
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Salle du Conseil, Pavillon Lacerte at Campus Saint Jean

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-11)

Meeting called to order at **6:01 PM**.

2016-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-11/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

2016-11/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-11/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

2016-11/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.

2016-11/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-11/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2016-11/6a ***COUNCILOR CHRISTENSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:***

To Vice President Banister, could the Vice President please inform Students' Council of the final total of all financial capital and/or project allocation dollars, that were spent as a result of the motion approved by the Executive, in order to put on GovWeek this year, including areas such as promotional materials, advertising, food/beverages, and honoraria, if applicable?

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for the question Councilor Christensen. In an Executive Committee meeting held on September 1, 2016 the following motion was approved.

BANISTER/PACHES MOVED TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$5000.00 for GovWeek as presented.

4/0/0 CARRIED

Although most of the money was spent before GovWeek, there were a few last minute purchases made in the week itself. As a result I have to wait until October 12th to receive the total updated costs from our accounting department. I will provide the exact numbers of expenditure, including the breakdown of what it was spent on in the final report which will be available later this month. For now, I can confidently say that we finished the week under budget.

COUNCILOR FAROOQ TO VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE:

General question re M-Fest.

VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

M-fest is a week long festival during second week of February for 3 demographics of students for those early in the degree, middle of degree, and end of the degree. Different goals for each demographic:

1. Early in degree: help them find direction, how to use their degree to build their career
2. Mid-degree: manage workplace expectations, build marketable skills
3. End of degree: networking events

There will be applications for 5 student spots, some spots for University departments and external partners.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE:

What does "M" mean?

VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

"Employment" Festival

COUNCILOR MONDA TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

Where is the next board meeting?

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

It will be Council Chambers, Room 2-100 in University Hall from 8-12.

COUNCILOR FAROOQ TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

Please expand on the GFC Task Force history..

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The last time a holistic overview of University Governance was conducted was in the 1970s. There's GFC with Committees underneath it, there has been lots of conversation as to what power/responsibility are delegated to the committee and what should be brought back up to GFC for approval. Former VP Academic wrote a report on state of University Governance which is one of the factors that led to the creation of this task force. There has been lots of discussion to role of GFC, assessments. University wants recommendations by April 30, the purpose of that date is to make sure all the current student reps can see it too. The task force will look at the overall functions of the committee and make any adjustments. Please provide feedback on the way GFC works, majority of members are faculty members, 1 undergraduate student and 1 graduate student.

COUNCILOR PERSAD TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

Please expand on why there might be a strike and when it might be.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

Initially occurred in ON, a group of faculty members challenged the right to the University to NOT let faculty members go on strike. They said they're not essential legislation, people won't die at the end of the day if they're not doing their job. Supreme court agreed, said in Canada across all jurisdictions at post-secondary institutions, they have the right to go on strike. They don't say how it happens, just that they have that capacity. The deadline is by the end of the academic year, process needs to be sorted out and provincial govt needs to figure out guidelines for academic staff, graduate students, all universities in Alberta. There will be some impact that could transfer to undergrad students. There will be a feedback form.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER TO PROXY BONDARCHUK:

There has been lots of turnover in CAC, is there a plan/transition for this new chair for some stability?

PROXY BONDARCHUK DEFERRED RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR FLAMAN:

He just joined the committee, there hasn't been any plan yet but will take any suggestions.

COUNCILOR FAROOQ FOR VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

Please elaborate on the podcast and their duration.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The first podcast was 45 minutes, only 40 listens, was not advertised in newsletters, facebook. The second episode was shared by all VP academics in schools across AB, will be in newsletter. She anticipates every segment will have increasing follows, speculates at least 100 if not more listeners.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER TO PROXY BONDARCHUK:

Did Councilor Angus temporarily/permanent resign his Chairmanship?

PROXY BONDARCHUK'S RESPONSE:

Councilor Angus did resign his chairmanship/seat permanently.

COUNCILOR NAHID:

You can resign seat on SC but not resign on committee?

Councilor Angus took a leave of absence.

COUNCILOR MONDA FOR VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

Do you have any updates for hiring process for new associate dean of residence life?

VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

Offer has been made but potential candidate would have to move here from another province with their family. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the family. It will take approx. a month

COUNCILOR MONDA FOR VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

What is the general vibe for the Academic Governance Review Committee? Will there be a reinvention of academic governance or sticking to status quo?

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

There has only been one intro meeting so have not really discussed specific actions. President Turpin says the impact have this committee can have lasting changes for the next 20-30 years. She anticipates any changes will be well-founded and consultative with people on the committee. She does know the degree of the changes but will update council in the future.. There is a document that outlines history of why we're at this point with this committee. If interested, she will forward it. The general vibe of this committee is people are speaking candidly about their perspective/state of governance.

COUNCILOR FLAMAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT PACHES:

Please provide update about SU Business Revenue and will it be in Council reports in the future.

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES' RESPONSE:

He can certainly bring that information if interested as he does not currently possess a laptop.

COUNCILOR FAROOQ TO VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER:

Interested about the Science Student Representatives and Deans' Committees.

VICE PRESIDENT BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

There are 5 deans coming up for renewal in different faculties. There are student representatives from Faculty of Science in that committee.

Please contact ISSS for more info.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO VP BANISTER:

What are other avenues to share the podcast? He was wondering if it would be on android-compatible devices, not just limited to mobiles to be able to share it.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The "Podcasts" app on the iPhone and iTunes. There are links regardless of your device. She will post the link into the Council's WhatsApp every time it is live. It will also be posted to the website that can be posted to any social media. Please let her know if you're interested in being part of the podcast.

COUNCILOR MONDA TO VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

What are the changes to the Lister Meal Plan and what are some concerns?

VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

The consultation for the meal plan is not done. Students in Lister are welcome to submit feedback on form that Dining Services put out. There has not yet been a formal proposal or a summary of feedback. We have received some concerns from Lister reps via email. They fall under 2 categories: fundamental concern where disagreements with cost and not about quality/logistics. Some students find it expensive to be affordable/accessible. The 2nd concern is about how much money do we have to spend outside of Lister, hours of operations, cafeteria space and if it can fit 500 new students. The proposal brought forward this year is the same as last year. What changed was that students were consulted. If Dining Services receives enough complaints about the meal plan and its cost, it will be taken into consideration and student feedback is not just seen as an accessory.

2016-11/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-11/7a

Bill #6 - C.R.O. Responsibilities - *Second Reading*

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

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

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.

Please see SC 16-11.01

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES will be voting in favour of these changes for this because this bylaw forms a box in which the organization/employees operate within and sets a very defined box in which the CRO can operate and defines CRO's role and allows flexibility for CRO to manage portfolio as the CRO fit. We were able to accommodate the changes.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN:

He is happy that everything worked out. He still believes there should be 2 DROs.

VOTE FOR ITEM 7a:
30/0/0 **CARRIED.**

2016-11/7b **ANGUS/NAHID MOVES** to appoint of two member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee.

There will be an interim chair next meeting.

MR. BONDARCHUK MOVES to withdraw motion.

2016-11/7c **BANISTER/SCOTT MOVES** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Nominating Committee.

Councilor FLAMAN nominates Councilor Hashim.

COUNCILOR HASHIM appointed to the Nominating Committee.

2016-11/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2016-11/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-11/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-11.02

2016-11/9b Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance.

Please see SC 16-11.03

2016-11/9c Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-11.04

2016-11/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 16-11.05

2016-11/9e Report from the Vice President External.

Please see SC 16-11.06

2016-11/9f Report from the Bylaw Committee

Please see SC 16-11.07

2016-11/9g Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-11.08

2016-11/9h Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-11.09

2016-11/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-11.10

2016-11/9j Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-11.11

2016-11/9k Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-11.12

Meeting adjourned at **7:21 PM.**