

University of Alberta Students' Union

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:11PM**

#### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2017-18)

#### 2017-18/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

#### 2017-18/2 PRESENTATIONS

#### 2017-18/2a Presentation Title: Campus Food Bank

**Abstract:** Founded in 1991 out of a response to rising international student tuition, the Campus Food Bank exists to provide U of A students, staff, and their families with access to supplementary food hampers when the need arises. The food hampers distributed are built using donations from the community and modelled after Canada's Food Guide. This presentation will give Students' Council an overview of the Campus Food Banks history, it's programming and clientele makeup.

#### **Presenter(s)**:

• Cory Hodgson - Executive Director of the CFB

**USHAKOV/FLAMAN SPONSORED** the Campus Food Bank presentation at the February 6, 2018 meeting of Students' Council.

HODGSON: Noted the CFB, to their knowkedge, are the first such organisation in North America. Commended the CFB volunteers for supporting their Monday or Friday operating hours. Established that they served 27,000 persons in the last year. Noted they primarily distribute non-perishable items to non-dependant recipients. Expressed that those 25 to 35 are the primary recipients.

#### 2017-18/2b Presentation Title: Lister Centre Meal Plan Proposal

*Abstract:* Lister Hall Student Association along with the Students' Union will be providing an update on meal plan advocacy and student consultation done in the process.

#### Presenter(s):

- Ilya Ushakov, Vice-President Student Life
- Matt Simpson, President of the Lister Hall Student Association

**USHAKOV/THIBAUDEAU SPONSORED** the Lister Centre Meal Plan Proposal at the February 6, 2018 meeting of Students' Council.

USHAKOV: Noted the Meal Plan received ratings below the national average in a recent poll. Emphasised that a new plan will be determined at BFPC and Board of Governors in March. Noted the proposed plan is all-inclusive. Established that the Students' Union assumed the role of representing students when the Lister Hall Student Association was dissolved. Identified the student's wants as extended hours, a CAB location, a five-day option, a decrease in cost, diverse food options, and increased capacity. Noted out of 632 respondents, 93% do not support the current proposed plan.

#### 2017-18/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ilya USHAKOV, Vice President (Student Life) - Report. Reed LARSEN, Vice President (External) - Report. Shane SCOTT, Vice President (Academic) - Report. Marina BANISTER, President - Report.

#### 2017-18/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaw Committee - Report. Council Administration Committee - Report. Finance Committee - Report. Policy Committee - Report. Nominating Committee - Report. Board of Governors - Report. CJSR 88.5 FM Radio - Report Landing Board of Directors - Report. Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee - Report. Gateway Student Journalism Society - Report.

#### 2017-18/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

#### 2017-18/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

#### 2017-18/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2017-18/7a USHAKOV/HOWIE MOVED**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the renewal of the Health and Wellness Policy based on the following [attached] first principles.

USHAKOV: Noted an additional fact was added as Item 8 within the First Principles.

#### 22/0/0 - CARRIED

See SC 2017-18.10

**2017-18/7b CHOI/SCOTT MOVED**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the renewal of the Academic Materials Policy based on the following [attached] first principles.

SCOTT: Noted the policy has undergone a number of amendments: Point 2 now represents a new total on the cost of textbook materials, Point 5 now reflects that academic materials can be acquired for free, Point 8 now clarifies language, Point 18 now adds information concerning Open Education Resources.

LARSEN: Expressed that Provincial government is currently reviewing copyright materials. Noted that publishers are lobbying to strengthen the copyright regulations surrounding academic study. Emphasised that the executive will advocate for the students in order to attain affordable academic materials.

**23/0/0 - CARRIED** See SC 2017-18.11

#### 2017-18/7c OASIS FAMF Referendum Question

**CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVED** to approve the Organization for Arts Students' and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) FAMF referendum question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

The Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) is the undergraduate student faculty association for the Faculty of Arts. This proposed Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) will be \$2.50 per semester. This will primarily allow for increased granting capabilities for arts students.

The conditions of the fee shall include:

- 1. It shall be distributed according to the framework approved by the University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council and is subject to the oversight of the Audit Committee.
- 2. The same fee will be applied to full-time and part-time students.
- 3. The fee shall not be charged in the Spring/Summer semester.
- 4. Students may opt-out of this fee by contacting OASIS before the add/drop deadline of each semester.

5. The fee will have a two (2) year lifetime with an expiry of September 1, 2020.

Do you support the introduction of a \$2.50 per student, per semester Faculty Association Membership Fee for the Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies effective September 1, 2018?

# 21/2/0 - CARRIED

# 2017-18/7d ESA FAMF Referendum Question

**CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVED** to approve the Education Students' Association FAMF Referendum Question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.

The Education Students' Association (ESA) is the student Faculty Association for the Faculty of Education, as well as Student Local No.1 of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). As an undergraduate education student, you are not currently charged a Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF). Optional membership to the ESA currently costs \$10.00. \$9.00 of this fee goes to the ESA and \$1.00 goes to the ATA as student membership dues.

The proposed FAMF will reduce the membership fee to \$8.00. \$7.00 of this fee will go to the ESA and \$1.00 will go to the ATA as student membership dues. The fee will provide the ESA with more funding for student services and events.

The conditions of the fee shall include:

- 1. It shall be distributed according to the framework approved by the University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council and is subject to the oversight of the Audit Committee.
- 2. This fee will be applied to all undergraduate Education students, except those enrolled in off-campus collaborative programs.
- 3. The same fee will be applied to full-time and part-time students.
- 4. The fee shall only be charged in the Fall semester.
- 5. Students joining the Faculty of Education after the fee is collected in the Fall term may request a membership by contacting the ESA.
- 6. Students may opt-out of this fee by contacting the ESA before October 31st of the year it is charged.
- The fee will have a three (3) year lifetime with an expiry of September 1 2021.

Do you support a Faculty Association Membership Fee for the Education Students' Association of \$8.00 per student, per year effective September 1, 2021?

SCOTT: Inquired into the absence of a date in the year within in Clause 7.

HOWIE: Moved to amend Clause 7 to include the first day of September within the year of 2021.

Amendment taken as friendly.

# 23/1/0 - CARRIED

# 2017-18/8 GENERAL ORDERS

# 2017-18/8a Bill #8 - Students' Council Attendance Regulation Amendment - First Reading

**FLAMAN/JONES MOVED** to approve the first reading of Bill #8 Attendance Regulation Amendment, based on the following first principles:

# First Principles:

- 1. The current form of the Students' Council attendance regulations have helped improve attendance and engagement to date.
- 2. The regulations were initially created conservatively to help members adjust to the transition.
- 3. The regulations shall be tightened to continue to improve attendance and engagement.
- 4. The regulations shall be amended to apply to "regularly scheduled" meetings only, where regularly scheduled is defined meetings approved in the introductory meeting of Students' Council.
- Bylaw 100 shall be amended to adjust the definition of attendance from "Attendance is defined as attending for at least one (1) roll call of attendance" to
  - a. "Perfect Attendance" being defined as attending for 100% of roll calls in a trimester either in person, by proxy or by teleconferencing,
  - b. "Satisfactory Attendance" being defined as attending between 50% and 99% of roll calls in a trimester either in person, by proxy or by teleconferencing,
  - c. "Unsatisfactory Attendance" being defined as attending less than 50% of roll calls in a trimester either in person, by proxy or by teleconferencing.
- 6. The criteria for councillor removal from Students' Council shall remain the constant, being that councillors with "Unsatisfactory Attendance" at the end of the Spring/Summer and Fall trimesters be declared in contravention of Bylaw 100 and automatically removed as a member of Students' Council.
- 7. These changes shall be implemented May 1, 2018.

FLAMAN: Noted the Bill #8 aims to amend the roll call system as was amended by Council Administration Committee.

BANISTER: Expressed concern over the additional time required to take another roll call. Suggested the definition of "Perfect Attendance" is unnecessary. Suggested the removal of 5(a).

FLAMAN: Clarified that this proposal does not seek to add the third roll call. Council Administration Committee has already amended the Standing Orders.

CHRISTENSEN: Expressed that councillors who are unable to attend the beginning of the meeting and its roll call, and then stay for the rest, are unfairly penalised. Noted the initial rationale for amending the attendance policy was to improve the accuracy of councillor representation.

**BANISTER/HOWIE** moved to strike 5(a) and to amend 5(b) to read that 50% to 100% constitutes satisfactory attendance.

FLAMAN: Suggested that the measure to have perfect attendance defined is valuable for it provides an ideal to which councillors can aspire.

21/2/0 - CARRIED

# 24/0/0 - CARRIED

#### 2017-18/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-18/9a Report from Vice President (Student Life)

See SC 2017-18.01

2017-18/9b Report from the President

See SC 2017-18.02

2017-18/9d Report from Vice President (Operations and Finance)

See SC 2017-18.03

2017-18/9e Report from Vice President (External)

See SC 2017-18.04

- 2017-18/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracking See SC 2017-18.05
- 2017-18/9g Student Council Motion Tracking Sheet See SC 2017-18.06
- 2017-18/9g Students' Council Attendance See SC 2017-18.07
- 2017-18/9h Votes and Proceedings, SC-2017-17-OP-20170123 Tuesday, January 23, 2018 See SC 2017-18.08
- 2017-18/9i *Academic Materials* Policy First Reading See SC 2017-18.09
- 2017-18/9j Health and Wellness Policy First Reading

SC 2017-18.10

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:58PM.**