

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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July 22, 2003 6:00pm  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## MINUTES (SC 2003-08)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ Absent	Proxy
President	Mat Brechtel	X	
VP Academic	Janet Lo		
VP External	Chris Samuel		
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	X	
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah		
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych		
University of Alberta Athletics Board Exec Officer	Kevin Petterson		
Agric/Forest/HomeEc			
Arts	Alex Abboud		
Arts	Chris Bolivar	X	
Arts			
Arts	Erin Kelly	X	
Arts	James Knull		
Arts	Chris Laver		
Arts	Terra Melnyk		
Arts	Heather Wallace		

Arts	Paul Welke		Hector MacIntyre
Business	Adam Cook		
Business	Steve Smith		
Education	Charles Beamish	X	
Education	Allison Ekdahl		
Education	Vacant		
Education	Christine Wudarck		
Education			
Engineering	Josh Bazin		
Engineering	Paige Smith		
Engineering	David Wepler		
Law	Dean Hutchison		
Residence Halls Association	Samantha Kelch		Kyla Rice
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk (Stephen Congly)		
Medicine/Dentistry			
Native Studies (School of	Matthew Wildcat		
Nursing			
Nursing			
Open Studies			
Open Studies			
Pharmacy			
Physical Education	Holly Higgins		
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth		

Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube		
Science	Anne Aspler		
Science	Tereza Elyas		
Science	Aisha Khatib		
Science	James Meeker		
Science	Shawna Pandya		Matthew Eaton
Science	Elaine Poon		Talwar Sundeep
Science	Steven Schendel		
Science	Duncan Taylor		Justin Kehoe
Science	LeeAnn Lim		
President Athletics			
General Manager	Bill Smith	X	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow		
Recording Secretary	Shirley Ngo		

**Guests of Council:** Sara Kate, Melanie Thomas, Chad Moore, Matthew Johnson, Chris Jones, Chris Henderson, Anna Grimsrud

2003-08/2

**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O CANADA"**

**SMITH** led council in the singing of the national anthem.

2003-08/3

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CHEER SONG "RING OUT A CHEER"**

**WEPPLER** led council in the singing of the U of A Cheer Song.

2003-08/4

**STUDENTS' UNION CREDO**

**WALLACE** led council in the reading of the Students' Union Credo.

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

**Speaker** - Tara Bruniski has been elected to be the new VP external for Pharmacy and will also be the Pharmacy representative on Student Council. The reason why she person wasn't appointed to council at the beginning is because this note was in the Speaker's mailbox and I never check that. Let's appoint her today.

**SMITH** – Is she here?

**Speaker** – No.

**SMITH** – Can we appoint her when she is here?

**Speaker** – I'd prefer to do it now. It is not fair due to an administrative error that someone didn't get appointed.

**SMITH/BAZIN MOVED TO** appoint of Tara Bruniski to the Pharmacy student councilor seat.

**MELNYK** – Will her absences be counted?

**Speaker** – They will be counted.

**Motion is carried.**

2003-08/7

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**BAZIN/SAMUEL MOVED TO** approve the agenda

**SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO** add 14c, 15c, 15d to the agenda.

**SMITH** – 15c is pressing because we need to get our new system of legislation in time for the internal review board. 15c is important because there is a meeting for the access fund. 15d is important because we need one of the athletic coordinators as soon as possible.

**Main motion is carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**BAZIN/SMITH MOVED THAT** the minutes be approved.

**WEPLER** – In the July 8/03 attendance, Margaret Laffin was my proxy, not Angela Thomas.

**DUBE** – In the July 8/03 attendance, I was present during the 9:00 roll call and Lisa Clyburn was no longer my proxy.

**LO** – Council Welke was present during the roll call.

**COOK** – Page 4 of the minutes, my comment should say “students only hear about the SU when an election is on and that is a concern”. Page 5, strike “In the spring of 2004”.

**SAMUEL** – At the bottom of Page 8, my comment should say, “...Yes, it is easy to abuse this system, but it is harder to abuse the current system. The proposed system is not the perfect system...etc.” My comment on Page 12, regarding item 14c should said, “Wondering what the perfect time will be, as no amendments are allowed since this is a principle motion we are debating. If one wanted the report to go to FAB, when would the time be to do this?”

**MAH** – Page 15, regarding item 15c should say, “ We have some important interviews that are occurring. The athletic staff who are participating in the interviews are leaving for a month’s time.”

**WALLACE** – My comment on Page 6 should say, “...The general idea I got form the coaches it that the money from this fund goes towards out of conference travel and hosting events. Please check the back of the late edition package for a summary of the consultation. One coach stressed that he sees this as students supporting students....” Page 10, item 12a should say, “I have been in attendance for every CRAP meeting except the one where this motion was discussed and by seconding this amendment to the motion I hope to reinforce that attendance is wholly for our constituents to track to see that we are doing our job, and for accountably. Attendance should be taken, yes, of course, but I think applying a penalty for missing one roll call might misrepresent Councilors in the end.” Page 12, item 12b should say, “The Eugene Brody Committee is fantastic...etc.” Page 10, item 12c should say, “...They asked for \$21,000 and \$14,000 was granted. Their proposal included some items that were not ultimately funded. What is stopping the team from using the money they will receive from spending it on items not mandated by the fund? Will it go towards out of conference travel and hosting events like it is supposed to?”

**Carried.**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**ABBOUD** – I would like to commend the VP Academic for updating the minutes and agenda for her committees online. Have other VPs done the same?

**MAH** - We have been taking down minutes and agendas, I will ask the IT guys how to put it up.

**SAMUEL** – We can get this year’s minutes up, but as for last year’s minutes, we are still trying to find all of them.

**MELNYK** – Since the media has given a lot of attention on the smoking ban, will there be any movement from us at all?

**SAMUEL** – Regarding actual proposals and SU taking a stance, there will be something coming forward at the executive committee meeting tomorrow. Jadene can add to that.

**MAH** – It will ultimately come down to council. Until it hits the student life board, I hope the councilors on that board will help discuss it.

**ABBOUD** – When can we expect to see student life reports in SU agenda packages?

**MAH** – We haven’t discussed much yet and we haven’t passed any motions. Honestly, haven’t done a lot yet.

**JONES** – I was wondering when the new food count tenants are going to be in place?

**MAH** – I was told that when I was in the office that they are looking at renovations early this month or early into the next month. It will up to the food operators in the kiosk to get ready.

**COOK** – What is the status of CAUS? When can we expect that up and running?

**THOMAS** - I have been working in the office in sub for the last 3 weeks. We are currently trying to do the necessary things.

**KOTOVYCH** – Any possibility of getting the operating policies online?

**SAMUEL** – Yes

**SMITH** – When VIDs was here last year, 3 councilors tried to move it. What is going on?

**SAMUEL** – The VIDs issue, it’s been one of lengthy debate. What we are trying to do is trying to determine the full capabilities of the software. One of the ideas is that we can use VIDs with a digital camera and put up pictures of students. This year, the general consent is that we won’t look to VIDS for revenue. As far as activating it for summer months, the low volume of students wasn’t worth running for.

**ABBOUD** – The television monitors were going to be used to broadcast TV, more than anything else. This was decided in meetings back in April.

**SAMUEL** – Playing TV shows is one way to use them. We are getting information from student manager of marketing to what the software capabilities are with the VID system.

**KAWANAMI** – Will there any moves to rectify openings in arts.

**CRO** – Yes, mentioned to me yesterday that Arts was interested in running for seats. It is up to you, if you want to.

2003-08/12

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (MINTUES)

**SAMUEL** – Pointing out items g and h, regarding the rescission of operation of fair trade and coffee. The directional recorded was duplication of policy.

**SMITH** – The decisions to repeal were based on redundancy. The coffee policy was no longer needed because it became the fair trade policy.

**COOK** – Question about 2c. Where is this money coming from?

**SAMUEL** – Coming from accounts receivable line 521. Specifically 1024 is the line item. All those expenditures, are like office supplies are coming out of that line item. It will have a o impact on our budget, but for the time being, it is coming out of the SU account. As to whether the decision been made, the interpretation of the executive committee, Operating Policy 14.12 dictated we will be selling coffee, but this policy has not been set in stone, a review of it will be in the near future.

**WUDARCK** – Question about 1f. Why handouts won't be distributed.

**MAH** – A concern was brought up about different groups on campus that might be handing out pro-life or pro-choice graphic images. We have no control what people could be handing out.

**WALLACE** – Question about 2a. The national web board. Alludes to a pilot. Curious to know, do we incur cost? Can the VP highlight what it will cost for us to host it and if it is a pilot that will be up for a couple months.

**LO** – We created a pilot because we weren't sure if it would fly or not. It is meant for us across the country to talk about issues that happen across campuses. As for cost, there isn't really a cost. It has been a bit slow, so we are trying to see if an interest exists and go from there.

**KOTOVYCH** – Has SU Executives contacted our executives across the country?

**LO** – Yes, I have, and I believe Tyler has as well. As for compiling a cost, that is where it sits.

**COOK** – I'm not sure that item 2c is legal. I have no problem with it happening. According to bylaw 3100, I do not think that the executive committee can approve a \$3000 item where it is not budgeted.

**Speaker** – So you are rising on a point of order that 2c is out of order – specifically 8b, 2 transfers of 1000 or less may be approved by the executive committee. Point of order is upheld.

**CONGLEY** – Question about fair trade coffee. Samuel mentioned that when the decision was made for policy 14.12, the decision to not sell fair trade coffee was made. So does that mean we are not selling fair trade coffee

**SAMUEL** – Whether or not we are selling fair trade coffee is contingent on operating policy. Items 1g and 1h are not motions to have the SU sell non fair trade coffee.



SMITH – To be clear, the formerly existing "coffee" Operating Policy clearly bound the Students' Union to sell no non-fair trade coffee. Is it the interpretation of the Executive Committee that the current "ethical purchasing" policy does the same thing, making the "coffee" policy redundant, and meaning that the Students' Union will not sell any non-fair trade coffee without further amendments to Operating Policy?

SAMUEL – Yes.

SMITH/COOK MOVED to reconsider the agenda.

SMITH – This arises due to councilor cook’s point of order. Only council has the authority to do this. Therefore, I believe it should be added to the agenda, it should be done tonight.

Carried.

SMITH/ SAMUEL MOVED to add this to the agenda. 2c

Carried.

Main motion is carried.

2003-08/12

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT’S UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2003-08/12a

**Academic Affairs Board Report**

LO – We had the meeting last week, no motions passed yet, all our agendas are online. There is a meeting tomorrow, next Thursday, 1 meeting before WOW and one every Thursday onwards.

2003-08/14

**LEGISLATION**

2003-08/14a

SMITH/BAZIN MOVED THAT Students’ Council upon the recommendation of the Committee for council Reform and Progress adopt the changes to Article VI – Powers regarding bylaws and rescind Article XVII (Master Copy of Constitution and Bylaws) (FIRST Reading).

**SMITH** – Second reading will be solely a list of principles. Council can amend it as much as they like during the first reading. The internal review will take it and review it. The actual drafting will come back as a third reading and council can decide if IRB did their job. This is more in line the system used by real systems. It was passed unanimously by CRAP.

**SMITH** - A constitution requires 3 readings, in 3 settings, each a week a part. The new system, both will have 3 readings. Difference will be that bylaws will not be passed with a 2/3 majority. The bylaw could have a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading into 1. It is up to Council. Actual wording will have to be approved in all 3 steps. As a change to a bylaw, will not be approved till a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**CONGLEY** – How are political policies effective here?

**SMITH** – They are entirely unaffected.

**Motion is carried (26/0/1).**

2003-08/14b

**KOTOVYCH MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2100. (SECOND Reading).

**KOTOVYCH** - What this change does is drop the candidate election allowance from \$600 to \$500. Although poster allowances have dropped, the base costs of printers mean that you can't drop the election allowance in the same way. Only slates will be able to afford external printers, which will give them an advantage, one that should not be built into the system. I'm not proposing a free-for-all for the election, but reasonable limitations to allow for successful campaigns should be maintained.

**KOTOVYCH** – If you create this system that allows an unfair advantage for slates, they may abuse it.

**DUBE** – Wondering what happens to money that is not spent. Does it go back to council?

**CRO** – In the past the budget line has been over budget so there is no money left in the budget. if there are funds left which might be needed elsewhere in the budget, I would probably ask to have it transferred. After that I would imagine it would be simply returned to the SU.

**SAMUEL** – Council is doing the wrong thing if it passes this motion. Passing this will give slates an unfair advantage. The reason why we have not seen slates, is that there is an inherent advantage to individuals, not to slates. If we want to have slates and individuals put on a level playing field, the proposed amendments will not do that, it will retain the disadvantage. I don't accept the argument that slates are a bad thing. I encourage council to vote down this amendment. Give more money to the CRO.

**ABBOUD** – Seems like we are having the same discussion we had a few weeks ago. I don't remember hearing the VP saying that giving more money to the CRO...do we want to give candidates or slates enough money to do things. Strongly encourage council to vote yes on this motion.

**KNULL** – The CRO's message if his budget is increased will say, "Go Vote". To increase the candidate's budget, it will say, "Go vote for me". The issue is to increase the budget of the candidates.

**SMITH** – For smaller expenditures, the candidates hands in receipts to the CRO. The 600 dollars concluded last year was the best possible system.

**SAMUEL** – Is it not true that in between the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by IRB to go to 700 dollars, so it is not set in stone?

**SMITH** – FARCE and IRB approved of it and then council cut it in half. Having the CRO advertise it is not the same as having the candidates earning media coverage.

**DUBE** – I am curious how SU navigates joke campaigns. Smith was pointing out that the only way to do this properly to let candidates earn their media. Find it distressing how voter turnout is falling. There is a valid point in giving more money to the election. A lot of people don't know how to get in touch. However, I think it is ridiculous to prioritize some people in front of other people.

**KAWANAMI** – With joke candidates, it is a separate motion. When people are talking about an increase, it is not what it is. It is a net decrease. It is an increase from the bylaw, but it was never acted in bylaw. This is something that council has decided last meeting, so it seems as some are pulling out different arguments. I urge you to think about how the debate has shifted.

**KHATIB/HUTCHISOM MOVED** the previous question.

**Carried.**

**KOTOVYCH/BAZIN MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2200. (SECOND Reading).

**KOTOVYCH** – This is basically to promote councilor elections by giving them a boost in their budgets. In the haste to make this change, the ratios assigned to slates were distorted were what was given to them. All this change does is to restore slate funding.

**Motion is carried (29/4/0).**

20003-08/15

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BAZIN/SMITH MOVED THAT** Students' Council instruct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election for the vacant Students' Council seat from Engineering, in conjunction with the election being held by the Engineering Students' Society in September; and that Students' Council authorize the Chief Returning Officer to reach mutually-amenable terms with the Engineering Students' Society with regards to such coordination.

**ABBOUD/WALLACE MOVED TO** amend 15a, it should say, "BAZIN/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council instruct the Chief Returning Officer to hold by-elections for the vacant Students' Council seats from Engineering and Arts, in conjunction with the election being held by the Engineering Students' Society in September; and that Students' Council authorize the Chief Returning Officer to reach mutually-amenable terms with the Engineering Students' Society with regards to such coordination.

**SMITH** – Why only arts?

**ABBOUD** – Being an Arts councilor, I feel that the constitutions are being underrepresented.

**SMITH** – It would be easy to piggyback other faculties onto this. We should only do engineering or do all of them. I am curious to know what the CRO thinks.

**CRO** – In terms of cost, it costs a certain amount to hold the first by-election. With additional elections the cost is lower since for example, I would not have separate ads for each faculty in the Gateway.

But there is still the additional cost of adding more polling stations at \$143 per table just for labor. The cost of advertising in more buildings, general rentals, and printing of ballots, all have to be incurred by my office. My only concern is that I will go over budget by running by-elections for the open seats. It also depends on the number of candidates, in terms of how much we spend in Grant Expense. I will try to have more exact numbers for the next meeting.

**WEPPLER/WALLACE MOVED TO** postpone to next council meeting.

**SMITH** – Maybe we should just defeat this motion, defeat the amendments and then bring back a motion including all the other faculties.

**CRO** – I support Smith's comments. This is definitely something to decide on soon.

**HUTCHISON/WEPPLER MOVED TO** withdraw motion to postpone.

**Carried.**

**ABBOUD MOVED TO** withdraw amendment.

**Carried.**

**Main Motion is carried. (26/2/4) SMITH abstained.**

2003-08/15c

**MAH/WEPPLER MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint Matthew Wildcat to the Golden Bears & Panda Legacy Fund Committee and the Access Fund Board for the remainder of the 2003/2004 year.

**MAH** – Wildcat was elected to these 2 boards. He switched faculties and is now in this room as a Native Studies Councilor, so we need to re-elect him.

**Motion is carried (26/2/0)**

2003-08/15d

**MAH/PETERSON MOVED THAT** Students' Council on the recommendation of the Nominating committee, ratify Jessica James as one of the Athletics Campus Promotions Coordinators.

**MAH** - The Coordinators are multiplying. Her name is Jessica James, she is fabulous, ratify her please.

**Motion is carried (29/0/1).**

2003-08/15e

**SAMUEL/MAH MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an unbudgeted expenditure from budget line 521-1024 not to exceed \$3000 for the purpose of the CAUS Executive Director salary of the month of July, such expenditure to be refunded by the Council of University of Alberta Students upon the latter's establishment of a bank account.

**SAMUEL** – The reason for this for coming forwards is because they don't have a bank account.

**SMITH** – Can we be sure that CAUS at some point to pay the Executive Director, why does CAUS not have a bank account, what is going to happen from here

**SAMEUL** – Number 1 – yes, Number 2, why it hasn't happened, the primary reason we don't have a bank account yet is because members of CAUS have been occupied for urgent pressing issues, 3 – what kind of time line we can expect, it is the sentiment of everybody in this room, the response is as soon as possible. And this will be sorted out before the next council meeting.

**SMITH** – What is the status of the committee from those yahoos down in Calgary?

**SAMUEL** – The current situation is this: Last year, each institution was supposed to be paying \$1 for each full time student. Since that was passed, the SU of Calgary had not budgeted the full amount of the membership fee, but only half. The rest of the institutions have budgeted the full amounts. The U of C executives were not the ones to ratify the CAUS fee structure. They have allocated \$11,000 for membership fees and will contribute to CAUS campaigns on an ad hoc basis. There is little we can do to kick them out of CAUS. I hope that addresses the concerns brought forward. CAUS membership doesn't like it. Not a whole lot we can do, since U of C has made it clear what their actions will be.

**COOK** – If U of C does not comply, will CAUS be able to pay back the \$3000 loan that we have given them right now? Will they be able to keep the operation as intended for the remainder of the year?

**SAMUEL** – If the U of C SU does not pay their full amount, the \$11500 hit will come out of campaigns. Does that impede our ability to have an executive director – No. Campaigns will be the area that will suffer, we will have less money for it. We can still go a long way with \$13500 of campaign money. As far as membership goes, we don't have bylaws yet, so we don't know what will happen in the event that U of C doesn't pay their full membership fees. If the new bylaws say that membership is contingent on full membership fees, there will be other possibilities.

**COOK** – Are you confident that if we approve this money, CAUS will be funded?

**SAMUEL** – There have been revenues committed. We will have at least \$13,500 dollars for campaigns.

**CONGLEY/HUTCHISON MOVED THE** previous question.

**Motion is defeated.**

**RICE** – If SU has already allocated \$30000, why can't we use that money to pay the Executive Director?

**ABBOUD** – I am curious that if CAUS has no bylaws right now, how is there an executive director in the first paid and how is she getting paid, within CAUS?

**DUBE** – I am very concerned with this, the fact that CAUS has no bank account it unacceptable. I don't know if we have that much option if we don't give them the money to night. If we do this, this is unacceptable. Move an amendment that there will be a repayment.

**DUBE/HUTCHISON MOVE** to amend 15e. It should say, "SAMUEL/MAH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an unbudgeted expenditure from budget line 521-1024 not to exceed \$3000 for the purpose of the CAUS Executive Director salary of the month of July, such expenditure to be refunded by the Council of University of Alberta Students upon the latter's establishment of a bank account."

**THOMAS** – It will take 6 weeks, we must have a registry name as well. So the 2-week timeline will be a problem.

**SMITH** – Defeat this motion and let them take whatever time to get it done.

**Motion for amendment is defeated.**

**COOK** – Last year, we wanted to incorporate an executive director, this is a very good proposal. Because of a few technicalities, my point is that the executive director is a necessary position for us to have. We should vote this motion in. I do not believe there is a need to delay this or amend this.

**PETTERSON** – Does that mean this \$3000 is a loan to CAUS? When they get their bank account, they will pay us back?

**WEPLER** – It seems to me that we can't pay CAUS, if they don't have their bank account as we owe them money for membership. I support this motion.

**CONGLEY/WALLACE MOVED** the previous question

**Carried.**

**Main motion (27/3/2).**

2003-08/

### REPORTS

**LO** – My report is included in the Late Additions. When you have a system implemented, it needs to be updated. There will be an upgrade to Beartracks. There won't be new features, but it will have new look. Will need more than 6 students to test the system. Please come see me, fill out the roster and I will contact you if you are interested in testing the new Beartracks.

**SAMUEL** – Report on SUDS- Excellent conference. Had a press conference yesterday, good times. Can everyone who listened to the audio report, raise your hand.....well that was a failed experiment to technology, but I will do it anyway.

**MAH** – My report is attached to the late additions portion. I would like to thank Anna, the Student Activity coordinator. As well, we are recruiting volunteers for various SU events, service and programs. Write your name on the bottom of the yellow sheet, give them to your friends and give them back to me. There will be many prizes for those who bring in lots. 1 point for your friends and 2 points to other people you get signed up.

**KOTOVYCH** – Not much to report. Received a package from mail today, Dr. Lyle, I have been appointed to the U of A Board of Governors, so you'll be seeing me a bit longer than expected.

**JONES** – CRO has agreed on the timeline for engineering faculty elections. The voting will be on Tues. Sept 23, and Weds Sept 24.

**SCHENDEL** - Faculty of Science – We just completed our website, thank you to councilor Meeker. [www.ualberta.ca/~uasus](http://www.ualberta.ca/~uasus).



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SMITH** – If anyone would like to purchase all the editions of Gateway of last year, please contact me, I have the information.

**SAMUEL** – If councilors have friends, encourage them to volunteer with the political side of SU, would contact me, bill 43 is launching in September. Contact me, or Melanee on how to get involved.

**LO** – I really need people to sit on the academic appeals board.

**Speaker** – Would like to commend council for dealing with a heavy agenda in a fairly efficient matter.

**HUTCHISON/CONGLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN** at 8:19pm.

**Carried.**