

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday March 9, 2004 – 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ATTENDANCE (SC 2003-23)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/ absent
President	Mat Brechtel	√
VP Academic	Janet Lo	√
VP External	Chris Samuel	√
VP Finance	Tyler Botten	√
VP Student Life	Jadene Mah	√
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Roman Kotovych	√
Residence Halls Association	Kyla Rice	X
U of A Athletics Board Executive Officer	Kevin Petterson	√
Arts	Alex Abboud	√
Arts	Chris Bolivar	√
Arts	Erin Kelly	√
Arts	James Knull	√
Arts	Chris Laver	√
Arts	Terra Melnyk	√
Arts	Vivek Sharma	X
Arts	Heather Wallace	√
Arts	Paul Welke	√
Business	Adam Cook	√

Business	Steve Smith	√
Education	Allison Ekdahl	√
Education	Christine Wudarck	√
Engineering	Josh Bazin	√
Engineering	Cole Nychka	√
Engineering	Paige Smith	X
Engineering	Nicholas Tam	PROXIE
Engineering	David Wepler	√
Law	Dean Hutchison	PROXIE
Medicine & Oral Health Science	Alyson Jubber	√
Native Studies (School of)	Matthew Wildcat	√
Pharmacy	Erica Skopac	√
Physical Education	Holly Higgins	√
Rehabilitation Medicine	Sarah Booth	X
Faculté Saint-Jean	Zita Dube	√
Science	Matthew Eaton	X
Science	Adam Demaniuk	√
Science	Justin Kehoe	√
Science	Steven Kirkham	√
Science	Shawna Pandya	√
Science	Duncan Taylor	√
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	X
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	√
Recording Secretary	Chris Henderson	√

MINUTES (SC 2003-23)

2003-23/1

CALL TO ORDER

2003-23/2

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

2003-23/3**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

The Chair begins the evening by congratulating all of those in council who ran in the general election. He then proceeded to congratulate the incoming Executive Committee.

Welke presents Students' Council with a ceremonial mace. This being Councilor **Welke's** final meeting, he has decided to present council with a gift. Councillor **Welke** will be resigning his seat in order to serve a tour in Bosnia with NATO.

TAYLOR/PANDYA MOVE THAT Kirkham and Demaniuk to be appointed as Science Councilors for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year.

CARRIED

(Councilors **Wallace** and **Hutchison** have their abstentions noted)

TAYLOR/BRECHTEL MOVE THAT Jubber to be appointed as the Medicine/Dentistry for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year.

CARRIED

(Councilors **Wallace** and **Hutchison** have their abstentions noted)

Ekdhal is appointed as the Councilor for the Student Life Committees.

Weppler is appointed as the Councilor for the Academic Affairs Board.

2003-23/3a

Approval of the January 27, 2004 Minutes of Students' Council.

KOTOVYCH/EKDAHL MOVE TO approve the January 27, 2004 minutes.

CARRIED**2003-23/3b**

Approval of the February 3, 2004 Minutes of Students' Council.

BAZIN/TAYLOR MOVE TO approve the February 3, 2004 minutes.

CARRIED**2003-23/4****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

KOTOVYCH/BAZIN MOVE TO approve the agenda.

Lo withdraws item #10h.

LO/BOTTEN MOVE TO include item #8c.
The Chair accepts the motion.

Weppler moves to add the presentation "Whip Cream Justice"

CARRIED**AGENDA CARRIED**

2003-23/5

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Weppler presents 'Whip Cream Justice'.

Senate presentation "Beyond These Halls" is cancelled.

2003-23/6

QUESTION PERIOD

WALLACE – A constituent of mine has told me that they cannot get prescriptions filled on Saturdays or after five. This means that they cannot get the subsidized prescription. Is there any way that they could stay open longer so that students can take advantage of this more fully?

BOTTEN – I don't see that happening, but I will look into it. This is the status quo for when the Pharmacy was not in the Bookstore.

WALLACE – What are the miscellaneous items listed in the budget? What exactly does miscellany entail?

BRECHTEL – That accounts for economies of scale. Things like if the ad prices in the Gateway went up or something like that.

SMITH – Did the President threaten the AMMS of UBC with litigation?

BRECHTEL – No, I cannot recall doing such a thing.

KOTOVYTCH – I am of the understanding that we budget for liquor on the SU changeover retreat. Doesn't this contravene standing policies on the purchase of liquor.

BRECHTEL – No, we have an exemption in our liquor policies for the retreat.

2003-23/6a

SMITH - One February 7, a number of U of A students (including some Valued Constituents of mine) were making merry in the Room At The Top, whose posted Saturday hours are 3 pm to 3 am. At 1 am, they were advised that RATT was closing. My question is as follows: who has the discretion to close RATT earlier than its posted closing time, and on what basis is that decision to be made?

Please see document SC 03-23.01

2003-23/6b

SMITH - Could Students' Council receive a breakdown of how the ten thousand dollars illegally transferred from the Project Reserve to the Operating Budget for the Tuition Campaign was spent?

Please see document SC 03-23.02

2003-23/6c

SMITH - In the Spring of 2003, a motion to remove the Video Information Display System (VIDS) monitors from SUB was struck from the Executive Committee report by Students' Council. The rationale of those favouring striking it - including then Vice President (Academic) and current President Mat Brechtel, then Science Councilor and current Vice President (External) Chris Samuel, and then Education Councilor and current Vice President (Academic) Janet Lo - was that the monitors could be made useful without significant capital or operational expense. Since this Executive took office, the untrained eye would conclude that there has been no action at relating to the VIDS monitors. My question is as follows: is this assessment correct, and will this change before this Executive leaves office?

Please see document SC 03-23.01

2003-23/7**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

BRECHTEL/LO MOVE THAT item #6c in the Executive Committee Report be approved separately.

CARRIED

WUDARCK – Why did you change the wording under 'charitable organizations' to a 'registered charities'.

BOTTEN – At the end of the day, all registered charities are charitable organizations. It is an accountability measure to make sure we are supporting legitimate charities.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED

LO/BRECHTEL MOVE TO approve item #6c

Lo – This is one of the things that COFA wanted to do to ensure that we are helping to build stronger Faculty Associations. We will be trying to give them the tools to be more effective as student advocates. Faculty Associations will be providing 35 dollars for every 40 dollars we provide.

CARRIED

2003-23/8**APPROVAL OF STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS****2003-23/8a**

Council of Faculty Association Report

LO - CoFA moved a motion regarding governance in Faculty Associations. This is for information.

Please see document SC 03-23.04

2003-23/8b

Council Activities Planning and Action Committee – a branch of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress.

BOTTEN - The committee had concern that they had no idea what was going on, so I am presenting this to council.

Please see document SC 03-23.05

2003-23/8c

Awards Selection Committee Report

MAH/SMITH MOVE TO adopt the report.

CARRIED

(Councilors **Lo, Taylor, Petterson, Abboud, Knull, Pandya, Melnyk, Weppler, Higgins, Wudarck** and **Wallace** note their abstentions)

2003-23/9

OLD BUSINESS

None

2003-23/10

LEGISLATION

2003-23/10a

DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students' Council attendance requirements be eliminated (notice of motion).

DUBE - I believe that it is not the job of this body to keep its members accountable, rather it is the job of the electorate to keep the members of this body accountable. We need better accountability measures of students, we need to look at ourselves in a way that we haven't been before. I think you should get rid of this rule.

Dube/Smith move to read the motion for the first time.

CARRIED

TAM/ABBOUD MOVE THAT attendance requirements not be enforced for the Spring/Summer terms of Students' Council.

Tam – I think that this will solve a number of our problems. I think that councilor Dube's concerns really only apply to the Spring and Summer terms. I think that you should be bound to the commitment that you make in the Fall/Winter terms, but I think we will see many less dismissals with this amendment.

SMITH – I am opposing this amendment because I think that attendance requirements are dumb. If anyone can tell me an effective way of policing attendance, I would like to hear it.

Amendment DEFEATED

KOTOVYTCH – My concern is the issue of being able to achieve quorum. Councilors have not been 'booting' councilors; we have merely been upholding the rules of this body.

WELKE – It is not the job of this body to hold people accountable.

BOTTEN – We can create an effective council without scrapping attendance requirements.

SMITH – I disagree with **Welke**. I think that part of the job of this body is to ensure that we reach quorum.

SAMUEL – We don't have quorum problems, at least not when meetings don't go on for 5 hours at a time. I think that Councilors have a dual responsibility to those that they represent as well as other faculties as a whole. It is completely in our prevue to make sure that our organization is working properly.

Main motion fails to receive a 2/3 majority vote and is DEFEATED
(Vote 17/16/1)

2003-23/10b

DUBE/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students' Council proxies be eliminated.

SMITH/DEMANULK MOVE THAT the motion be read for the first time.

CARRIED

TAYLOR - My problem with eliminating proxies is that we have people who have to work over the summer, and some of us can't get jobs in our field in the city. We nixed that last option and I hope we nix this.

DUBE – Proxies are not accountable to anyone and can really do whatever they please.

ABBOUD - The duty of the elected member sending the proxy is that they are accountable to their constituencies. If someone keeps sending bad proxies, their constituency can hold them accountable. Allowing for proxies has allowed to new people to come into the organization. This is something for the ultimate benefit for the organization we cannot overlook.

Main motion fails to garner a 2/3 majority vote and is DEFEATED
(Vote: 6/25/2)

2003-23/10c

PANDYA/WUDARCK MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the report of the Committee for Council Reform and Progress and amend SU legislation accordingly.

PANDYA - This is the summation of hours of meetings. Bylaws 100, 200 and 300 are all amended here. There would be a budget established by the chair. Motion has been given due notice.

PANDYA/WUDARCK MOVED TO read for a first time is CARRIED

SMOTH/DUBE MOVE TO strike 'When allocation faculties seat, use Full Time equivalents for numbers (3-0).'

BRECHTEL - I was in opposition for this. The reasoning we used for this was that there were more full time students in faculties than part time. The justification for charging PT students less is because they do use our services less. Functionally, a faculty like open studies, they would have a much higher representation on campus than a faculty that is all full time, like Med.

DUBE - The problem with this is that the FSJ doesn't use Students' Union Services. FSJ has it's own services, and this is something that we are trying to rectify. I think that it is a nice idea in principal but not in practice.

SMITH - When we reduce seats in a faculty, because of a high proportion of part-time students, we are also reducing the representation of full-time students.

CARRIED

Smith rises on a point of order.

SMITH - The first two points under proxies and attendance are best left to the committee.

The Chair – Point of order is well taken, and the two points above will be struck from the report.

SMOTH/BAZIN MOVE TO strike the final point under 'Changeover bylaw'.

SMITH - I do not feel that it would be practical to do this.

BOTTEN - I would like to see this meeting go quickly. I would say that having knowledge that this would be the system, the meeting schedule would be adjusted accordingly.

WELKE - This basically allows us to not do our jobs for one meeting.

BRECHTEL - I would posit to council that is about to lose its mandate the next day as being the one to deal with a last minute issue. This becomes an issue of people being able to plan accordingly. What pressing business could we possibly have that a council that is going to meet in the next hour is beyond me.

DUBE - We have a job to do, and we must do it. I have an issue with having fun on someone else time. I don't think that we should deal with anything substantive, but it shouldn't be legislated.

CARRIED
(Vote: 14/13/0)

ABBOUD/BAZIN MOVE TO strike Possible Amendments to CRAP Report.

ABBOUD – If you are going to make an elected speaker, you must make the speaker elected from one of your own. This would be the first of this order of the council. Then the speaker would enjoy a majority of confidence from the council. As well, we will introduce a clerk of Students' Council. Aiding in the drafting of legislation. We have been trying to empower council in a number of ways.

WELKE MOVES THAT 'selected' will be changed to 'nominated'.

FRIENDLY

DEFEATED
(Vote: 9/18/0)

Main Motion CARRIED
(Vote: 19/3/0)

2003-23/10d

Samuel/Botten move that Students' Council redefine it's political policy structure based on the following principles (notice of motion):

- 1.) That there be two separate levels of political policy.
- 2.) That there be a clear separation between the two levels of policy.
- 3.) That one of the levels of policy would be reserved for broad, long-term principles.
- 4.) That the other level of policy would be reserved for situational and more specific principles.
- 5.) That any policy referred to in 4.) cannot contravene a policy in 3.)

SAMUEL - One of the remaining tasks is to do a policy rewrite and make sure that everything that we have on policy are in accordance with students wants. Policies are meant to be a voice, a reflection of what they want. It would also seem to me that we should delineate between goals of greater and lesser importance. If the policy is supposed to be the voice of our students, it can be monotone, or we can create a situation were we can prioritize principals. We can have values that are more deeply enshrined, but at the same time, you can have situational policies. I think there is value in that.

SMITH/BAZIN MOVE THAT the motion be read for the first time.

CARRIED

SMITH - Policy inflection is not delivered by how many levels we have, but in how our exec committee delivers them. We should be moving to greater simplicity in our political policy.

SAMUEL - I would argue that political policy as a message of content to the public, but they also serve as a direction for our executive. Right now, you have these policies that don't do much. I feel that it offers us some kind of institutional memory for the more green members of Exec committee. In terms of the exec members, having this delineation will allow them to have a better direction to decide what kind of direction that they want to plan their year in. We want to strive for simplicity.

WEPLER/PANDYA MOVE TO add to point #4 "...And will expire on April 30th".

WEPLER – By virtue of the type of issue like the ENGCOMP 110 thing, that policy is redundant at the end of the year. But it allows us to draft longstanding policy and short ones too.

CARRIED

Main motion lacks a 2/3 majority vote and is DEFEATED
(Vote: 11/13/0)

LO/BAZIN MOVE THAT Students' Council adopt a bylaw concerning Faculty Associations in accordance with the recommended principles.

LO - One of my goals was to do better with FA's. FA's are a little bit different than a student group because every student is represented. This was approved by all but the ESA.

LO/BAZIN MOVE TO have it read for a first time.

CARRIED

LO - What council would be saying here is that this is what we define as a student group and then this is what we define as a Faculty Association. This is meant to recognize that FA's are a little different.

CARRIED

2003-23/10f

BOTTEN/BRECHTEL MOVE THAT Students' Council (notice of motion):

- (1) Repeal Legislation respecting the Financial Affairs Board and the Internal Review Board;
- (2) Pass new legislation creating a Budget Committee and a Legislation Drafting Committee;

- (3) The Budget Committee will:
- (a) Be responsible for preparation of a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year and a final budget for the current fiscal year;
 - (b) Be composed of the Vice-President Operations & Finance as Chair, six voting faculty members from Students' Council;
 - (c) Have a recording secretary appointed by the chair;
 - (d) Chair may select a designee for any meeting they can not attend, and in the absence of a designee the committee shall select an alternate Chair for that meeting;
 - (e) Quorum of any meeting will be four (4) members.
- (4) The Legislative Drafting Committee will:
- (a) Perform an ongoing review of SU legislation and be empowered to make, without reference to Students' Council, editorial, non-substantive revisions;
 - (b) Be responsible for Drafting changes to Students' Union legislation in accordance with the directions set out in the standing orders of Students' Council;
 - (c) Be composed of the President or designate as chair, six voting faculty representatives from Students' Council, and the Speaker as a non-voting member who will serve as a primary draftsman of the committee;
 - (d) Chair may select a designee for any meeting they can not attend, and in the absence of a designee the committee shall elect an alternate Chair for that meeting;
 - (e) The Speaker will serve as the secretary of the committee unless an alternate secretary is appointed by the Chair;
 - (f) Quorum of any meeting will be four (4) members.

BOTTEN - This motion comes right out of Committee reform. When an org review was done in 1995, 5 boards were created. The Financial Affairs Board is only enacted when someone needs a budget approved. Internal review has done more than it should have this year. I would have it renamed as the Legislative Drafting Committee, as that is exactly its purpose. The first two boards tend to respond in a reactive way rather than a proactive way.

BOTTEN/KOTOVYCH MOVE TO have it read for the first time.

CARRIED

Samuel/Smith move that 4c read 'be composed of 7 voting members of Students' Council.

SAMUEL - I think that more often than not we elect presidents that are bad legislative drafters and I do not feel that they should have any place on legislative drafting committee. I don't think that being president of the Students' Union will allow you to be a better legislative drafting.

SMITH/DUBE MOVE TO postpone this motion.

SMITH - I think that I need some time to hash this out with the mover.

CARRIED – Item is postponed.

2003-23/10g

SAMUEL/LO MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the joint recommendation of the External Affairs Board and the Academic Affairs Board, rescind the political policies; "Post-Secondary Education Funding Cutbacks", "Tuition Deregulation", "Tuition Authority", "Alberta's Tuition Policy", "Post-Secondary Learning Act", "Tuition Policy", and "Tuition Levels and Regulation".

CARRIED
(Unanimous Consent)

2003-23/11

NEW BUSINESS

BOTTEN/BRECHTEL MOVES TO make 11b a Special Order.

CARRIED

2003-23/11b

BOTTEN/BAZIN MOVE THAT Students' Council approve the proposal for changes to the Students' Union payroll system and the necessary budget changes reflected therein.

BOTTEN - The report aims at doing our own payroll so that we can save \$6500 a year. I recommend that we approve this.

CARRIED (with 2/3 majority vote)

WELKE/BAZIN MOVED TO make 11c a Special Order.

CARRIED

2003-23/11c

WELKE/BAZIN MOVE THAT Student's Council amend Standing Order 7.

WELKE - What this will do is that it will allow any councilor to extend any of their speaking privileges to guests.

Dube MOVES THAT the words 'to a member of their constituency' be struck and the words 'a guest' replace them.

FRIENDLY

CARRIED

It would be worth noting that this is the final substantive action initiated by Councilor **Welke** before his resignation.

2003-23/16

ADJOURNMENT

TAYLOR/WALLACE MOVED THAT Students' Council at 9:45 pm.

SMITH/TAYLOR MOVE TO reconsider item 10g.

Chair – Motion will be noted in the minutes and the chair shall rule as to whether or not it is in order at the next meeting of Students' Council.