

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

August 5, 2003
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2003-09)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ Absent @ 9pm	Vote 1	Vote 2
President	Mat Brechtel		X	
VP Academic	Janet Lo		X	
VP External	Chris Samuel		X	
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	X	X	
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah		X	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych		X	
University of Alberta Athletics Board Exec Officer	Kevin Petterson			
Agric/Forest/HomeEc				
Arts	Alex Abboud			
Arts	Chris Bolivar (Kyle Kawanami)	X		
Arts				
Arts	Erin Kelly			
Arts	James Knull			
Arts	Chris Laver (Chris Henderson)		Abstained	
Arts	Terra Melnyk			
Arts	Heather Wallace		X	
Arts	Paul Welke			Abstained
Business	Adam Cook			
Business	Steve Smith	X		
Education	Charles Beamish			
Education	Allison Ekdahl			
Education				

Education	Christine Wudarck		X	
Education				
Engineering	Josh Bazin (Margaret Laffin)			
Engineering	Paige Smith (Chris Jones)		Abstained	
Engineering	David Wepler		X	
Law	Dean Hutchison			X
Residence Halls Association	Samantha Kelch		X	X
Medicine/Dentistry	Jesse Pewarchuk (Stephen Congly)			
Medicine/Dentistry				
Native Studies (School of	Matthew Wildcat	X		
Nursing				
Nursing				
Open Studies				
Open Studies				
Pharmacy				
Physical Education	Holly Higgins			
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth			
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube		X	
Science	Anne Aspler (Rav Naidoo)	X		
Science	Tereza Elyas	X		
Science	Aisha Khatib		X	
Science	James Meeker		X	
Science	Shawna Pandya (Matthew Eaton)		X	
Science	Elaine Poon (Sundeep Talwar)	X		
Science	Steven Schendel			
Science	Duncan Taylor (Justin Kehoe)		X	
Science	LeeAnn Lim		X	
President Athletics				

General Manager	Bill Smith	X		
Speaker	Gregory Harlow			
Recording Secretary	Shirley Ngo			

Guests of Council: Christine Ondro, Chad Moore, Anna Grimsrud, Samantha Power

2003-09/02

NATIONAL ANTHEM “O CANADA”

SCHENDEL led council in the singing of the national anthem

2003-09/03

University of Alberta CHEER SONG “Ring Out a Cheer”

KAWANAMI led council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song

2003-09/04

STUDENTS’ UNION CREDO

LO led council in the reading of the Students’ Union Credo.

2003-09/05

SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Speaker – There is a resignation from Tara Bruniski, the representative from Pharmacy. I assume we are taking all necessary steps to rectify the situation.

I will be away on vacation starting on the Aug15th. I need a speaker for Aug 19 and maybe Aug 30. I will take nominations for Speaker now:

SCHENDEL nominates **WEPPLER**, **WEPPLER** accepts.

SAMUEL nominates **WELKE**, **WELKE** accepts.

WEPPLER – I don’t want to be speaker, but I don’t want to stay for a long time.

WELKE – This will make me stay for the whole meeting.

Congratulations to Councilor WEPPLER.

2003-09/07

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BRECHTEL/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the agenda be approved.

SAMUEL/WEPPLER MOVED TO add the late addition package to the agenda, with exception of item 8a.

SAMUEL – Items 14 and 15b are merely administrative oversights, 15c is pressing and urgent because quorum is required for Access Fund Board immediately.

Motion is carried.

SAMUEL/LO MOVED TO add item 8a from the late addition package to the agenda.

SAMUEL – It is important to clarify the current situation as soon as possible.

Speaker – Uncertain if it is pressing and urgent, I would like to put it to council. Please raise hands if you would like to see the mural presentation.

Motion is carried.

Main motion is carried.

2003-09/08

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

SAMUEL – The mural that was located at the foot of the stairs by the elevators on the first floor of the SUB was painted over a week ago Friday (10 days ago). The mural was designed to be part of an anti-FTAA campaign. \$500 was budgeted for the installation and completion of the mural. SU facilities staff painted over the mural. The General Manager, Senior Manager of Facilities and Operations and the Facilities Charge Hand were all away on vacation, so that caused a breakdown in communication, which led to the incident.

MAH – I would like to point out the President was on vacation as well.

SAMUEL – When the 3 members of management were all unavailable, the executive committee passed several motions. One was to come up with a proposal by Aug 12 to replace the mural or some other medium of communication to convey a similar message to the mural. The other motion was to send a letter of apology to the artist that painted the mural. SEE Magazine and VIEW Weekly wrote articles about the incident before the letter of apology was sent out. We drafted letters to SEE and VIEW, responding to the letter they wrote. The letters explain why it happened: basically miscommunication with people being on vacation and letters also explain what we are going to do about it. If any councilors have any suggestions on what to do, that would be great.

2003-09/09

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SCHENDEL/MEEKER MOVED TO approve the minutes.

BRECHTEL – I wasn't present at last meeting, but the attendance indicates that I was, please correct that.

COOK – On Page 6, it should say, “What is the status of CAUS”, not “What is the status of the university office”. Page 7, strike, “Wondering why we are trying to set up a new society for CAUS”. Page 8, strike, “My point is that is an approved expenditure and it needs a budgeted line item.”. Also, on Page 8, under the Speaker’s comment, include “Point of Order is upheld.”

SAMUEL – Page 7, under the Approval of Executive Committee Report, The last sentence should say, “The directional recorded was duplication of policy”. Page 15, my comment should say, “There have been revenues committed. We will have at least \$13,500 dollars for campaigns”. Page 17, under Announcements, “Melanie” is spelt “Melanee”. Page 7, my 2nd comment under Approval of Exec Committee Report should include the words, “Operating Policy” in front of “14.12”. Page 8, my comment should say, “Items 1g and 1h are not motions to have the SU sell non fair trade coffee.”

Councilor – Matthew Wildcat is listed as absent in the attendance under the Faculty of Engineering, but present under Native Studies. Please take him off the Faculty of Engineering.

DUBE – Page 15, include, “I am very concerned with this, the fact that CAUS has no bank account is unacceptable”.

MAH – Page 16 under Reports, “I would like to thank Anna, the Student Activity coordinator”

WEPPLER – Page 16, include “I support this motion”.

Main Motion is carried.

QUESTION PERIOD

DUBE – Question for the VP External. Why is it that so many people holding crucial positions are away at the same time?

SAMUEL – Most of our staff will take vacations during the summer months, it would be impossible to come up with a vacation schedule that doesn't have some overlap. That is due to the size of our organization.”

KAWANAMI – Question for the VP External. Have you decided what to do about the mural?

SAMUEL – The VP of Operations and Finance, sent an email to Former President, Mike Hudema, requiring the status of the artist and the mural. We were planning to get the plaque put up, before the mural got put up. That was where we were with it, before it was painted over.

ABBOUD – Question to VP Operation and Finance. When will the SUB food court be back up with all its tenants open again?

BOTTEN – I confirmed this today. Set for Aug 11, but may be pushed back because we are looking at buying an oven for muffins. Aug 18 for Funky Pickle and Marco's Famous Mediterranean Grill. Aug 20 for Edo.

WELKE – Whatever project you decide to take for the mural, will it be for the same message the mural had before?

SAMUEL – I guess that is a suggestion that we will tighten the focus of whatever we decide to do. I haven't decided yet, but I will let council know.

KOTOVYCH – Looking at the executive committee minutes, I was wondering why the VP Ops and Finance voted against issuing an apology to the artist who created the mural.

BOTTEN – I rethought the issue, in light of that, I should have abstained of the vote, rather than voting opposed. I felt that there was no need for some publicized motion of drafting a letter. I thought we were just going to send the letter. I voted against, but I should have abstained from that vote.

ABBOUD – Question for VP External. In the letters for SEE and VIEW, will the organization be seeking a retraction about some of the false things that were printed?

SAMUEL – If the councilor wishes, I can pass him a letter that was drafted. It was meant to clarify the misrepresentations made. No retractions were sought, but clarifications were made.

MELYNK – Question for VP External. I am wondering what the nature of the participation is in the Liberal Party, "Don't Get Shocked" campaign.

SAMUEL – About the "Don't get shock" campaign, we were going to have the leader of the opposition use our facility for a bit, as a background. As well, distribute flyers at the info desk, warning about dangers of signing electricity deals with landlords.

ABBOUD – Would the SU name or logo appear on this campaign?

SAMUEL – No, there is no sign that we are supporting the party. We are just letting them come into the building.

KAWANAMI – Dealing with the web board. Have we looked into getting any warning that things on the web board may not be factual? Outside people may be doing research and may look at it.

BOTTEN – I contacted Bill Shores on legal issues about the web board. My biggest concern is cost. But liability concerning the web board has been around. But the courts don't want to touch it. We are going to try to figure it out, rather not spend the money on a legal opinion. 2nd question, confused what he is asking.

KAWANAMI – Reading through the thread from Bill Smith, it would be nice to get some clarification regarding what happened on the web board post.

ABBOUD – Question for the BoG regarding the senate report on wellness. The proposed ban on smoking campus wide is coming in September. Which way is he leaning towards now, towards protecting civil liberties, or to caving into the health conscious minority? Also, what has he done to talk to students?

KOTOVYCH – The report will be coming in its entirety in September. In terms of the smoking thing, I'm standing against it. Biggest concern is if it is necessary to ban it across the entire Campus.

2003-09/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

KAWANAMI/ABBOUD MOVED TO strike motion 6b of the report.

KAWANAMI – I think it is fine to use our campus for this, but giving out pamphlets may send a message.

SAMUEL – I made it very clear to the Liberal Party that anything I said was based on the contingent will of council.

KOTOVYCH – Concerned how this will affect Bill 43 and the relationships we build up with the Liberal Party.

BOTTEN – I spoke with a former employee of SU, who is now working with the Liberals. The fact that we operate a place for students to get housing information, when approached by someone by any party, saying that there are contracts being signed due to deregulation of utilities. While I agree that students should be reading contracts before signing them, I also agree that students should be notified. It should be to the best interests of the students if this information is available to them.

DUBE – I am curious if our SU is willing to do this for the Provincial Govt. I don't know if we would be so comfortable with that. It is an image issue. It seems like we are supporting them and have an alliance with them.

WEPLER – As long as they are not violating operating policies, I think they should be allowed to use that space. I've seen several different political groups using SU space. I say to let them use it. Having it come forward as an actual motion, if they scrap this motion, they are still able to use it. It is in our operating policies. I'm in support of students getting this motion.

WELKE – I am against handing out Liberal logos. I will be voting against this. I suggest that the Liberal party to ask the Campus Organizations that exist to hand out these pamphlets.

SCHENDEL – To clarify, I don't believe that student groups can hand out pamphlets. A student group doesn't have that much power over anybody else.

PETTERSON – Would it be possible to hand out the information and take off the Liberal logos?

SAMUEL – I think they feel that Bill 43 has negative qualities. Why this is a motion and not through normal channels? To a small degree, we are in a way committing some resources, such as table space for the organization. There was some confusion as to active or passive solicitation. It would have to be "available only" at the table, no matter who it was coming from. As far as taking the information, and removing the logos, there may be some copyright concerns. They came up with the information, so I don't think we can do that. I don't think the majority of students are into checking the labels to see where the information is coming from. I guess the most cost effective way to do that is to let them use the table space required.

KAWANAMI – It seems strange that the Liberals have a monopoly on this information and that they are the only ones that have this information. As other people of said, these things are available at the table booking venue. Almost everything that comes out of there seems to have the SU stamp approval on it. We can produce the information ourselves, a bulletin or something detailing this information. It sends a sketchy message, once you let this stuff in there, the potential for abuse is there. There must be a better way to get this information out to students.

Motion to strike is defeated. (18 opposed, 11 for)

ABBOUD/JONES MOVED TO reconsider the agenda.

ABBOUD – Regarding the whole fiasco to hold by-elections. In order to approve this, we need to approve it by this meeting.

Motion to reconsider is carried.

ABBOUD/HENDERSON MOVED TO add late addition 15d to the agenda.

Motion to add late addition is carried.

Motion that agenda is re-approved is carried.

2003-09/12

APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

2003-09/12b

SAMUEL – Eugene Brody report is self-explanatory. It's been giving out a lot of money. Which is great.

2003-09/12c

SAMUEL - Had 2 meetings. 1st meeting we discussed campaign slogans and mediums. A motion was passed. As far as the July 30th meeting, we debated the recommendations to IRB about the changes that will be putting forward to legislation review.

2003-09/15b

COOK/WEPLER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, strike an ad hoc committee of five (5) Students' Councilors to act as an audit committee until January 31, 2004, and direct it to issue recommendations on the Students' Union's internal and external audit procedures on or before January 31, 2004.

COOK – The bylaw was good and we made a lot of amendments. To fully appreciate what the bylaw will be at the end of it all, there should be an ad hoc committee.

Motion is carried (27/0/1).

KAWANAMI nominates **COOK**, **COOK** accepts

BOTTEN nominates **WEPLER**, **WEPLER** declines

WALLACE nominates **WUDARCK**, **WUDARCK** accepts

KNULL nominates **ABBOUD**, **ABBOUD** accepts

MELNYK nominates **DUBE**, **DUBE** accepts

JONES nominates **SMITH**, **SMITH** accepts

ABBOUD nominates **BAZIN**, **BAZIN** accepts

COOK – I agree with the committee, it will be a great start to an audit process. I have some experience with it, currently working as an internal auditor for the government, which may help.

WUDARCK – Always interested in numbers. Keep tabs on the budget here.

ABBOUD – Fiscal Conservatism is great. I have also been following the budget. I will be a valuable and contributing member.

DUBE – I am a huge fan of accountability. Will be good for this.

JONES – Speaking on behalf of Smith, he was the previous VP of Op/Finance, he will be an ideal candidate.

LAFFIN – On behalf of BAZIN, he emailed me and said he really wanted to be on this committee. He’s good with numbers.

Congratulations to COOK, WEPPLER, WUDARCK, ABOUD, SMITH and BAZIN

2003-09/14

LEGISLATION

JONES/LAFFIN 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) (SECOND Reading).

JONES –It makes our lives simpler. Vote on it.

Motion is carried (26/1/5).

2003/09/14a

BOTTEN/LO MOVED THAT Students’ Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3200 (SECOND Reading).

BOTTEN – One change to this bylaw made in IRB was to section 10, indexing. It was pointed out that we would not be able to legally do this. It was basically put in to cover our rear. Makes things a bit simpler. Right now, these salaries could go up, which would be good.

Motion is carried (32/0/0).

2003-09/14b

LO/JONES MOVED THAT Students’ council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2200 (FIRST Reading).

LO – Basically to centralize GFC elections, meaning that SU will run the elections. Everything in the bylaw, with exception to Claus 4, is about the GFC elections. 4 is about problems with the dates that the CRO has set. It will let them run the election at one alternative date. We are centralizing these elections because we have the resources to make these elections work. Such as staff, advertising, Gateway...etc., increases the profile of General Faculty Council.

JONES – I would like to second everything Lo said. If we are going to centralize elections, we should do all of them, to level the playing field.

HUTCHISON – I am opposed to this. It robs faculty associations of a voice. They no longer have their seats protected here. I don’t see how Faculty associations have any purpose in SU, if we don’t have a voice in SU.

HIGGINS – I agree with Hutchison. Can we have a compromise if elections are centralized but we want to maintain our own elections, as they have been?

EKDAHL – I am in favor of this motion. I think it is good that someone with higher authorization look at this - trusting that someone who is familiar with the process will do their job.

COOK – One concern is about our finances. It is adding a lot more weight to SU. It may push us back into a deficit. Faculty associations do run better elections, they are more than able to do it, where the SU seems out of touch with students from those Faculties. I think we can compromise - those Faculties that want to do it can do it. I think many students feel that Faculty Associations can do it better. I have yet to see, as President of BSA to transfer this to the SU.

WEPLER – We have a whole consolidation binge. Either pulling those down that are excelling and I think this absolutely about lifting those up that are falling. This is all about trying to lift up those faculties, who probably haven't even sent out their GFC electives out.

DUBE – It was through Lo that I found out I was selected for the GFC rep. There was no nomination, nothing. I didn't even know what GFC was. I later learned that several people were just automatically elected. A Faculty Association vote is not necessarily student choice. Put it where the students are, and you can't go wrong.

KOTOVYCH – A lot of the issues opposing this motion is how it will affect the faculty, not how it will affect the students. If we can do anything to raise the awareness of GFC, it will be best for students.

KAWANAMI – I think what we need to keep in mind is, this doesn't seek out to destroy any faculty association ideas. It's the SU that appoints the GFC councilors. What this is proposing is that we take back our authority. If Faculty Associations are doing a better job than we are, we are more than happy to let them continue on. This raises the profile of GFC. I can't see why a Faculty Association would oppose them, as the cost of the election would no longer be with them. I think this is a win-win proposition for GFC and Faculty Associations.

KNULL - I think this debate is going into a different debate. This takes a lot of the burden off Faculty Associations.

SCHENDEL – Wondering before the next reading, would there be a list of black-listed faculties. Would like to see which Faculties are in hot water and which ones have run good elections in the past. This would be something I would like to see before 2nd Reading.

COOK – I have no problem with centralizing elections if it is done properly. Faculty associations are there to represent student voice. If we are taking that away from them, what is the point to have them anyway? It's the same argument why the BoG is in council. Make Faculty Associations better, give them better structure, so we don't have to take away their power for not doing it right.

JONES – The point is, we already decided to centralize SU election. This is not up for discussion. It makes no sense to have separate systems for SU and Faculty Associations. There is no sense to doing this, unless we are going to undo FARCE. Further, the opponents of this motion are factually incorrect. They argue that they the students will be more in touch, but the majority of Faculty Associations have no idea that the elections are centralized. Their executives should have known the case. Clearly that argument cannot hold. I am proud to be from one of the few faculties that ran a clear and clean election. It is not a given that people want to have the same representative for all of the things. Finally, the bylaw in place authorizes Faculty Associations to use the infrastructure at no cost; so if you want --- to hold your elections on the same day, same time, for free. If your Faculty Associations can get 60% turnout, you can get it here. There will be no distinction to the students; it will seem like one seamless ballot. And that is why we should centralize these elections.

CRO – Addressing Schendel's concerns. There isn't a blacklist. I would be more open if an association came to me and gave me a proposal on how they had run their elections in the past. Given those arguments, if they can prove that they have ran good elections, then I would not say "no" and not let them run their election.

SCHENDEL – When would you expect such a proposal by?

CRO – It's hard to say, but late next semester. We'll need extra grant expense for candidates, additional advertising for GFC. We will have the same polling clerks, same ballots and maybe extra printing costs, maybe hiring an extra DRO. That is the best that I can tell you right now.

HUTCHISON – So you can provide specifics on what you would want from the proposals for Faculty Associations that want to run their own election. Are you saying that if it wasn't broke, you won't touch it?

CRO – Yes you are right. But, I won't turn a blind eye on it either.

EKDAHL – Regarding Cook's comment earlier, I wanted to point out that you can give all the resources to Faculty Associations and may still do a crappy job.

KNULL/WELKE MOVED the previous question,

Defeated.

LO – It is difficult to project how much GFC elections will cost. It depends on what we are looking for. Typically there are very few people who want to be involved with GFC. This is what we are hoping as SU that we can fix. GFC is a high academic board on campus. It is severely underused. I think that a high profile election that the SU can provide, this is what they should do. I would like to say that I have a lot of stats, 23 were elected and there were 9 appointments, they were from smaller faculties, where their VPs automatically get the seats. There are also 4 vacant seats.

Motion is carried (30/2/0).

2003-09/14c

ABBOUD/HENDERSON MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2200 (FIRST Reading).

ABBOUD – Basically sets some basic guidelines for running elections. I urge council to vote yes.

Motion is carried (22/1/2).

2003-09/14d

SAMUEL/COOK MOVED THAT upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, Students' Council rescind the Political Policy on the Canadian Federation of Students.

SAMUEL – The actual political policy itself is silly because it makes reference to high membership fees, comparatively high with no comparison on what it is drawn between.

ABBOUD – Doesn't seem that far gone, that archaic to me. If one of the rationales of getting rid of it is because it seems the membership fees are comparatively high, with nothing to compare it to, the solution should not be to get rid of it. I will be voting "no" on this. I think it is important to have.

WEPLER – If getting rid of it means we are joining CFS, I vote YES. It is a terrible political policy. This is just taking up space. Let's just get rid of it.

KAWANAMI – When we first passed this, this was the strongest thing the body could do at the time. I don't see how things have changed from this. But the thing is, we've been passing political policy for a long time, but have been rescinded because they were seen as too harsh. So, what council has to do at the end of the day is to look what is in the political policy, do we disagree with it? If we do, we should vote to rescind it. I don't think we should be getting reckless with this.

Motion is defeated (19/11/0).

2003-09/14e

SAMUEL/WEPPLER MOVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, Students' Council rescind the Political Policy on the Student Finance Board.

Motion is carried with unanimous consent.

2003-08/15

NEW BUSINESS

2003-08/15a

JONES/WELKE MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the inclusion on the ballot of the Students' Union campus-wide election of March 2004 a referendum question asking students if they support the elimination of the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, and that, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, the wording of the question be:

“Do you support the elimination of Section 2 (e) of Article VIII of the Students' Union Constitution, which currently reads: ‘ Pursuant to a referendum passed on 6 and 7 March 1991, the sum of Three Dollars and Thirty –Six cents (\$3.66) per Fall or Winter Term from each full-time and part-time student's Students' Union fees will be allocated to the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund.’”? The results of this referendum will be binding the Students' Union in accordance with Article V of the Students' Union Constitution.”

JONES – Issue has come before council once. When asked to create a question. The IRB did consult with the Athletic Board Executive Officer and had a discussion about this question. Came to the conclusion that this is the question that we can come up with. The background behind this is that Golden Bear Legacy fund has been in existence since 1991 and has not been reviewed since.

WELKE – We as a council asked IRB to do this.

KAWANAMI – Any thought of reviewing our other referendum dedicated fees?

DUBE – What does the fund serve?

PETTERSON – Very excellent question. I do believe in reviewing the funds. Students should know where their money is going towards. However, my concern with the question is that it does not state to include that this money does go towards Athletics. This is a concern. If you put what it is actually going to, it is harder to kill it.

WALLACE – Will the athletics dept launch a “no” campaign? With a “no” campaign, all these issues will be addressed.

PETTERSON – There will be a campaign. I will probably be in charge of it. I personally think that it is a good idea to put it on the ballot because of the fact that people have no idea what it is.

Speaker – Would the councilor like to make an amendment to the motion?

PETTERSON - I thought it had to be referred back to IRB.

PETTERSON /WALLACE MOVE THAT item 15a be referred back to IRB to insert into question that the funds collected in this referendum will go to athletics.

ABBOUD – I speak against this amendment. Campaigns are the place to flush out the issues in this question. Basically, IRB did their job. They were directed to draft a question about the fund. I think the fact that the Golden Bear and Panda fund deals with athletics is a good indication what the money is for. Do now need to put it in again?

PETTERSON – No one had any idea that the Golden Bear had a legacy fund based on the name.

ABBOUD – Curious how many people councilor Petterson asked. This is a valid question. IRB followed its instructions, so I’m voting no on this amendment.

BEAMISH – I will vote no on this amendment as well. We may end up not making a single decision in council unless IRB or FARCE goes through it. If there is an amendment, make it now.

WELKE – I am against sending this back to IRB.

BRECHTEL – If you are trying to word something in something this size, you'll never get anything that can be agreed on. I don't think it will bias it, it will educate people.

DUBE – I want to make a few points. I have never seen a referendum question properly debated. Eugene Brody doesn't get the money from the Eugene Brody Fund. People just don't know. How does adding 2 words in there destroy the process? I think it address to the credibility of the question.

BOTTEN – I have seen nothing, no concerns about educating students about any other dedicated fee. I don't think it is a valid argument that we should be the ones to decide what we promote. You have a constitution, take that section of the constitution and put that in the process.

JONES – We have an uninformed electorate. California for example, will send information about every referendum question. However, their referendum question is black and white. Unfortunately, we don't have space on the paper to inform the people absolutely everything. Given limited space, we can't adequately discuss the question. This is why we have campaigns. They are a system that we have. For better or for worse, that is how we have chosen to educate our voters. To change from our current style where we put no information on the amendment itself, and suddenly start informing students about the question, may lead us to biasing the question.

HUTCHISON/SCHENDEL MOVED THE QUESTION
Motion is defeated.

SAMUEL – Nowhere in our legislation says that it goes to Athletics. It's not something that is dictated anywhere. If we were to put it on there, it may be misleading. There is nowhere that says that it has to go there.

Roll call conducted by Recording Secretary at 9:00pm

WEPLER – There have been many discussions about referendum discussions. I am a firm believer that you need to give students a very simple question. I think IRB did an excellent job. This is what you want in a referendum question. It just states what the legal ratifications are. I do not have a stance either way. But the whole purpose to have IRB draft this question is that they went through all the scenarios. It does not get any better than this. Please vote down any attempts to amend it, any attempts to direct it back to IRB.

**DUBE/HUTCHISON MOVE the previous questions.
Motion is carried.**

Motion to refer this question to IRB and amend the motion is defeated.

**WELKE/EKDAHL MOVED the previous question
Motion is defeated.
Main motion is carried.**

2003-09/15c

BOTTEN/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) Councilor to replace Matthew Wildcat as a member of the Access Fund Board for the remainder of the 2003/2004-year.

BOTTEN – I require quorum for the Access Fund meeting so we can put in policies and that students will have this information before September. I need quorum for a board, and I need a councilor to sit there.

DUBE – Are we appointing someone? Removing someone?

Speaker – We are removing Councilor Wildcat. If removed, we will be taking nominations for another councilor.

**Motion is carried.
WEPLER nominates himself, he accepts
Congratulations to WEPLER.**

2003-09/15d

ABBOUD/SCHENDEL MOVED THAT council direct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election for the vacant council seat in the Faculty of Arts.

ABBOUD – One of the 9 Arts seat is vacant. The CRO has crunched some numbers and figured out the logistics for holding the elections.

EKDAHL/DUBE MOVED TO AMEND 15d to say, “Council direct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election to fill all vacant seats with the exception of Engineering”

CRO – What I have done is that, with the additional 6 faculties added means an additional cost of \$2100, excluding grant expenses. Last year, we had problems with paid poll clerks showing up to their shifts on time. There is also the issue of security for soliciting volunteers for the polling booths. Is that something council is in favor of? Some faculties have had 2 volunteers per polling booth.

BOTTEN – I am going to speak to Abboud's concern about cost. This evening, if it goes though, given one position for each seat, with a base setup cost of \$650, we are talking about \$45 dollar per faculty which is way too minute for council to consider.

CRO – If we were to run...to solicit volunteers, it would be...to run with paid poll clerks, it would be 5 times the cost.

Main motion is carried.

2003-09/16

REPORTS

BRECHTEL – There is a council meeting on Aug 16, not 23rd. We will get the agenda to you.

HUTCHISON – Is there still a meeting on the 19th?

BRECHTEL – yes.

LO – I am on holidays on Aug 15-23. But I will be there to answer all questions when I get back.

SAMUEL – Bill 43 campaign is rolling under way, www.tuitiontrouble.com. The mural issue and the U pass have kept me busy. I have copies of the letter to the editor, so you can see them if you want. Also attached, is my SUDS report. Please see the recommendations on this.

BOTTEN – Recommend reading it. I also threw out some questions for councilors to ask me next council meeting.

MAH – WOW is flying. Thanks to our WOW event coordinators. Revolutionary Speaker’s Series, 3 out of 4 of the headliners are confirmed. I have included a very tentative WOW schedule on the back there. We’ll have that completely finalized by Friday.

KELCH – Lister center is near completion. All of the offices that are moving over, some from housing and food services, conference services and parking services are moving over as we speak and should be ready to move in September. Move in for all residences are moving quickly and for all the difference residences move in ranges from August 29 to September 1. East campus village is currently finishing up the design bid build part of the contract and will hopefully be starting construction soon.

2003-09/18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRO – Dates for upcoming for upcoming by-elections:

Nomination packages available Friday, Aug 22

Nomination deadline is Friday, September 12

Campaign begins Monday, September 15

Campaign ends Monday, September 22

Voting is on September 23 and 24.

2003-09/19

PETTERSON – I have posted a new web page for UAB. The primary pages explain what the legacy fund is about.

ADJOURNMENT

EKDAHL/SAMUEL MOVED TO ADJOURN at 9:38pm.

Motion is carried.