



STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, June 4, 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.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-03)

2019-03/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

SPEAKER: Reminded councillors to register for GovCamp. Recommended that Council Administration Committee meet earlier as its meetings have recently ended very near to the beginning of the Council assembly. Commended Statt for bringing printed and stapled paper copies of the order papers.

2019-03/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

2019-03/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2019-03/2a *Title:* 'UASU Elections'

Presenters:

- Jimmy Thibaudeau

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow a presentation about the UASU elections.
CARRIED

Abstract: The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the UASU would like to get some thoughts and feedback from Students' Council regarding the election season.

See SC-2019-03.10.

BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED to extend the presentation by ten minutes.
CARRIED

2019-03/2b **Title:** 'Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous

Women and Girls'

Presenters

- Nathan Sunday, Chair of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.

Description: In accordance with the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) Standing Orders and recommendations, the chair of ARRC will present a short oral report regarding the principle conclusions of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. In addition, a discussion of how we, as Students' Council, and the Students' Union can embody the spirit of the Final Report in our work will be presented.

SUNDAY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to allow a presentation on the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

See SC-2019-03.12.

2019-03/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

2019-03/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit Committee - Report.
Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 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.
Board of Governors Representative - Report.

2019-03/5

OPEN FORUM

2019-03/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2019-03/6a

President BHATNAGAR to Councillor VARGAS ALBA:

"With political policies guiding the decisions, advocacy, and helping guide the work of the Students' Union Executive Committee, they are an imperative part of our governance structure. I am looking forward to the year ahead, and can't wait to see

the work Policy Committee does! My questions to the Chair of the Policy Committee is (1) What political policies are up for renewal this year? (2) Is there a plan to create any new political policies this year? If so, could you touch on the themes?"

Councillor VARGAS ALBA to President BHATNAGAR:

"Thank you for your question President Bhatnagar. Here are the policies are up for renewal, as well as their respective Team Leads :

- Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees - Headed by Councillor Tse
- Public Transit; Led by VP Brown
- Scholarships & Bursaries; Led by VP Agarwal
- Sexual Violence; Led by VP Larsen
- Student Spaces; Led by Councillor Sayed
- Tuition: Led by VP Brown

We have a policy that was completed last term, but was unable to be passed, given that the term lapsed. The Reconciliation Policy was going to be up for renewal, but it will be absorbed into the Indigenous Students policy, a new policy that both ARRC and Policy Committee will review. Both First and Second readings were completed, but we will affirm that it's done by going over it. If it passes in ARRC and Policy, it will be ready to come to Council for June 18!

As for upcoming policy, we're planning on bringing forward some exciting new policy. That being said, our goal at the moment is policy renewal as opposed to new policy. We want to be able to focus on that first, which means you won't start seeing new policy until the Fall.

We are hoping to start bringing policy up for renewal by the end of the Summer, if not sooner. That being said, here are some overlying themes the committee has identified and discussed, in no particular order.

- SU-related policy, for example Voluntary Student Unionism and Free Speech
- Specific group advocacy policy, for example Students who Parent
- Student experiences policy, for example policy related to work experience worker advocacy and student advising standards
- ARRC recommendations policies, going through recs and identifying where we can start working and create long-term plans for future policy creation

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list, but it identifies conversations we've had. If anyone on council would like to see a policy implemented, please don't hesitate to contact me in person or at vargasal@ualberta.ca. Moreover, First Principles (statements of facts, what we must vote through before voting on Second Principles — resolutions) can be brought about by anyone on council, or any committees, without being brought forward to Policy first. I would look favorably on First Principles brought forward by Committees (especially one like the Ad Hoc Committee for Sustainability) or Councillors. If you would like to do so, you may also contact me to synchronize language and expectations around it.

This should be it for now! As a reminder, your councillors on policy committee are: Councillors Isaac, Sayed, Kidd, Tse, and Marinakis. Three ex-officio executives also sit on the committee: VPs Brown, Larsen, and Agarwal

Thanks!"

SPEAKER: Extended the question period by fifteen minutes.

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2019-03/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-03/7a **MARINAKIS/BOSE MOVED** to ratify the Executive Compensation Package, as proposed by the 2018/19 Executive Compensation Review Committee.

MARINAKIS: Established that the Proposal was reviewed by Finance Committee over the last two weeks and that they recommended allowances for transportation (\$100 per month), education (one class paid per semester), communication (\$50 per month), health and dental via the standard student plan, and child care on an as needed basis. Confirmed that members will submit expense forms to claim allowances.

BOSE: Noted that the ECRC compared UASU executive compensation with that of 35 other student representative associations in Canada. Identified that 30/35 groups had greater executive compensation than the UASU. Recognised, however, that the UASU executive salaries are among the highest within these 35 groups.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that the terms of the Package do not safeguard against a member taking a class and then later withdrawing from it and claiming the education allowance. Expressed concern that the Package allows for an executive to claim child care benefits for a seventeen-year-old.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Package proposal was forwarded by the Office of the Vice-President Operations and Finance, a potential conflict of interest. Suggested that a childcare allowance of \$2250 is not sufficient.

DRAPER: Clarified that the \$2250 is a minimum baseline that can be increased at the discretion of the General Manager.

ESMAIL: Expressed concern that executives served on the original ECRC. Suggested that executives should be entirely independent of the review process.

SUNDAY/TSE MOVED to refer the motion to Finance Committee.

SUNDAY: Suggested that the Package requires further review.

DIXON: Expressed concern at referring the motion. Suggested that approving the Package is time sensitive as executives do not have benefits.

BOSE: Expressed concern at an error in the date of the report.

TSE: Inquired into whether the University will recognize the executive as full time students at this time.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative.

ESMAIL: Expressed concern that executives are voting members of the Finance Committee.

DIXON: Suggested that the executive members do not sway the councillor members of the Committee.

BHATNAGAR: Clarified that the executive members are present to give context and provide clarification regarding their positions that would be helpful in reviewing the status of compensation.

SUNDAY/KIDD MOVED to call the question.

FAILED - 12/7/3

CARRIED - 13/5/6

Bhatnagar, Agarwal, Statt, Brown, Larsen abstain.

2019-03/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-03/8a **BHATNAGAR MOVED** to discuss social media engagement.

DIXON: Proposed having more contests on Instagram and using Snapchat.

SAYED: Proposed consolidating UASU service Facebook pages and sponsoring posts.

BROWN: Confirmed that consolidation of these pages is underway. Noted that this already occurred for the executive pages.

DRAPER: Proposed using podcasting to engage students.

CHEN: Urged Council to consider their audience in using social media.

BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:15pm.

FAILED - 13/1/9.

2019-03/9b **BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED** to create a Students' Union Building (SUB) Capital Plan Task Force.

BHATNAGAR: Established that this Task Force will investigate the deferred maintenance of the Students' Union Building and offer recommendations to Council.

CARRIED

2019-03/8c **BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to go in camera.
 CARRIED - 18/1/0

2019-03/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-03/9a President - Report.

 See SC-2019-03.01.

2019-03/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

 See SC-2019-03.02.

2019-03/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.

 See SC-2019-03.03.

2019-03/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

 See SC-2019-03.04.

2019-03/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

 See SC-2019-03.05.

2019-03/9f Students' Council Attendance.

 See SC-2019-03.06.

2019-03/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

 See SC-2019-03.07.

2019-03/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

 See SC-2019-03.08.

2019-03/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-02) - Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

 See SC-2019-03.09.

2019-03/9j ‘UASU Elections’ Presentation.

See SC-2019-03.10.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00PM