a new nom com when the previous one was quite valid. The composition of a new nom com is not stated. The outgoing CRO and President may not be available.

MEUNIER/BEAMISH MOVED TO go in camera as this is a personnel question.

**Carried**

In Camera Business

SLOMP/HUDEMA MOVED TO go ex camera

**Carried**

WELKE/KNULL MOVED TO adjourn

**Defeated**

2002-10/14b

SMITH/ROSS MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$846 for Mike Hudema to attend the Sustainable Campus Conference from September 26-28 in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

Please see document LA 02.10.04

**Smith:** This is the last of the President's conference budget. A sustainability conference, this would allow the President to move on an issue that was an important part of his election platform.

**Carried (unanimous)**

2002-10/14c

SMITH/ROSS MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$1433 for Mathew Brechtel to attend the Canadian Academic Round Table II from September 18-22 in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Please see document LA 02.10.05

**Smith:** The VPA is a member of the CART governing body; it's important that he be there.

BRECHTEL MOVED TO decrease the amount by \$100. (to \$1433)

**Friendly**

**Carried** (Abstention: **Brechtel**)

2002-10/14e

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) councilor to sit on the hiring committee for the ECOS office director.

**Carried**

Congratulations to **Roberts**

2002-10/17

**ADJOURNMENT**

HUDEMA/WELKE MOVED TO adjourn

**Carried** (Opposed: **Samuel**)

**Council Quotes**

Congratulations to Steve Smith for the cunning and ingenuity he displayed in winning last week's contest. Congratulations as well to Kyle Kawanami for not requiring cunning or ingenuity to win the same contest.

I'm bored with multiple choice, so let's try matching. The first person to correctly match speakers and quotes (preferably without using trickery or deceit) and contact the Recording Secretary ([hmcgraw@teluslanet.net](mailto:hmcgraw@teluslanet.net)) with the correct answer will win some small trifle for his or her efforts.

- a. **Kail Ross**                    1. "I really don't like my executive today."
- b. **Steve Smith**                2. "I'm single-handedly going to do it for them."
- c. **Anand Sharma**                3. "This is a protest question because nobody ever asks me any questions."
- d. **Paul Welke**                    4. "I'm going to stop wasting my time with that minion."
- e. **Anand Sharma**                5. "I'm going to spend the next two minutes pissing off Kail Ross."
- f. **Mat Brechtel**                    6. "I gleefully decline the nomination."