

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019
6:00PM
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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-02)

- 2019-02/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2019-02/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.
- 2019-02/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2019-02/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.
- 2019-02/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Translation Committee - Report.
Student Group Committee - Report.
- 2019-02/5 OPEN FORUM
- 2019-02/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2019-02/6a Councillor DRAPER to Vice-President STATT:

"Hello Luke,
It recently came to my attention that the Studentcare conference which Vp

Statt and Vp Larsen are attending next week provides both the flight to and the accommodations in Montreal. This raised alarm bells for me as this is a gift with a value of over \$1,000. Based on the Government of Canada conflict of interest policy, which I believe is a standard all should strive to exceed, especially those in governance positions, a "conflict of interest arises whenever an employee's private interests, outside activities, receipt of a gift, hospitality, or other benefits, or plans for post-employment, will impair or could be perceived to impair, their ability to make decisions with integrity, impartiality, honesty."

With student care being a major corporation, and with many students using the SU's health and dental plans, the stakes for a conflict of interest are high. Although I believe these VPs would hold themselves to a strong moral and ethical standard, although sadly there is no guarantee all future execs will.

The meat of my questions is this, what are the measures in the SU in place to prevent things like this, will you support stricter conflict of interest policies, can you guarantee this conference will not impact your decision on the provider of the SU Health and Dental plan, and will you be looking for other providers at this time?"

Vice-President STATT to Councillor DRAPER:

"Hi David, thanks for the question!

Travel and accommodations for the StudentCare conference are not considered a gift as this conference acts as an educational tool for Executives to learn about the health coverage and how students can best utilize the plan. With this information, we can ensure our health plan reflects the needs of students on campus. As to your concern that this conference may impact our decision making, we do not make decisions around large scale items alone or without check from the rest of the Executive team and appropriate managers. We have an established Health and Dental Committee, which is made up of students and a StudentCare representative - more information can be found here. Additionally, as per the content of the conference, our Operating Policy, section 4, states that we may "submit a written report outlining the benefits of attendance within two weeks of returning from the conference, what impact said attendance shall have on the Students' Union, and a recommendation on attendance in the future." These conference reports from members of the Executive Committee are included in our bi-weekly reports to Students' Council for information, and Vice-President Larsen and I can make an effort to verbally note them at the Council meeting following the conference for those that may not have the opportunity to review our written report. Also, the last request for proposals for the healthcare provider took place in 2018 and they are re-evaluated every five years. We are not closed to other providers, although StudentCare has consistently been a fantastic partner to work with, with comparatively low rates, and services that reflect what students are using. Going forward, if you or any others would like better reporting to ensure the accountability of the Executive team on certain items, we can certainly make an effort to do so. Conflict of interest is always something that is worth

discussing--and something that I would have likely asked about last year as a Councilor-- but the potential risk is mitigated by the above measures taken by the Students' Union to act with integrity.”

SPEAKER: Extended the question period by fifteen minutes.

VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED to extend Question Period by fifteen minutes.
12/0/13 - FAILED

2019-02/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-02/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-02/8a **BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED** to ratify the appointment of Alana KRAHN and Jonathan MARTIN as Interim GFC councillors.

CARRIED - 21/0/1

2019-02/8b **BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to ratify the appointment of President Akanksha Bhatnagar and Vice-President Student Life Jared Larsen on the University of Alberta Presidential Advisory Search Committee.

BHATNAGAR: Established that the Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Governors tasked with finding a successor for Dr David Turpin, who will not serve a second term as President of the University of Alberta.

CARRIED - 23/0/1

2019-02/8c **STATT MOVED** to discuss the Students' Union's sustainability.

STATT: Established that he sent out a high-level two page brief on the Students' Union sustainability efforts prior to the meeting.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that, in her experience as a former member, Social Environmental Responsibility Committee is weak and ineffective.

DIXON: Suggested that Council needs to be more comprehensive and radical in its approach to advancing sustainability. Supported strengthening SERC. Expressed concern that the last Sustainability Assessment of the UASU occurred in 2010.

CHEN: Inquired into how the Farmers Market advances sustainability.

BEASLEY: Suggested working to elevating SUB tenants to the gold sustainability standard and better publicizing the discounts students can receive for sustainably consuming, such as bringing a reusable dish when buying food.

BHATNAGAR: Suggested that SERC failed as it had neither direction nor structure.

Proposed that Council, if receiving SERC, better detail its priorities and mission.

DIXON: Responded that the Farmers Market allows students to access local farm products and, in so doing, reduces transportation emissions. Proposed establishing a standing Sustainability Committee and regularly completing sustainability audits.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that the University divest itself of oil, weapons manufacturing, and mining corporations.

STATT: Supported taking short term measures to improve sustainability as well as long term measures such as sustainability audits via a new ad-hoc committee.

CHEN: Proposed that student groups reduce the use of and reuse poster paper by better using BearsDen to advertise their activities.

DIXON: Proposed that a future Sustainability Committee could author a guide for the use of sustainable language, such as using the phrase climate change instead of global warming.

DRAPER: Noted that bylaw provides that the UASU will cover the cost difference between sustainable and regular materials for its elections. Expressed concern, however, that candidates must use SUBPrint that does not have sustainable options.

LARSEN: Clarified that SUBPrint uses recyclable paper and high-efficiency toner printers.

GATERA: Advised councillors to better engage with their faculty associations.

STATT: Determined to discuss divestment within the UASU with the executive.

STATT/LARSEN MOVED to enter the meeting into in-camera.

21/0/1 - CARRIED

BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting out of in-camera.

CARRIED - 19/0/0

TSE: Proposed advancing sustainability by using drink crystals instead of cans, not purchasing plastic flatware, and presenting to the Council of Faculty Associations on sustainability.

BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to nominate five councillors to create a working group to pursue the creation of the Sustainability Committee.

21/1/1 - CARRIED

BHATNAGAR nominated DIXON: accepted.

LARSEN nominated MCVAE: accepted.

BEASLEY nominated HADDOUCHE: accepted.

BHATNAGAR nominated KIDD: accepted.
DIXON nominated ISAAC: withdrawn.
VARGAS ALBA nominated MCKENZIE: accepted.
HADDOUCHE nominated BHATNAGAR: declined.
BADDESHA nominated GATERA: accepted
JAMALADINE nominated TSE: accepted.

DIXON, MCVAE, MCKENZIE, HADDOUCHE, and GATERA are appointed to the working group.

BHATNAGAR/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.
CARRIED

2019-02/8d **BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to enter the meeting into in-camera.
18/0/1 - CARRIED

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to extend the meeting by another five minutes.
CARRIED

BROWN/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting from in-camera.
CARRIED

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to postpone item 2019-02/8d until the next meeting of Council.
CARRIED

2019-02/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-02/9a President - Report.

See SC-2019-02.01.

2019-02/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.02.

2019-02/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.03.

2019-02/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.04.

2019-02/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.05.

2019-02/9f Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-02.06.

2019-02/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-02.07.

2019-02/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-02.08.

2019-02/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-00) - Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

See SC-2019-02.09.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:43PM