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**Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
6:30PM  
Orion Room (SUB 0-51), Students' Union Building**

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 6:30PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-17)

2019-17/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-17/1a      Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.

2019-17/2      PRESENTATIONS

2019-17/2a      **BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to allow the presentation "A Case for Creating a University of Alberta: Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities"  
CARRIED

**Title:** "A Case for Creating a University of Alberta: Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities"

**Presenter(s):**

- UASU President Akanksha Bhatnagar

**Abstract:**

The UASU has been working to create a Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities to help support students navigate the various policies at the University. This Charter puts student rights and responsibilities front-of-mind for both students and other members of the university community, creating a culture of improved clarity and accountability. This presentation will serve as an update and a consultation to the file.

See SC-2019-17.04.

2019-17/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  
Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

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

2019-17/4 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.  
Sustainability Committee - Report.

2019-17/5 OPEN FORUM

2019-17/6 QUESTION PERIOD

BROWN: Inquired, to the chair of the Council Administration Committee, as to the nature of the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) positions that the Students' Union is now hiring.

BEASLEY: Responded that there are two or three DROs that assist and report to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) as part of the Elections Office team as well as provide neutral administrative and marketing support to candidates.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to the success of Student Leaders Week 2020 compared to its previous iterations as GovWeek.

AGARWAL: Responded that he has not yet reviewed comparative statics. Noted that Student Leaders Week has, so far, seen between 40 to 60 attendees. Clarified that GovWeek was rebranded as Student Leaders Week to be more inclusive given that governance is just one part of leadership.

BOSE: Inquired, to the President, as to whether she has more information surrounding the Alberta Government's plan to introduce a post-secondary performance based funding model.

BHATNAGAR: Outlined that the model provides that, beginning in 2020-2021, 15% of the University's funding (increasing to 40% by 2022-2023) from the Campus Alberta Grant will be based on its performance on key indicators. Expressed concern that the exact nature of the metrics is unclear. Outlined that the metrics will relate to the University's graduate employment rate, median graduate income, graduate skills and competencies, work-integrated learning opportunities, administrative expense ratio, sponsored research revenue, and enrolment (including potential targets for

domestic students, international students, and under-represented learners)

SUNDAY: Inquired as to whether the Executive is, as the Council of Alberta University Students, 'cautiously optimistic' about the changes.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the affirmative. Noted, for example, that the new funding model may provide the University incentive to offer more student work experience opportunities. Expressed concern that some of the performance metrics are based on factors the University does not control, such as the economic strength of Alberta. Expressed concern that the new funding model may result in reductions to University funding.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to Councillor Draper, as to the status of the Open Resource Classroom Archive (ORCA) program.

DRAPER: Responded that the Faculty of Arts had made clear that they cannot alone fund the development of ORCA. Noted that the Faculty proposed that Draper solicit support across the University. Clarified that ORCA is an online platform whose aim is to provide students with course documentation detailing its structure, assessment methodology, and content.

SUNDAY: Inquired, to the President, as to whether there is a probationary period within the new Campus Alberta Grant funding model wherein institutions would be given extra time to meet their performance targets

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the President, as to whether the Executive is concerned that the province's student representative bodies across Alberta are not united in their position on the Alberta Government's new funding model.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the affirmative. Expressed concern that the Alberta Students' Executive Council has not cooperated with the Council of Alberta University Students.

DIXON: Inquired, to the President, as to how the UASU will advocate the province on its new funding model.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the UASU will focus on ensuring that the calculations for the performance metrics work for the University, not against it.

SUNDAY: Inquired, to the President, as to the nature of the proposed three year investment management agreements.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Alberta Government will form three year investment management agreements will each post-secondary institution in the province instead of the current practice of announcing investment funding annually.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the President, as to whether he can receive a report detailing the results of Friday's Joint Board/GFC/Senate Summit focusing on the new budget model.

BHATNAGAR: Respond in the affirmative

BOSE: Inquired as to how the Alberta Government could assess its proposed graduate skills and competencies performance metric.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Government may survey employers. Considered that, if the University aims to improve its performance on this metric, it may begin to offer more practical courses focused on teaching job skills.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired as to whether the University cut staff as a result of the 2019 Alberta budget.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative. Clarified that the University did not need to lay-off staff because it found savings by reducing administrative spending and freezing hiring.

SAYED: Inquired, to the President, as to where else in Canada performance based funding is used for post-secondary institutions.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that this funding model is only used in Alberta and Ontario.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into how the performance model may impact how the University provides student services.

LEY: Responded that front-line services such as mental health support (identified as an administrative cost) may be removed if the University seeks to improve its administration to faculty ratio performance metric.

2019-17/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-17/7a

**DIXON/DRAPER MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee.

DRAPER nominated KIDD: withdrawn.

KONRAD nominated VARGAS ALBA: declined.

VARGAS ALBA nominated BATIKI: declined.

AGARWAL nominated HARRIS: accepted.

DIXON nominated TSE: accepted.

VARGAS ALBA nominated DRAPER: accepted.

HARRIS is declared appointed to Sustainability Committee.

2019-17/7b **DRAPER/STATT MOVED** to approve Bill

DRAPER: Outlined that Bill 9 allows the Students' Union to create dedicated fee units to support its operations as well as allows Council to waive plebiscite/referendum petition requirement.

CARRIED

2019-17/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-17/9 CLOSED SESSION

2019-17/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-17/10a Students' Council Attendance.  
See SC-2019-17.01.

2019-17/10b Students' Council Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-17.02.

2019-17/10c Executive Committee Motion Tracker.  
See SC-2019-17.03.

2019-17/10d Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-16) - Tuesday, January 14, 2019.  
*Not yet available.*

2019-17/10e "A Case for Creating a University of Alberta: Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities" Presentation.  
  
See SC-2019-17.04.

ADJOURNED AT 8:55PM.