

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

6:00PM

Wahkohtowin Lodge on Augustana Campus

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.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35PM.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-12)

2019-12/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-12/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00PM** in **Council Chambers** at **University Hall**.

2019-12/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-12/2a **AGARWAL/BROWN MOVED** to allow ASA President Phillip Miheso to present on Augustana Campus.

***Abstract:***

Habari gani? My name is Philip Miheso and I am the ASA President for the year. As we welcome you to the campus I would like to provide you with some information about the ASA and what it offers as well as a short history of the school! I am sure that most of you have never been to the campus so this would be a great opportunity for me to immerse you in our culture.

***Presenter(s):***

- Philip Miheso - President, Augustana Students' Association

CARRIED

2019-12/2b **BEASLEY/BLONDIN MOVED** to allow Abigail Lee to present on Wahkohtowin.

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of you have never been to the campus so this would be a great opportunity for me to immerse you in our culture.

***Presenter(s):***

- Abigail Lee - Indigenous Students Representative, Augustana Students' Association

CARRIED

2019-12/3

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

2019-12/4

**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.  
Board of Governors - Report.

2019-12/5

**OPEN FORUM**

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Student Life, as to whether the Students' Union is investigating why there has recently been an increase in the number of students using the University Safe House Program.

LARSEN: Determined to follow-up on this issue with the Dean of Students.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the chair of Council Administration Committee, as to whether the Committee is considering the recommendations issued by former Chief Returning Officer James Thibaudeau in his resignation letter.

BEASLEY: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that he is actively working with Bhatnagar on this issue.

2019-12/6

**QUESTION PERIOD**

BADESHA: Inquired, to Vice President Academic, as to why he recently met with the High Commissioner of India.

AGARWAL: Responded that he and Bhatnagar met with the Commissioner as part of

an effort to strengthen the research relationship between the University and India.

TSE: Inquired, to the President, as to whether the Open Education Materials Conference she will attend with Agarwal will have relevance outside the United States.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that a Cengage and McGraw-Hill merger will influence the education materials market in Canada as these companies own subsidiaries, such as Pearson, that serve University students. Considered that a merger may not impact students for four or five years.

BADESHA: Inquired, to the Vice President Student Life, as to whether he can comment on the University's plans to increase rents for select 11 month residences leases by 10 percent adjusted to eight months in order to effect a 24 percent reduction in overall lease cost.

LARSEN: Responded that he is investigating the potential for a lower lease cost increase for all residents rather than isolating five residences to receive a ten percent increase.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether the new federal minority government will present unique advocacy opportunities for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

BROWN: Responded that CASA held party platform consultations before the election and will soon begin direct engagement with its contacts.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to what advocacy victories CASA may achieve in the short term.

BROWN: Responded that CASA will advocate the federal government to increase student financial aid, invest in work integrated learning, and expand health and mental health transfers.

GATERA: Inquired, to the President, into which Students' union staff she intends to target with anti-bias training offered by the Human Rights and Safe Disclosure.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that managerial staff will receive training.

2019-12/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-12/7a

**BEASLEY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED**, on behalf of Council Administration Committee, to appoint 1 (one) member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee.

BHATNAGAR nominated BLONDIN: accepted.

BLONDIN is declared appointed to Council Administration Committee.

2019-12/7b **BEASLEY/BHATNAGAR MOVED**, on behalf of Council Administration Committee, to form the Structural Composition Task Force.  
See SC-2019-11.01.

BEASLEY: Outlined that the Task Force will do a comprehensive review of governance models, look into the allotment of council seats, engage with a consultative working group, and produce a final report to Council.

CARRIED

2019-12/7c **BEASLEY/BHATNAGAR MOVED**, to appoint one (1) member of the Executive Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.

BROWN nominated BHATNAGAR: accepted.

BHATNAGAR is declared appointed to the Structural Composition Task Force.

2019-12/7d **BEASLEY/KIDD MOVED**, to appoint three (3) members of Students' Council who are not members of the Executive Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.

LARSEN nominated ISACC: declined.  
BHATNAGAR nominated DHILLON: withdrawn.  
AGARWAL nominated KIDD: accepted.  
BADESHA nominated VARGAS ALBA: declined.  
VARGAS ALBA nominated BATYCKI: accepted.  
BADESHA nominated GATERA: accepted.  
TSE nominated BLONDIN: accepted.  
AGARWAL nominated DRAPER: declined.

KIDD, BLONDIN, and BATYCKI are declared appointed to the Structural Composition Task Force.

2019-12/7e **BROWN/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to approve First Principles of the Tuition political policy.  
See SC-2019-11.02.

BROWN: Noted that amendments to the Tuition Policy will incorporate changes to provincial law resulting from Bill 19: An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education.

CARRIED

2019-12/7f **TSE/BHATNAGAR MOVED** to adopt the Second Principles of the Student Spaces Policy.  
See SC-2019-11.03.

TSE: Noted that these amendments introduce new resolutions concerning the importance of building spaces with regard to principles of carbon neutrality, universal design, and value for money.

CARRIED

2019-12/7g **DRAPER/BADESHA MOVES**, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the First Principles of Bill #4.  
See SC-2019-11.04.

BADESHA: Noted that Bill #4 intends to separate Bylaw 2200 into two bylaws concerning executive committee and board of governors representative elections and then plebiscites and referenda of the Students' Union.

CARRIED

2019-12/7h **DRAPER/BROWN MOVED**, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve the First Principles of Bill #5.  
See SC-2019-11.05.

BROWN: Noted that Bill #5 will expand the mandate of future vice-present externals so that they will be responsible for the leading Students' Union fundraising efforts.

CARRIED

2019-12/7i **LARSEN/KIDD MOVED** to approve the first principles of the Sexual Violence Policy.  
See SC-2019-11.06.

LARSEN: Noted that changes to this Policy add facts focusing on Indigenous women and children, improve the inclusivity of language, and recognize changes in federal cannabis consumption regulation.

CARRIED

2019-12/7j **DIXON/AGARWAL MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee.

TSE nominated KONRAD: accepted.  
VARGAS ALBA nominated KIDD: declined.

KONRAD is declared appointed to the Sustainability Committee.

2019-12/7k **TSE/KIDD MOVED** to approve the Students' Union 2018/19 Audit.

TSE: Emphasized that Council must approve the audit in order for the Students' Union to meet its fiduciary responsibilities.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that the Audit Report was presented too late for Council to thoroughly consider.

CARRIED

2019-12/7I **BEASLEY/BHATNAGAR MOVED**, to appoint one (1) member of the Bylaw Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.

VARGAS ALBA nominated BADESHA: accepted.

BADESHA is declared appointed to the Structural Composition Task Force.

2019-12/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-12/8a **BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Aboriginal Students' Council Board.

DHILLON nominated KIDD: accepted.

KIDD is declared appointed to the Aboriginal Students' Council Board.

2019-12/8b **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to go in-camera.

2019-12/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-12/9a UASU Students' Council Composition Task Force, Terms of Reference.

See SC-2019-12.01.

2019-12/9b First Principles - "Tuition" Political Policy.

See SC-2019-12.02.

2019-12/9c Second Principles - "Student Spaces" Policy.

See SC-2019-12.03.

2019-12/9d First Principles - Bill #4.

See SC-2019-12.04.

2019-12/9e First Principles - Bill #5.

See SC-2019-12.05.

2019-12/9f Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-12.06.

2019-12/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-12.07.

2019-12/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-12.08.

2019-12/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-11) - Tuesday October 8, 2019.

See SC-2019-12.09.

2019-12/9j Councillor BLONDIN - CAC Nomination Letter.

See SC-2019-12.10.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59PM.