
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:00PM
3-04 Pavillon Lacerte, Campus Saint Jean**

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, Sauteaux, 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 6:10PM.

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-19)

2019-19/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-19/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers at University Hall.

BILAK: Noted that Stephanie McKenzie of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences has resigned her seat from Council. Outlined that, pursuant to Bylaw 2200 Section 12.2, members of Students' Council and its standing committees are required to take a leave of absence during the Election period starting on Friday, February 14th at 5:00pm. Noted that he will take leave of absence during which time Councillor Beasley, as chair of Council Administration Committee, will serve as acting speaker.

2019-19/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-19/2a **Title:** "Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean"

Abstract: "It is an overview of student life at CSJ and a discussion of successes and difficulties we have experienced as a faculty association, as well as an opportunity to show off CSJ to new and returning members of Student Council."

Presenter(s):

- Natalie Herkendaal
- Aubryn Gregg
- Keshia Gaudet

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow the "Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean" presentation.

CARRIED

2019-19/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report

Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

2019-19/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation 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.

2019-19/5

OPEN FORUM

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to what action the Students' Union will take in regard to the proposed East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies departmental merger.

AGARWAL: Responded that the Faculty of Arts has released a survey consulting students on the issue. Noted that the Students' Union will receive the results of the Survey before taking further action.

GATEWAY: Inquired as to why the Landing's installation featuring Black LGBTQ2S+ leaders on the SUB feature wall lasted only one week as opposed to the standard duration of one month.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Landing intended for their installation to remain active for a duration of one week.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, what action, if any, the Students' Union will take in regard to the escalating violence between police and protesters at Wet'suwet'en.

BROWN: Responded that the Executive has not discussed this issue.

2019-19/6

QUESTION PERIOD

KIDD: Inquired on behalf of Aboriginal Student Council, to the President, as to whether the Students' Union will match the ASC donation to the Wet'suwet'en Legal Fund.

BHATNAGAR: Noted that the Executive is actively considering the matter.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to when the Council Office door will be fixed.

STATT: Responded that the new door is on track to be delivered within one week.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the President, as to the status of the Sustainability and Capital Fund campaign planning.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that she can provide interested councillors with some of the marketing proofs. Noted that the campaign will focus on the principle of sustainability rather than specific projects.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to Councillor Draper, as to what occurred at the East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies departmental merger Town Hall.

DRAPER: Responded that the Dean of Arts was frank in her responses. Encouraged all students who have taken a course with these departments to complete the survey before February 27.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired as to whether the Students' Union will hire a dedicated campaign organiser to lead the Students not Silent campaign.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the affirmative. Inquired, to Councillor Bose, as to what measures the Engineering Students' Society is taking to advance sustainability.

BOSE: Responded that the ESS has a reusable mug-sharing and dish-sharing program.

BHATNAGAR: Inquired, to Councillor Bose, as to when the Engineering Students' Society formed a position of sustainability coordinator.

BOSE: Responded that he is unaware.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to Councillor Draper, as to why, as compared to other faculties, relatively few Arts students use the Arts Work Experience Program.

DRAPER: Responded that the AWE program often reaches capacity. Determined to investigate the issue further. Inquired as to how Council can address the 50% vacancy rate for the General Faculties Council student representative seats.

AGARWAL: Responded that, in an effort to fill more elected seats, faculty associations will have the ability to nominate students to the General Faculties Council.

KONRAD: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to when information outlining the Students not Silent advocate role will become available for students.

BROWN: Responded that he will connect with Konrad in regard to this issue in early March once further discussions within the Students not Silent working group and UASU Executive occur.

2019-19/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-19/7e **DRAPER/KONRAD MOVED** to elect one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.

BOSE nominated KIDD: accepted.

BHATNAGAR nominated BHATNAGAR: declined.

KIDD is declared appointed to the Bylaw Committee.

CARRIED

2019-19/7a **KIDD/DRAPER MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Quality Instruction Policy.
See SC-2019-19.01.

KIDD: Outlined that the Policy aims to improve the quality of University course instruction and professorial accountability by introducing new complaint response mechanisms.

CARRIED

2019-19/7b **LARSEN/KIDD MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Sexual Violence Policy.
See SC-2019-19.02.

LARSEN: Outlined that the Policy was changed as per recommendations from the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee. Noted that he consulted First People's House, the University Vice-Provost's Office, and the Dean of Students' Office in forming the Policy.

CARRIED

2019-19/7c **BROWN/SAYED MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Public Transit and Active Transport Policy.
See SC-2019-19.03.

BROWN: Outlined that the Policy aims to improve the quality and accessibility of Edmonton public transit.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that public transit is a right. Suggested that advocating for fare free public transit is low risk given that the municipal government cannot retaliate against the Students' Union. Emphasised the importance of affordable transit for students.

DIXON: Suggested that fare free transit increases ridership and, as a result, reduces municipal overall carbon emissions.

DRAPER: Supported approving the Policy. Noted that the Policy also addresses improving active transit in the form of bike lanes and walking routes.

CARRIED

2019-19/7d **STATT/AGARWAL MOVED**, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Principles.
See SC-2019-13.04.

STATT: Outlined that, since last year, he made changes to the grammar, content, and direction of the Principles as described in FC-2019-09/3a.

BEASLEY: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to whether all departments will be able to fulfil budget Principle 4 which notes 'Growth in a department shall be offset by a variety of strengthened revenue streams in that department, where possible.'

STATT: Responded that not all departments, such as those which are primarily services, will be able to generate alternative revenue streams.

CARRIED

2019-19/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-19/8a **VARGAS ALBA/DIXON MOVED** to endorse the Transit Challenge Week.

VARGAS ALBA: Outlined that the Transit Week Challenge asks municipal councillors to take transit to work every day for a week as part of the Free Transit Edmonton campaign. Noted that councillors Knack, Henderson, and Paquette have signed on to the Challenge.

KONRAD: Proposed that the Students' Union take part in the Transit Week Challenge.

BEASLEY: Suggested that improved public transit has important economic benefits in allowing for the free movement of labour.

DRAPER: Proposed that Council advocate members of Parliament and the Legislative Assembly to participate in the Challenge.

KIDD: Expressed concern that it is unrealistic for all councillors to take public transit for a week because some live far from Campus and their work and, moreover, it is not always safe for women.

DIXON: Inquired, to Vargas Alba, as to whether Free Transit Edmonton already wrote letters to members of Parliament and the Legislative Assembly.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that there is an online tool that allows members of the public to write and submit letters for this purpose. Considered that a letter sent by Council would reaffirm the other letters.

BOSE: Determined to abstain from the vote given that he has not consulted his faculty association, the Engineering Students' Society.

BHATNAGAR: Urged Bose to vote in the affirmative or the negative. Suggested that, given that Bose supported fare free transit, which was part of the Transit Policy, he should support this motion as well.

CARRIED
Bose, Vargas Alba abstain.

2019-19/9	<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>
2019-19/10	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>
2019-19/10a	Quality Instruction Policy - Second Principles. See SC-2019-19.01.
2019-19/10b	Sexual Violence Policy - Second Principles. See SC-2019-19.02.
2019-19/10c	Public Transport and Active Transport Policy. See SC-2019-19.03.
2019-19/10d	President - Report. See SC-2019-19.04.
2019-19/10e	Vice-President (Academic) - Report. See SC-2019-19.05.
2019-19/10f	Vice-President (External) - Report. See SC-2019-19.06.
2019-19/10g	Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report. See SC-2019-19.07.
2019-19/10h	Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-19.08.

2019-19/10i Students' Council Attendance.
See SC-2019-19.09.

2019-19/10j Students' Council Motion Tracker.
See SC-2019-19.10.

2019-19/10k Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
See SC-2019-19.11.

2019-19/10l Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-18) - Tuesday, January 28, 2020.
See SC-2019-19.12.

2019-19/10m Budget Principles - 2020/2021.
See SC-2019-19.13.

ADJOURNED AT 9:37PM.