

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
6:00PM
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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-2020-15)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10PM

2020-15/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2020-15/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00PM (special meeting)** via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88037533279>

Meeting ID: 880 3753 3279

SPEAKER: Determined not to special-order the agenda items contained within SC-2020-15-LA-20201117 given that they are not time-sensitive and Council has a full agenda.

2020-15/2 PRESENTATIONS

2020-15/2a **KIDD/KRAHN MOVED** to allow for a presentation from the Campus Food Bank.
See SC-2020-15.10
CARRIED

2020-15/2b **AGARWAL/DEGRANO MOVED** to allow a presentation by Alana Krahn on the Myer Horowitz Theatre renewal project process and background.
See SC-2020-15.11
CARRIED

2020-15/3 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.

2020-15/4

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

2020-15/5

OPEN FORUM

PAWLUK: Inquired, to President Agarwal, as to how the SU plans to avoid the shortcomings of University-led town-halls on restructuring such that students and staff can ask meaningful questions and receive substantive responses.

AGARWAL: Responded that the town-hall is being hosted in collaboration with the Graduate Students' Association and that students are encouraged to provide their feedback on the University's restructuring initiatives via a survey the SU released and submit questions prior to the town hall.

AHMED: Inquired, to Governor Konrad, as to whether Elaine McDonald can be an effective representative for students given that they have a history of advocating for private healthcare and being a lobbyist for conservative governments.

KONRAD: Responded that the Board of Governors Student Caucus are monitoring the situation and that there is ample opportunity for student representatives to address issues impacting their interests.

NARVEY: Inquired, to Vice President Kidd, as to what features the University website concerning sexual assault will feature when it is released publicly.

KIDD: Responded that the University is still consulting students and the Sexual Assault Centre on the content of the website but that it will include information about misconduct, how to access supports, how to file a claim, and other resources.

PAWLUK: Inquired, to President Agarwal, as to whether the University's restructuring initiatives will result in fewer course offerings, fewer student services, and higher fees and costs of tuition.

AGARWAL: Responded that the committee responsible for academic restructuring has yet only considered reforms to faculty-level issues and has not discussed course reductions or departmental changes. Clarified that tuition costs are increasing because the Alberta Government has reduced the funds it provides to the University. Clarified that student services will be addressed as part of the ongoing Service Excellence Transformation (SET) Initiative.

SINGH: Requested Council review the materials provided by the UASIA detailing how it reformed its operations in order to be eligible to become a Student Representative Association under Bylaw 8100. Urged Council to carry the item 2020-15/7g.

NARVEY: Inquired, to Vice President Ley, as to the likelihood that the Alberta 2030 Initiative will recommend the deregulation of post-secondary tuition.

LEY: Responded that the SU is concerned that tuition deregulation would lead to spiralling student debt, strain on the student loans system, and rapidly increasing university costs. Clarified that the SU is advocating for domestic tuition increases to be limited to the Consumer Price Index, international student tuition to follow a cohort model, and that deregulation should be narrow if necessary.

PAWLUK: Inquired again, to President Agarwal, as to whether the University's restructuring initiatives will result in fewer course offerings, fewer student services, and higher fees and costs of tuition.

AGARWAL: Responded that the University is too early in its restructuring process to determine its impacts.

2020-15/6

QUESTION PERIOD

DRAPER: Noted that he is working on drafting the Open Education Policy First Principles as part of Policy Committee.

BATYCKI: Inquired, to Vice President Draper, as to the details of his proposed compassionate grading policy.

DRAPER: Responded that he is proposing that the University replace failure (F) designation with a no-credit (NC) designation and extend the withdraw deadline for the Fall Semester.

2020-15/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-15/7a

DRAPER/KIDD MOVED to appoint Edward Tiet, Catrina Shellenberg, and Francine Yuheng Zhou to the General Faculties Council.
See SC-2020-15.06
CARRIED

2020-15/7b **DRAPER/FILIPOVIC MOVED** to appoint Maddy Tupper to the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee.
See SC-2020-15.07
CARRIED

2020-15/7c **BID/MONTEIRO MOVED** to appoint 3 members of the UASU Council to the Committee on Refugee Students' Affairs.
See SC-2020-15.08

BID nominated OLIVEIRA: accepted.
VILLOSO nominated CARBAJAL: accepted.
OLIVEIRA nominated VILLOSO: accepted.

OLIVEIRA, CARBAJAL, VILLOSO are declared appointed to the Committee on Refugee Students' Affairs.

2020-15/7d **AGARWAL/DEGRANO MOVED** to recognize the International Students' Association (ISA) as a Student Representative Association under Bylaw 8100.
See SC-2020-15.09

AGARWAL: Noted that the ISA has sought recognition for over a year.

BID: Suggested that it would be appropriate for Council to recognise the ISA as it is International Students Day. Suggested that the ISA has successfully addressed the SU's concerns for it to become an SRA.

OLIVEIRA: Suggested recognising the ISA to enable it to advocate for students in a more effective and legitimate manner. Noted that many international students support the proposed recognition.

LEY: Suggested that the ISA has shown good faith and gone to great lengths to address the SU's concerns in order to receive recognition. Suggested that a recognised ISA will be a valuable advocacy partner in future.

BID MOVED for Division of the Question.

SPEAKER: Ruled Division out of order.

CARRIED

2020-15/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2020-15/8a **VILLOSO/CARBAJAL MOVED** to enter the meeting into in camera.
CARRIED

2020-15/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-15/9a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2020-15.01-05

2020-15/9b Board of Governors Report
See SC-2020-15.15

2020-15/9c Council Submissions
See SC-2020-15.06-09.16-18

2020-15/9d Presentations
See SC-2020-15.10-11.19

2020-15/9e Students' Council - Motion Tracking
See SC-2020-15.12

2020-15/9f Students' Council - Attendance
See SC-2020-15.13

2020-15/9g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-14) Tuesday, October 20, 2020
See SC-2020-15.14

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:31 PM