

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday January 27, 2009  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2009-20)

- 2009-20/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm
- 2009-20/1a      Announcements – Next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday February 10, 2009
- Items 2009-20/6t and 2009-20/6p made special orders.
- 2009-20/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- Point of Order: Kustra "Don't we have to take attendance first"
- Speaker: "yes we do, point well taken."
- 2009-20/2a      Restricted Access: Follow-up – Presented by Janelle Morin, President. Sponsored by Janelle Morin, President.
- 2009-20/3      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- John Braga, VP Academic- Oral Report
- 2009-18/4      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- Point of order: J.Eastham "Don't we have question period before general orders?"
- Speaker: "Point well taken"
- 2009-20/6      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2009-20/6a      **SCOTT/BRAGA MOVED THAT** Students' Council, as per Bylaw 8451, section 6(c), approve the Augustana Students' Association proposal outlining a Faculty Association Membership Fee
- Speakers list: Braga, Scott, Morin
- BRAGA/EASTHAM MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:  
**Amount**

The Augustana Students' Association shall set its membership fee at an amount not to exceed \$130 per year or \$65.00 per term (fall and winter only)

**Motion (Friendly): CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6t

**BRAGA/QUEVILLON MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the following referendum question in second reading:

Do you support the establishment of an undergraduate health and dental plan as of the Fall semester of 2009, subject to the following conditions:

1. Students have the ability to opt out of the health and/or dental plan;
2. The health and dental plan would cost each student \$192.34 per year for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 academic year, said fee being assessed by the University with tuition and other non-academic fees;
3. That in subsequent years, any increase or decrease in the cost of the plan will be subject to approval by Students' Council;
4. That the SU Executive be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with Studentcare.net/works contingent upon the inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions;
5. That a fee for the undergraduate health and dental plan would continue to be assessed until;

a) A duly constituted SU referendum is conducted to rescind the fee and program; or,

b) Such a time that Studentcare.net/works terminates the agreement.

Speakers List: Braga, Fentiman, Melenchuk

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6p

**BRAGA/EASTHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council omnibus the first readings of Bills #23 through #35.

Speakers List: Braga

**Motion: CARRIED**

**BRAGA/EASTHAM MOVED TO** move into informal consideration

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6b

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #23 in first reading:

Principles

Students' Union Bylaw 8350, A Bylaw Regarding Faculty Associations, shall be renamed and renumbered as Bylaw 8100, A Bylaw Respecting Faculty

Associations and Campus Associations.

All sections of Students' Union Bylaws pertaining to the finances of a Faculty Association or Campus Association, with the exception of Bylaw 8400, A Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Faculty Membership Fees, shall be consolidated into a new bylaw named and numbered as Bylaw 8200, A Bylaw Respecting Faculty Association and Campus Association Finances.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6c

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #24 in first reading:

Principles

"Faculty Association" shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a faculty, which is recognized as such under Students' Union Bylaw.

"Campus Association" shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment on a satellite campus, which is recognized as such under Students' Union Bylaw.

"Departmental Association" shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a department, which is recognized as such under Students' Union Bylaw.

"Program Association" shall be defined as any student group, based upon enrollment in a program, which is recognized as such under Students' Union Bylaw.

"Affiliated Association" shall be defined as any student group, not based upon enrollment, which is recognized as such under Students' Union Bylaw."

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6d

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #25 in first reading:

Principles

The mandate of an Association is to act on behalf of and for its constituency analogously to the manner in which the Students' Union acts on behalf of and for the undergraduate students of the University of Alberta.

The Association is to conduct itself in a manner that is transparent, open, democratic, credible, accountable, and fiscally prudent.

The roles of an Association are to: act as the official representative of its membership; act as an advocate on issues relating to its constituency; provide services which are beneficial to its membership; and foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6e

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #26 in first reading:

Principles

The mandate of the Council of Faculty Association shall be to foster communication and collaboration among the Associations and between the Associations and the Students' Union.

The composition of the Council of Faculty Associations shall be the Faculty Associations, Campus Associations and the Students' Union.

The Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall be the Chair of the Council of Faculty Associations.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6f

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #27 in first reading:

Principles

All determinations by the Students' Union required regarding Faculty Associations and Campus Associations, excluding their finances, shall be made by the Vice President (Academic) in consultation with the Director of Student Group Services and the following: the Chief Returning Officer on all matters pertaining to elections, plebiscites and referenda; the Chair of Audit Committee on all matters pertaining to finances; and the Dean of Students and the Dean of all affected faculties on all matters pertaining to derecognition or probation.

The Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall maintain a schedule of Campus Associations and Faculty Associations.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6g

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #28 in first reading:

Principles

A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be responsible for the oversight of all Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations within its constituency.

The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall exercise this oversight in a manner that conforms to the basic principles of the relationship between the Students' Union and the Faculty Associations and Campus Associations. Specifically: the Association shall have the authority to recognize, derecognize or place on probation the aforementioned groups; the Association shall maintain consistent lines of communication with the aforementioned groups, both individually and collectively; and the Association's decisions pertaining to the aforementioned groups may be appealed to the Students' Union.

The Students' Union reserves for itself the power to impose mandatory fees on the student body or any subsection thereof.

An Association shall maintain a schedule of its Departmental Associations, Program Associations and Affiliated Associations, if such exist, which shall be provided to its membership and/or the Students' Union upon request.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6h

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #29 in first reading:

Principles

The Students' Union shall annually determine which student groups are recognized as Campus Associations and Faculty Associations under Students' Union Bylaw, on the basis of the following principles:

- a Campus Association shall represent exactly one satellite campus, and a satellite campus shall be represented by one Campus Association;
- a Faculty Association shall represent exactly one faculty, and a faculty shall be represented by one Faculty Association;
- a previously recognized Faculty Association or Campus Association shall be presumed to retain its recognition; and
- a Faculty Association or Campus Association shall not be registered as a student group under the Bylaw Respecting Student Groups until the following conditions, additional to the conditions required to register as a Student Group, are satisfied:
  - a document confirming the legitimate selection of officers and providing their contact information is submitted to the Students' Union;
  - a document confirming compliance with General Faculties Council Policies regarding Faculty Councils, Departmental Councils, Dean Selection Committees, and Chair Selection Committees is submitted to the Students' Union; and
  - the financial reporting requirements required by Students' Union Bylaws are met.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6i

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #30 in first reading:

Principles

A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have legislation, consistent with the requirements of Students' Union Bylaw, specifying, at minimum:

- the official name;
- the mandate;
- the membership, membership categories, and rights of members;
- the procedure for adoption, amendment, and rescission of its legislation;
- the procedure for adoption, amendment, and rescission of its policies and/or procedures;
- the mechanism for calling a General Meeting;
- the powers and responsibilities of each of its officers;
- the powers and responsibilities of each of its boards, committees and/or councils;
- the rights, privileges and responsibilities, individually and collectively, of its Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations;

the manner of selection of its officers and the manner of removal of its officers;  
the manner in which elections, if applicable, are to be conducted; and  
the manner in which finances and property are managed including the budgeting and auditing processes.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6j

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #31 in first reading:

Principles

A Faculty Association or Campus Association shall have procedures, consistent with the requirements of Students' Union Bylaw and their legislation, which shall serve to operationalize their legislation. They shall have procedures outlining the annual transition of its executive and board officers.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6k

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #32 in first reading:

Principles

All determinations by the Students' Union required regarding Faculty Association or Campus Association finances, which are not reserved for Students' Council itself, shall be made by Audit Committee in consultation with the Vice President (Academic).

The Chair of Audit Committee shall maintain a schedule of Campus Association Transfer Payments, Faculty Association Membership Fees, Faculty Association Special Fees, and Faculty Membership Fees.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6l

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #33 in first reading:

Principles

The purpose of a Faculty Association Membership Fee is to provide financial support for the operation of a Faculty Association or Campus Association, if applicable, including fees for membership in relevant regional or national organizations.

The purpose of a Faculty Association Special Fee is to provide financial support for special initiatives or projects of a Faculty Association or Campus Association and is not to be used as part of the operating budget of an Association.

A Faculty Association or Campus Association is eligible to create a Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6m

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #34 in first reading:

Principles

Herein Faculty Association Fee shall refer to Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee as the context requires.

The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall consult with its Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations, if such exist, regarding the creation and administration of a Faculty Association Fee. The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall consult with its membership, at a General Meeting, regarding the creation and administration of a Faculty Association Fee.

The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall notify the Students' Union by December 15<sup>th</sup>, of the year before the fee is to be implemented, of its intent to create a Faculty Association Fee.

The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall submit a proposal to Students' Council by January 15<sup>th</sup>, of the year the fee is to be implemented. The proposal shall outline the following:

- the purpose of the fee;
- the amount, per student per term, of the fee;
- the scope of membership of the fee;
- the dates the fee is to begin and cease being collected;
- the refund mechanism of the fee;
- the allocation of the fee;
- the financial oversight of the fee;
- proof of consultation as required by Students' Union Bylaw; and
- endorsement of the fee by the Faculty Association or Campus Association.

Students' Council shall approve or deny the proposal by January 31<sup>st</sup>, of the year the fee is to be implemented, or within four weeks of the submission of the proposal, whichever is later. The proposal, as approved, shall govern the implementation and administration of the Faculty Association Fee.

The Faculty Association Fee will only be implemented if approved in a faculty wide referendum where the following conditions are met:

- all the base members and only the base members of the Faculty Association or Campus Association are eligible to vote;
- a minimum voter turnout of 15% was achieved;
- a majority of votes cast are in favor of the fee; and
- the referendum was conducted in accordance with the Faculty Association or Campus Association's legislation and Students' Union bylaw.

The Faculty Association or Campus Association shall confirm the referendum results, and compliance with Students' Union bylaw, to the Students' Union by March 31<sup>st</sup>, of the year the fee is to be implemented.

The Students' Union shall inform the Office of the Registrar of the implementation of the Faculty Association Fee by April 15<sup>th</sup>, of the year the fee is to be implemented.

The proposal, as approved by Students' Council, shall only be amended by the joint consent of the Faculty Association or Campus Association and Students'

Council.

Amendments shall not result in an increase in the duration or amount of the Faculty Association Fee.

Upon the derecognition of a Faculty Association or Campus Association with a Faculty Association Fee, Students' Council shall either terminate the Faculty Association Fee or allow the successor to the Association to also become the successor to the Faculty Association Fee.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2009-20/6n

**BRAGA/MASTEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #35 in first reading:

Principles

Herein Faculty Association Fee shall refer to Faculty Association Membership Fee and/or Faculty Association Special Fee as the context requires.

A Faculty Association Fee shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- the Faculty Association Fee shall only be collected from the base members, members classified as 'off-campus' by the Office of the Registrar may be excluded from the Faculty Association Fee;
- the Faculty Association Fee shall be assessed at a uniform rate for all members;
- the Faculty Association Fee shall begin being collected on September 1<sup>st</sup>, of the year the fee is to be implemented and shall cease being collected on August 31<sup>st</sup>, of the year the fee is to be terminated;
- the Faculty Association Fee shall be collected for a term that does not exceed four years; and
- the Faculty Association Fee shall have a mechanism by which those members who are philosophically opposed or unable to pay the fee may be reimbursed.

A Faculty Association Membership Fee shall be further subject to the following restrictions:

- If Departmental Associations or Program Associations exist then a portion, based on enrolment or another method satisfactory to Students' Council, of the fee shall be designated for supporting them; and
- If Affiliated Associations exist then a portion, based on a method satisfactory to Students' Council, of the fee may be designated for them.

The Faculty Association Fee shall be collected as part of the Students' Union fee by the Office of the Registrar and included on a student's fee assessment.

**Motion: CARRIED**

Speakers List: Braga, Flath, Dunn, Eastham, J.Eastham, Clarke, Fentiman, Morin, Dehod

**FLATH MOVED TO** Amend motion 2009-20/6e to read:

Principles

The mandate of the Council of Faculty Associations shall be to foster communication and collaboration among the Associations and between the Associations and the Students' Union.



The composition of the Council of Faculty Associations shall be the Faculty Associations, Campus Associations and the Students' Union.

The Students' Union Vice President (Academic) shall be the Chair of the Council of Faculty Associations.

**Motion (Friendly): CARRIED**

**Omnibus Motions: CARRIED**

**2009-20/60**

**BRAGA/FENTIMAN MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Bill #36 in first reading:

Principles

The Students' Union will no longer allow the establishment of a Faculty Membership Fee.

The Bylaw Respecting Students' Union Faculty Membership Fees shall exist solely to govern the currently existing Faculty Membership Fees of the Engineering Students' Society and the Law Students' Association.

Speakers List: Braga, Morin, Lynde, Melenchuk

**Motion: CARRIED**

Automatic recess at 7:34pm

Meeting called back to order at 7:49pm

**2009-20/6r**

**DOLLANSKY/EASTHAM MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #37 in first reading:

Principles:

1. Bylaw Changes must be passed in second reading not fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the nomination deadline in order to apply to the subsequent election

Speakers List: Eastham, Braga, Mastel, Quivillon, Mckinney, Morin, Melenchuk, Patrick Wisheu

**QUEVILLON/ MASTEL MOVED TO** Amend the motion to read:

Principles:

1. Bylaw Changes must be passed in second reading not fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the nomination deadline in order to apply to the subsequent election, this Bylaw will come into effect May 1, 2009.

**Motion (Friendly): CARRIED**

**MCKINNEY/SCHULZ MOVED TO** Amend the motion to read:

Principles:

1. Bylaw Changes effecting elections, plebiscites and referenda must be passed in second reading not fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the nomination deadline in order to apply to the subsequent election, this Bylaw will come into effect May 1, 2009.

**Motion: CARRIED**  
**3 abstain**

**EASTHAM/J.EASTHAM MOVED TO** Amend the motion to read:

Principles:

1. Bylaw Changes effecting elections, plebiscites and referenda must be passed in second reading not fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the nomination deadline in order to apply to the subsequent election, plebiscites and referenda this Bylaw will come into effect May 1, 2009.

Point of order: Morin "Could you please read the specific amendment again?"

Speaker: "Yes"

**Motion (Friendly): CARRIED**

**BRAGA/J.EASTHAM MOVED TO** Amend the motion to read:

Principles:

1. Bylaw Changes effecting elections, plebiscites and referenda must be passed in second reading not fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the nomination deadline in order to apply to the subsequent elections, plebiscites and referenda this Bylaw will come into effect May 1, 2009.

**Motion (Friendly): CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2 abstain**

**2009-20/6s**

**FLATH/BRAGA MOVED THAT** Students' Council approves Political Policy 13 in Second reading

Principles:

- A dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be used to fund the construction of academic or research space.
- All capital projects funded directly by a student fee dedicated to that project must include proportional commitments from other stakeholder groups.
- The Students' Union shall participate in defining the purpose and scope of any project where a student fee is involved.
- A dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be implemented until such a time as students have the ability to receive benefits from their contribution.
- Tuition revenues shall not be used to support the construction of capital projects

Speakers List: Flath, Dunn, Shultz, Clarke

Point of order: Dunn" Because this principle is already passed in first reading can we debate the principles?"

Speaker: "No, point well taken"

**Motion: CARRIED**

**BRAGA MOVED TO** Postpone items 2009-20/6u, 2009-20/6v and 2009-20/6w until the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Motion: CARRIED**

**DEHOD/MORIN MOVED TO adjourn**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm**