

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Council Chambers, University Hall**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (VP 2016-07)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

2016-07/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Announcements – The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers.

2016-07/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-07/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) – Report
Francesca El Ghossein (Student Life) - Report

2016-07/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Administration Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2016-07/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-07/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-07/6a Councilor Brophy to Vice-president Banister:

Asked what she was excited to show Council before.

Vice-president Banister 's Response to Councillor Brophy:

Said that she was passionate about the bylaws being discussed, and that she was excited to see the debate.

2016-07/6b Proxy Bondarchuk to Vice President El Ghossein:

Asked whether the roll-out of fees collected by the registrar's office be fast enough, and whether the fees will be disbursed fast enough to residence associations for them to plan and implement their programs.

Vice President El Ghossein's Response to Proxy Bondarchuk:

Explained that the ideal scenario is when the fees would be assessed by September 1, 2016, and that the motion would support her in getting support from the Dean of Students Office and the Provost Office.

2016-07/6c Board of Governors Representative Champagne to Vice President Sandare:

Asked whether Vice-president Sandare believes in the never say never philosophy of Justin Bieber and others.

Vice President Sandare's Response to Board of Governors Representative Champagne:

Said that they were good musicians, and that he believed in it.

2016-07/6d Councillor Larsen to President Rahman:

Asked him to elaborate more on the white paper regarding student employment.

President Rahman's Response to Councillor Larsen:

Explained that the University policies are different from the Students' Union policies, and said that the objective was to take everything within the different policies regarding student employment, and condense it to one white paper which is about 20 pages long. He further says that there may be more white papers on issues that the Students' Union prioritizes.

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Councillor Warriar to Vice President El Ghossein:

Asked whether the University collects fees to be disbursed to Residence Associations.

Vice President El Ghossein's Response to Councillor Warriar:

Said that the Registrar's Office collects all the fees for the Students' Union, and that it would be the same process for the Residence Associations.

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Councillor Hammond to Councillor Angus:

Asked whether there would be a different method of voting for the next meeting.

Councillor Angus's Response to Councillor Hammond:

2016-07/6g Said that a method will be decided at the next Council Administration Committee (CAC) meeting.

Councillor Larsen to Vice President El Ghossein:

Asks why resident services haven't collected fees yet.

Vice President El Ghossein's Response to Councillor Larsen:

2016-07/6h Said that there wasn't a response yet. However, she said that she was expecting a response soon.

Councillor Christensen to Councillor Angus:

Asked whether councillors will be able to call for a division if the voting method was changed.

Councillor Angus's Response to Councillor Christensen:

2016-07/6i Said that it will be possible.

Vice-president Banister to Councillor Angus:

Asked whether there was a discussion at CAC on whether the call for division swayed votes to one side.

Councillor Angus's Response to Vice-president Banister:

2016-07/6j Explained the summary of discussions at CAC regarding the issue, and that he believed the current voting method isn't the most effective.

Councillor Farooq Vice President El Ghossein and President Rahman:

Asked what would happen if the Registrar's Office said no regarding the collection of fees.

Vice President El Ghossein’s Response to Councillor Farooq:

Said that the Registrar’s Office needed a directive from the provost Office, and that there may be some logistical obstacles. She further said that the collection may be delayed.

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President Rahman’s Response to Councillor Farooq:

Said that there was never an instance where a motion from the Board of Governors was disobeyed.

Councillor Larsen to Councillor Angus:

Asked whether there was anyone in CAC who was against the voting method.

President Angus’s Response to Councillor Larsen:

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Said that there was nobody, but mentioned that he received negative comments about it.

Councillor Farooq to Councillor Angus:

Asked whether there are any suggestions for an alternate voting system.

President Angus’s Response to Councillor Farooq:

Said that Council would move on to an assigned seat system with electronic voting.

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-07/7a

Bill #4- Two-member candidates and Councillor-Designates - *First Principles*

HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #4, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and amend Bylaw 100 and 2300 to abolish two member candidates and implement Councillor Designates according to these first principles.

First Principles

1. The process for two member candidates shall be removed from SU Bylaws, given the questionable viability and usability in 1year terms.
2. The definition of shortterm and longterm proxies shall be amended into two new categories: “Proxy” (short term) and “Councillor-Designate” (long term).
3. The process for Councillor-Designate appointment shall be amended to: a. Simplify appointment requirements; and b. Set regulations and guidelines on the appointment process.
4. Bylaws 100 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes.

Councillor Howie introduced the motion. The Council then debated. Councillor Hammond said that it is important to keep governance accessible to professional students. Councillor asks the definition of long-term vs short-term. Councillor Scott asked whether a similar system such as the 2 person candidate system will be created. Councillor Angus asked for how long a long term proxy can represent a councillor. Councillor Howie answered the questions.

Roll call vote on Bill #4:

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - Y
Councillor McKinlay - N
Councillor Angus - Y
Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Ndatirwa - Y
Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Larsen - Y
Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councillor Hammond - Y
Councillor Al Hammouri - Y
Councillor Persad - Y
Councillor Prochnau - Y
Councillor Nick Dejong - Y
Councillor Brophy - Y
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - Y
Councillor Flaman - Y
Councillor Howie - Y
Councillor Warriar - Y
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Nguyen - Y
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Farooq - Y

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-07/7b

Bill #5- Department Association Regulations - *First Principles*

BANISTER/CHRISTENSEN MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #5, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, according to these first principles:

First Principles

1. Department Associations shall be delegated authority by the Students' Union through their Faculty Associations to be official representatives for students in their departments, as well as provide advocacy and community building roles.
2. Departmental Associations already exist in the Students' Union hierarchy.
3. Bylaw 8100 shall be amended to provide clearer definitions for Departmental Associations. This will clarify their roles, give them legitimacy under the Students' Union, and allow the Students' Union and Faculty Associations to better connect with and support them.
4. Bylaw 8100 shall describe the minimum requirements for being a recognized Departmental Association.
5. Bylaw 8100 Schedule shall contain a list of all currently recognized Departmental Associations.

Vice-president Banister introduced the motion. Councillor Farooq spoke in favour of the motion. He asked about the requirements to be a department. Board of Governors Representative Champaign expressed doubts about the need for the bylaw. Councillor Ndatirwa asked for clarification regarding the second point. Vice-president Banister answered the questions, and said that departments would be different depending on the faculty. She further said that departments are loosely defined. Councillor Persad asked whether some of the current associations will be omitted. Board of Governors Representative Champaign asked whether it will be difficult to assign the different Department Associations due to the variety. He further stated that adding such Department Associations would create a further layer of bureaucracy. Councillor Christensen said that there should be some deregulation and more of a grass roots approach. Councillor Hammond said that Faculty Associations will be strengthened with Department Associations, and that she was happy with the change. Councillor Farooq said that this change would be dispersing authority.

Roll call vote on Bill #5:

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President El Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - Abstain
Councillor McKinlay - Abstain
Councillor Angus - Y
Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Ndatirwa - Y
Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Larsen - Y
Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y

Councillor Hammond – Y
Councillor Al Hammouri - Y
Councillor Persad - Y
Councillor Prochnau - Abstain
Councillor Nick Dejong - Y
Councillor Brophy - Y
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - Abstain
Councillor Flaman - Y
Councillor Howie – Y
Councillor Warriar - Y
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Nguyen - Y
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) – Abstain
Councillor Farooq - Y

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Bill #6– CRO Responsibilities - *First Principles*

LARSEN/CHRISTENSEN MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #6, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to clarify and outline C.R.O. Responsibilities according to these first principles.

First Principles

1. The Chief Returning Officer (C.R.O.) responsibilities shall be updated to reflect the growing scale of elections and value of office. As such the following amendments shall be made to bylaw to ensure a stronger role throughout the academic year and during SU elections.
2. Advertisement responsibilities of the C.R.O. shall be amended to ensure the position has larger and long term responsibilities to properly advertise elections.
3. Timelines for reporting the activities of the C.R.O.'s office, both during elections and throughout academic year, shall be amended or introduced.
4. Timelines for nomination packages shall be amended to ensure timely release.
5. The C.R.O.'s responsibilities regarding proper classroom talk procedure shall be outlined.
6. The C.R.O.'s office shall ensure timely release of rulings as well as fair and due process for candidates during elections.
7. The C.R.O.'s responsibilities regarding the review of campaign materials content shall be amended to focus on ensuring campaigns do not go over budget.
8. The elections bylaws, specifically but not limited to 2100(8) Duties of Elections Staff, shall be amended to fully include responsibilities of the elections staff to ensure clear understanding of office.

Councillor Larsen introduced the motion. Councillor spoke in support of the motion. Councillor Farooq asked whether the budget of the Chief returning Officer (C. R. O.) will be amended going forward. Vice-president Sandare asked whether a rigidly defined role might hamper the C. R. O. office. Councillor Christensen stated that some change is needed due to issues in the past. President Rahman agreed with Councillor Christensen, but expressed doubts whether bylaw is the best place for change. He said that CAC should be the entity keeping the C. R. O. accountable. Councillor Brophy said that there was a lack of clarity right now. Councillor Warriar said that the initiative was good, and asked whether previous C. R. O. s were consulted. Councillor Christensen said that due to the plethora of rules, the C. R. O. may not follow all the rules. Councillor Larsen answered the questions. President Rahman asked for clarification on point 6. Councillor Larsen explained.

Roll call vote on Bill #6:

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President El Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - Y
Councillor McKinlay - Abstain
Councillor Angus - Y
Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Ndatirwa - Y
Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Larsen - Y
Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councillor Hammond - Y
Councillor Al Hammouri - Y
Councillor Persad - Y
Councillor Prochnau - Y
Councillor Nick Dejong - Y
Councillor Brophy - Y
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - Y
Councillor Flaman - Y
Councillor Howie - Y
Councillor Warriar - Y
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Nguyen - Y
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Farooq - Y

MOTION CARRIES.

Bill #7- Students' Council Seat Distribution - *First Principles*

CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #7 and amend Bylaw 100 and Bylaw 100 Schedule based on the following first principles:

First Principles

1. The evaluation of Students' Council seat allocation review currently occurs irregularly and often on an ad hoc basis.
2. The current seat structure and number has been constant since 2004/2005, when it was last reduced from forty-two (42) to thirty-two (32) seats.
3. Seats are currently distributed according to the "representation by population" rule.
4. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement a regular timeline for Students' Council seat review.
5. Bylaw 100 shall be further amended to adjust the number of seats according to the most recent enrolment data.
6. Every Faculty shall have a minimum of one (1) seat.
7. Where the allocation of seats shall be based on student enrolment below:
 - a. 11499 shall receive one (1) seat; and
 - b. 15002499 shall receive two (2) seats; and
 - c. 25003499 shall receive three (3) seats; and
 - d. 35004499 shall receive four (4) seats; and
 - e. 45005499 shall receive five (5) seats; and
 - f. 55006499 shall receive six (6) seats; and
 - g. 65007499 shall receive seven (7) seats; and
 - h. 75008499 shall receive eight (8) seats; and
 - i. 85009499 shall receive nine (9) seats;
 - j. And so on...
8. Bylaw 100 schedule shall be amended to include a chart with the information provided in (7).
9. Seat allocation shall remain constant until the next general election cycle.

Councillor Christensen introduced the motion. Councillor Prochnau mentioned that there were some irregularities in the seat assignment since 2014/2015, and said that the C. R. O. failed to carry out his/her duties properly. He further stated that the current Council does not properly represent the University of Alberta undergraduate student body. Councillor Al Hammouri stated that while she was opposed to the bill when she first read it because she thought larger faculties would get even more seats, she now believed that there wouldn't be a major change. She said she was concerned about fluctuations in enrollment, and the adverse effects on small faculties. Councillor Brophy said that the new method would enable easier identification of errors. Councillor Prochnau spoke about the seat allocation algorithm and its limitations. Board

of Governors Representative Champagne stated that the mistake was due to the C. R. O., and not the algorithm. He further said that there should be a cap on councillors, and that the old algorithm seemed better than the new bracket method. Councillor Christensen answered the questions. Councillor Larsen agreed with Board of Governors Representative Champagne, and said that he favours a smaller Council. Proxy Bondarchuk said that he was in favour of the bylaw change because of the simplicity of the new algorithm. He further stated that Council would change the brackets if enrollment increased significantly. Vice-president Sandare spoke in favour of the change. Councillor Hammond agreed with Board of Governors Representative Champagne, and stated that a proportional system is more appropriate. She also questioned what will happen if the student population dips significantly. Vice-president Banister stated that she was in favour of not having a minimum or maximum number of seats, and that the most recent data on enrollment should be used. Councillor Flaman stated that the formula for selecting seats doesn't necessarily have to be simple, and that something not broken need not be fixed. Councillor Howie said the change would be no less representative, and that it would change the arbitrary nature of Council size in the current system. Councillor Brophy spoke in favour of the change. President Rahman stated his opinions about the different points. Councillor Al Hammouri agreed with Councillor Hammond and Councillor Larsen. She said she believes there should be a cap on the number of people, and that there should be checks and balances on the duties of the C. R. O. Board of Governors Representative Champagne stated that there are 2 issues in question; whether the current system is appropriate, and whether the proposed method is suitable. He further asked why the brackets were different for each level. Councillor Christensen answered the different questions. Councillor Farooq stated he was more in favour of the motion. Councillor Hammond stated that the new system would be unfair to Nursing, and other faculties close to the bracket boundary.

BROPHY/FAROOQ MOVED to strike point number 2 from the first principles of Bill #7.

The amendment is carried as friendly.

Roll call vote on Bill#7:

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President El Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - N
Councillor McKinlay - Y
Councillor Angus - Y
Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y

Councillor Ndatirwa - Y
Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Larsen - N
Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councillor Hammond - N
Councillor Al Hammouri - N
Councillor Persad - Y
Councillor Prochnau - Y
Councillor Nick Dejong - N
Councillor Brophy - Y
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - Y
Councillor Flaman - N
Councillor Howie - Y
Councillor Warriar - N
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Nguyen - N
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) - N
Councillor Farooq - Abstain

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MOTION CARRIES.

Bill #8- Students' Council Attendance Regulations - *First Principles*

BANISTER/ANGUS MOVED to approve the first reading of Bill #8 and amend Bylaw 100 and 2300 based on the following first principles:

First Principles

1. Councillors are expected to attend, send a proxy or Councillor-Designate, to meetings of Students' Council.
2. A Councillor shall have an attendance record of at least 50% of meetings each trimester, where attendance is defined as attending for at least one (1) roll call of attendance.
3. Formal attendance shall be calculated at the end of every trimester by the Speaker.
4. Where a Councillor has less than 50% attendance at the end of the trimester, they shall be automatically removed as a member of Students' Council.
 - a. Leaves of absence for elections shall not be accounted into the attendance percentage.
5. The contravening Councillor shall be able to appeal their removal to D.I.E. Board, based on extenuating circumstances including but not limited to those listed below, within three (3) business days of their removal:
 - a. Medical, emotional, mental, or family emergencies; and
 - b. Other circumstances deemed reasonable, at the discretion of D.I.E. Board.

6. Unreliable proxies or Councillor-Designates shall not be considered a reasonable excuse for appeal, unless D.I.E. Board deems there were extenuating circumstances.
7. The Speaker shall attend the D.I.E. Board hearing to provide the official attendance record and field any questions of the Board.
8. Should the D.I.E. Board approve an appeal to the contravening Councillor, that Councillor shall be re-appointed immediately.
9. The Speaker shall present at Council and email these regulations to all Councillors at the start of each trimester.
10. These regulations shall also be included in the Nomination Package of each Council election.
11. Bylaw 100 and 2300 shall be amended to implement this process.
12. This process shall not take effect until the 2017/2018 term of Students' Council.

Vice-president Banister introduced the motion. Councillor Scott opposed the implementation of the bill. However, he said that he doesn't oppose the intent. He also said that the bill doesn't take account work placements and requirements of certain faculties. Councillor Brophy stated that he would like to see a councillor suspended until review by the D. I. E. board as opposed to being removed automatically. Board of Governors Representative Champagne said he will be voting in favour of the bill. Councillor Farooq said he was generally in agreement with the bylaw except point 4. He stated that there should be a warning/reminder to councillors who miss around 30% of the meetings. Councillor Prochnau agreed with the previous speakers, and stated that his biggest problem with the bill is the removal of a representative without the input of the constituents. Vice-president Paches stated that showing up to Council is one of the implicit requirements of being a councillor, and that he was in favour of even a harsher stance. He further stated that the Council Mentorship program would provide a great opportunity to find proxies. Councillor Victoria Dejong expressed support for the bill. She said she was in favour of automatic removal in order to prevent the councillor's popularity affecting the removal process. Councillor Flaman mentioned that he was in favour of the bill, and agreed with Vice-president Paches in that the bill could be sterner. Councillor Angus stated that an automatic removal would be much cleaner, and that there should be a mechanism so that faculty Associations are notified about their councillors not attending. He also said that 50% is a very fair number.

CHAMPAGNE/HAMMOND called to question.

MOTION FAILS.

President Rahman stated that such a motion would make Council less accessible. He also said that suspending a councillor before he/she is proven guilty is not acceptable. Councillor Larsen stated he was heavily in favour of the bill. He further suggested having a written notice about absence from a

councillor. Councillor Christensen said that the bill is very reasonable, and that having warnings is a good practice. Vice-president El Ghossein expressed support for the bill. She also brought up a point about attendance while the decision was under review from D. I. E. board, if automatic removal was not enforced. Councillor Persad stated that leaving for placements should not be a big issue because everyone knew what they were getting into at the offset. Proxy Bondarchuk spoke in favour of the motion. Speaker Sumar stated that councillors re-running in the by-election should be considered. Vice-president Banister expressed support for the bill. She further said that in reality, councillors not meeting 50% would most likely prefer an automatic removal instead of being removed through a vote by other councillors.

FAROOQ/HAMMOND MOVED to amend the first principles by adding point 3 as follows:

The Speaker of Students' Council must contact the councillor in question about their lack of attendance after 3 missed meetings regarding the consequences of their attendance considering that CAC is currently responsible for contacting the Faculty Association regarding the councillor in question.

Councillor Farooq introduced the amendment.

MOTION FAILS.

Councillor Scott stated there may be difficulties in finding proxies for councillors in certain faculties as they have similar schedules. He also said that this bill will unfairly punish certain faculties such as nursing, and that poor attendance is better than no attendance.

ANGUS/CHAMPAGNE called to question.

MOTION CARRIES.

Roll call vote on Bill #8:

President Rahman - N

Vice President Banister - Y

Vice President Sandare - Y

Vice President Paches - Y

Vice President El Ghossein - Y

Governor Champagne - Y

Councillor McKinlay - N

Councillor Angus - Y

Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y

Councillor Ndatirwa - Y

Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y

Councillor Larsen - Y

Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y

Councillor Hammond - Y

Councillor Persad - Abstain
Councillor Prochnau - N
Councillor Brophy - N
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - N
Councillor Flaman - Y
Councillor Howie - Y
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Farooq - N

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-07/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2016-07/8c GHOSSEIN/RAHMAN MOVE that Students' Council approve the following Residence Association fees as student representative association fees in compliance with Bylaw 8200.

The HUB Community Association Membership Fee shall be assessed at a rate of \$22.50/term for Full-Time and Part-time students living in HUB Mall Residence.

The International House Association Membership Fee shall be assessed at \$25.00/term for Full-time and Part-time students living in International House.

L'Association de la Résidence de la Faculté Saint-Jean Membership Fee shall be assessed at \$33.50/term for Full-Time and Part-time students living at Résidence Saint-Jean.

The East Campus Student Association Membership Fee shall be assessed at \$18.00/term for Fulltime and Part-time students living in any of the East Campus Village residences.

Vice-president El Ghossein Introduced the motion. Councillors Farooq and Flaman asked questions and clarifications. Vice-president El Ghossein and President Rahman answered.

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President El Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - Y

Councillor McKinlay - Y
Councillor Angus - Y
Councillor Kiani (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Ndatirwa - Y
Councillor Monda (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Larsen - Y
Councillor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councillor Hammond - Y
Councillor Persad - Y
Councillor Prochnau - Y
Councillor Brophy - Y
Councillor Christensen - Y
Councillor Scott - Y
Councillor Flaman - Y
Councillor Howie - Y
Councillor Kwan - Y
Councillor Mahal (Proxy) - Y
Councillor Farooq - Y

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| 2016-07/9 | INFORMATION ITEMS |
| 2016-07/9a | Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-07.02 |
| 2016-07/9b | Report from the Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see SC 16-07.03 |
| 2016-07/9c | Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-07.04 |
| 2016-07/9d | Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 1607.05 |
| 2016-07/9e | Report from the Vice President External.

Please see SC 1607.06 |
| 2016-07/9f | Executive Committee Motion Tracking |

Please see SC 16-07.07

2016-07/9g Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-07.08

2016-07/9h Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 1607.09

2016-07/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 1607.10

2016-07/9j Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 1607.11

2016-07/9k Written report for First Alberta Campus Radio Association

Please see SC 1607.13

Meeting Adjourned at 9.33 pm.