

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020
6:00PM
Zoom**

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-2020-14)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

2020-14/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2020-14/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82276588817>

Meeting ID: 822 7658 8817

2020-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2020-14/2a **KIDD MOVES TO** allow a presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Cawley.

See SC-2020-14.11.15

Cawley was unavailable to present.

2020-14/2b **AGARWAL/BOSE MOVED TO** allow President Bill Flanagan, Rob Munro (Executive Lead, Service Excellence Transformation), and Provost Steve Dew present on the Interim Report of the Academic Restructuring Working Group (ARWG) and information on the Service Excellence Transformation (SET) Initiative.

See SC-2020-14.12

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2020-14/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

David DRAPER, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Rowan LEY, Vice President (External) - Report.
Alana KRAHN, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Katie KIDD, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Joel AGARWAL, President - Report.

2020-14/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report
BADESHA, Audit Committee - Report
DE GRANO, Bylaw Committee - Report
BID, Council Administration Committee - Report
AGARWAL, Executive Committee - Report
KRAHN, Finance Committee - Report
DRAPER, Nominating Committee - Report
MONTEIRO, Policy Committee Report
KIDD, Student Group Committee
DIXON, Sustainability Committee Report
KRAHN, Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee
EINARSON, Translation Committee - Report
KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

2020-14/5

OPEN FORUM

PAWLUK (Opinion Editor, Gateway): Inquired, to Vice President Draper, as to why he believes online proctoring violates student rights.

DRAPER: Responded that online proctoring violates student privacy and equity. Expressed concern that proctoring software disproportionately flags for violation students with dark skin and is incompatible with software accommodating persons with disabilities.

PAWLUK: Inquired, to Vice President Draper, as to whether the Students' Union seeks to ban online proctoring.

DRAPER: Responded that he is discussing the impacts of online proctoring with the Public Health Response Group Academic Impacts Team, General Faculties Council, the Committee for Learning Environments as well as with the Vice Provosts for Programs and Learning Initiatives.

PAWLUK: Inquired, to President Agarwal, as to whether the centralisation of student services as part of the SET Initiative will result in a decline in the levels of personalised support service the University offers to students.

AGARWAL: Responded that it is yet unclear how the SET Initiative will impact the quality and availability of personalised student assistance. Noted that the SET Initiative does not now plan to centralise faculty advising.

HARVEY (Staff Reporter, Gateway): Inquired, to President Agarwal, as to what

metrics the SET Initiative will use to evaluate the performance of its restructuring plan.

AGARWAL: Responded that SET Initiative is in the process of developing metrics now.

HARVEY: Inquired, to President Agarwal, as to what metrics he would like to see the SET Initiative use.

AGARWAL: Responded that student satisfaction as regards the quality of advising and ease of service navigation are among the most important metrics for evaluation. Invited Council to provide feedback in relation to this issue.

2020-14/6

QUESTION PERIOD

KRAHN: Noted that Council discount cards are ready for distribution.

BATYCKI: Inquired, to Vice President Draper, as to the status of his campaign to promote open education.

DRAPER: Responded that the University recently joined the Canada Digital Resources Consortium, added a section concerning open education on the Centre for Teaching and Learning website, signed onto the Open Access 2020 Agreement, and acquired access to the Hathi Trust. Noted also that he is promoting the Be Book Smart Fair, planning the Open Education 2020 Conference, and is working on a submission to the 2030 Post Secondary Review concerning open education.

BUCHANAN: Inquired, to Vice President Draper, as to whether there are a limited number of copies of books that can be released at any given time by UAlberta Libraries (eg. students may not be able to sign out a hard-copy book if other students have signed out the digital-copy books).

DRAPER: Responded in the affirmative. Clarified that there is a maximum number of copies of certain books that UAlberta Libraries can permit to be in distribution at a given point in time.

BUCHANAN: Inquired, to Vice President Ley, as to whether Alberta Government surveys concerning budget reform are reliable indicators of public perception.

LEY: Responded in the affirmative. Clarified that the surveys are non-binding to the Government and so they are only of limited value.

BOSE: Inquired, to Vice President Krahn, as to whether the Council office space will soon be reopened after the door to the offices is fixed.

KRAHN: Responded that she was unaware of any problems concerning the Council office space but will check into this issue.

KONRAD: Inquired, to Vice President Krahn, as to how the Students' Union is addressing whether students should be able to use the sixth floor of SUB during COVID.

KRAHN: Responded that there are ongoing internal conversations concerning this issue.

2020-14/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-14/7a

CARBAJAL/BOSED MOVED to, on the behalf of Council Administration Committee, cancel the next Council meeting on November 3rd, 2020.

See SC-2020-14.07

CARBAJAL: Noted that the Committee seeks to cancel the meeting as it concurs with the United States Presidential Election which councillors may want to follow.

AGARWAL: Supported the motion.

BOSE: Supported the motion.

BOSE/KONRAD MOVED the move the previous question.

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2020-14/7b

MONTEIRO/DIXON MOVED to approve First Principles of the Nonpartisan Political Policy.

See SC-2020-14.08

DIXON: Noted that the Policy is being revised to improve its specificity, add a contextual preamble, and provide definitions.

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that the ambiguous phrasing of additions to the Policy may make its enforcement difficult. Suggested that Fact 5 is redundant. Proposed clarifying Fact 7 by indicating that supporting comments or actions that are beneficial to students is not a partisan decision. Proposed revising Fact 8 to represent the fact that policies apply to the Executive and Council as a whole.

DIXON: Responded that she does not feel strongly concerning the inclusion of Fact 5 and supports revising Fact 7. Suggested that Fact 8 should differentiate between Council and the Executive given that executives hold positions of influence which is distinct from those of councillors.

ORVOLD: Expressed concern that Fact 7 does not define harmful.

BOSE: Inquired into whether the Policy limits how executives express their views on personal or professional social media.

DIXON: Responded that the Policy applies to personal and professional social media.

AGARWAL: Proposed that the Policy more clearly recognise that supporting causes or perspectives that are beneficial to students is not a partisan action even if they are associated with a political party.

LEY: Proposed that the Policy state that executives are not permitted to make political donations.

BOSE: Noted that, in past, executives engaged in partisan action with the justification that they were doing so as students and not as executives.

DIXON: Suggested that the Policy aims to formalise a conventional practice of non-partisanship among executives. Clarified that non-partisanship is important among executives as partisanship can compromise ongoing political negotiations and alienate students who hold different views.

ORVOLD: Recommended that the Policy define the multiple meanings of partisanship.

DIXON: Responded that the Policy makes clear its intended use of the term partisanship in its provided definition.

AGARWAL: Proposed committing the Policy back to the Committee for further review.

BOSE: Inquired into whether the Policy applies only to domestic partisanship.

LEY: Suggested that the Policy apply only to executives and not councillors given that the function of the Executive is to represent the Students' Union as an institution whereas the function of councillors is to represent the views of students within the Students' Union.

AGARWAL/BOSE MOVED to table item 2020-14/7b to the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

2020-14/7c

MONTEIRO/LEY MOVED to approve Second Principles of the Deferred Maintenance Policy.

See SC-2020-14.09

LEY: Outlined that revisions to the Policy include reorganising its content, advocating that University strive for equity in allocating funding for the improvement of student spaces, and advocating that the University promote sustainability in addressing deferred maintenance.

BUCHANAN: Proposed that the Policy ask the University to prioritise distributing building maintenance funds based on need instead of based on whether faculties are less likely to receive sponsorship money or have been historically underfunded.

AGARWAL MOVED to amend Resolution 5(f) to read 'Laboratories/research facilities.'

CARRIED as friendly.

CARBAJAL: Supported listing the faculties who are in need of additional funding supports.

BOSE: Expressed opposition to the motion on the basis that Engineering students do not use other spaces and are a part of a Faculty which receives large private donations.

BATYCKI: Suggested, concerning Buchanan's proposal, the term 'in need' would need to be defined within the Policy.

LEY: Opposed using the term 'in need' as the Policy concerns equity in that some faculties receive large private sponsorship and others do not and not need.

BATYCKI: Opposed Bose's assertion that the Policy is not in the interest of Engineering students as these students do use other spaces.

KRAHN: Suggested that the Policy be written to give the Students' Union maximum flexibility concerning its approach to advocating for deferred maintenance. Supported deleting the list of facilities as part of Resolution 4.

BUCHANAN MOVED to amend Resolution 4 to read 'The University of Alberta Students' Union shall advocate to the University to prioritize maintenance costs in relation to professional assessment of structural and environmental quality deficiencies.'

Withdrawn

DRAPER: Opposed the amendment on the basis that it amends Resolution 4 to focus on the issue of the state of the buildings and not the issue of equity between the state of buildings belonging to different faculties.

LEY: Opposed the amendment on the basis that it fails to address student's experience with the building by instead focusing on building's structural and environmental quality.

AGARWAL: Supported deleting the list of facilities as part of Resolution 4.

KIDD: Proposed committing the Policy back to Committee for further review.

AGARWAL/KONRAD MOVED to commit the Policy to Committee.

CARRIED

2020-14/7d **AGARWAL/BOSE MOVED TO** ratify the appointment of Alana Krahn to the Advisory Review Committee for the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations).

See SC-2020-14.10

CARRIED

2020-14/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2020-14/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-14/9a Executive Committee Reports
See SC-2020-14.01-05

2020-14/9b Council Submissions.
See SC-2020-14.07-10

2020-14/9c Presentations
See SC-2020-14.11-12.15

2020-14/9d Students' Council - Motion Tracking
See SC-2020-14.11

2020-14/9e Students' Council - Attendance
See SC-2020-14.13

2020-14/9f Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-13) Tuesday, October 6, 2020
See SC-2020-14.14

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:11 PM