

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday October 3, 2006  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-12)

- 2006-12/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2006-12/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday October 17, 2006.
- Speaker makes Question Period a Special Order.*
- 2006-12/4      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2006-12/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- CUNNINGHAM/YUSUF MOVED THAT** Students' Council go IN-CAMERA.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2006-12/2a      Bill Smith, General Manager presents on the Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement.
- PAYNE MOVED TO** extend Presentation Period.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- LEWIS/TRAYNER MOVED THAT** Students' Council go EX-CAMERA.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2006-12/6      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2006-12/6a      **COURNOYER/CHAPMAN MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles:
- That the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate for a financial aid system that:
- produces lower levels of public debt by delivering a greater proportion of non-repayable assistance up front, including but not limited to grants and bursaries;
  - is accessible to all Albertans based on demonstrated academic standing and addresses the real financial need,
  - recognizes the complete overhead costs of education to the learner including, but not limited to rent and utility costs, textbook costs, transportation costs,

food, personal care, and learning technology costs;  
 - better recognizes the diversity and individuality of the learner by accounting for varying living situations affected by geography, household configuration and alternate modes of study;  
 - includes adjustments to all forms of financial assistance to reflect rapidly changing market realities as related to the student 'basket of goods,' especially housing;

And that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate for immediate changes to the student loan system to include:

- the removal of the part-time earning exemption;
- the enhancement of scholarship exemptions and spousal working exemptions;
- the removal of the parental contribution requirement;
- to improve the remission program to be more predictable, transparent and accessible;
- to lower interest rates on the Alberta portion of all new and outstanding student loans.

Speaker's List (mm): Cournoyer

**COURNOYER MOVED TO** amend the main motion by replacing "the removal of the part-time earning exemption;" with "the complete exemption of part-time earnings;".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

**CHAPMAN/TIEMAN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by adding "the removal of the requirements that students that live with their parents, if their parents live in the same city of the students educational institution" as the final point of the political policy.

Speaker's List (am): Chapman, Tieman, Payne, Cournoyer, Power, Eruvbetine, Samuel, Chapman

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

Speaker's List (mm): Semenuk, Tieman, Samuel, Henry, Cournoyer, Henry, Semenuk, Cournoyer

**Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent**

2006-12/6b

**COURNOYER/CHAPMAN MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles:

That the University of Alberta Students' Union oppose the introduction of an income-contingent loan repayment scheme for the Alberta Student Loan Program that:

- Seeks to permit institutions to further increase tuition at Alberta universities;
- Through the use of annual interest rates ensures that lower-income Albertans pay more for their education than higher-income Albertans;
- Erodes the commitment of government to funding public post-secondary education or transfer the responsibility for funding from government to students and their families.

Speaker's List (mm): Cournoyer, Yusuf

**TIEMAN/CHAPMAN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by inserting "Program, and we oppose any ICLR that:"

**Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent**

2006-12/6c

**HENRY/BLAIS MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

Student Space: study space (varying from study space on the main floor of SUB to study space on the fourth floor (quiet) of Cameron library), activity space for student groups, administrative space for student groups.

The University does not provide adequate student space as defined above. Building development and space allocation policies must accurately anticipate the needs of not simply a cross-section of students that currently attend U of A, but also a reasonable approximation of the demographic of students the building might eventually serve over its lifespan. The arrangement of student space provided by the university must take into consideration student needs for gathering, studying, evolving and learning from one another.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

**SEMENUK MOVED TO** amend the main motion by replacing "quiet" with "silent".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY**

Speaker's List (mm): Tieman, Mathewson, Henry, Yusuf

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2006-12/6d

**HENRY/TRAYNER MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

A great University is built by providing an enriched academic environment, which includes top quality research as well as excellent classroom instruction. However, research must always be considered an aspect of the University valued as equally important when compared to undergraduate education. The Students' Union shall endeavor, through all possible avenues, to ensure that research at the University of Alberta is appropriately contextualized within the larger framework of the institution's structure.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry, Chapman, Tieman, Sumar, Trayner, Dollansky, Power

**SEMENUK/BLAIS MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "when compared" and place "in relation".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY**

Speaker's List (mm): Henry, Tieman

**Main Motion: CARRIED, unanimous consent**

**2006-12/6e**

**HENRY/PAYNE MOVED THAT** Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

The quality of instruction in the classroom, especially at the undergraduate level, is of paramount importance to every member of the University community and essential to the future of the institution. The Students' Union should endeavor to create and support programs and conditions that serve to promote the importance of teaching, reward excellent practice and emphasize education in pedagogical improvement.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

**PAYNE/DOLLANSKY MOVED TO** amend the main motion by inserting "quality" after "importance of" and before "teaching".

Speaker's List (am): Payne, Henry, Chapman, Payne, Semenuk

**Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED**

**SAMUEL MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "create and" and to insert after "support" the words "and facilitate the creation of".

**Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY**

**SEMENUK MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "practice and emphasize education in pedagogical improvements" and replace with "practice, emphasize education, and instructor initiated pedagogical improvements".

Speaker's List (am): Semenuk, Henry

**SEMENUK WITHDRAWS THE MOTION.**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**MATHEWSON/GAMBLE MOVED TO** adjourn.

**Motion to adjourn: CARRIED**