

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday July 12, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-06)

2011-06/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-06/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 26, 2011

2011-06/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-06/2a The results of the National College Health Assessment for the UofA- Presented by y Jameela Murji, the Health and Wellness Team Leader from the University Health Center. Sponsored by Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life.

Abstract:

In February 2011, the University Health Centre coordinated the distribution of a campus wide health survey. This comprehensive survey examined alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; sexual health; weight, nutrition, and exercise; mental health; personal safety and violence among other topics. This presentation will highlight key findings from the survey data.

2011-06/2b Planning for Students' Union Capital Projects- Presented by Andy Cheema, VP (Operations & Finance). Sponsored by Andy Cheema, VP (Operations & Finance).

Abstract:

This presentation will summarize the current state of thinking around potential Students' Union capital projects. Historical context, current constraints and available options will be discussed to present a case for moving forward with preliminary renovation planning. A projection of the resources required for initial work will be provided, along with information on current resources and a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Item 2011-06/2c withdrawn

2011-06/2d Get Out The Vote Campaign - Presented by Duncan Wojtaszek, Executive Director of CAUS, Matt McMillan, Vice President (External) at the University of Calgary, and Farid Iskandar, VP External. Sponsored by Farid Iskandar, VP External.

Abstract:

With the expectation of a provincial election during next 10 months, our Students' Union must be prepared for a campaign. We have the opportunity to request big demands and strong vision for Alberta's Post Secondary, and the

responsibility to engage our students. This GOTV campaign will fulfil the latter. In this presentation we will discuss the purpose of this campaign, its focus and structure. We will present the approach, Budget and Job Description needed for this campaign. Finally, some of the preliminary work that the Marketing Department has suggested for this campaign.

2011-06/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

Raphael Lepage Fortin, BoG rep- Oral Report

2011-06/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Andrew Fehr, Policy committee chair proxy- Report

2011-06/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period extended 15 minutes

2011-06/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2011-06/6a **CSORBA/WOODS MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #3, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Research, in first reading based on the following principles:

XII. Research

1. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;
2. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta contextualizes research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution.
3. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta values the totality of research undertaken within the institution; and
4. that the Students' Union advocates for more opportunities that allow undergraduate students to partake in research.
5. that the Students' Union advocates for increased student and faculty awareness of undergraduate research opportunities at the University of Alberta.

6. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Speakers List: Csorba, Woods

Motion: CARRIED

Automatic Recess

Meeting called back to order

2011-06/6b

YAMAGISHI/CSORBA MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Affordable Housing, in first reading based on the following principles:

II. Affordable Housing

1. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and that the University of Alberta passes any ensuing savings to students in residence.

2. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing.

3. that the Students' Union shall oppose any University of Alberta student residence rent and/or meal plan increase exceeding CPI.

4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Bellinger, Lepage Fortin

Motion: CARRIED

2011-06/6c

YAMAGISHI/ZINYEMBA MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Engagement, in second reading:

VI. ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS the University has declared the importance of student involvement in building a great university;

WHEREAS a comprehensive and holistic student experience is one that balances exceptional academic and extra-curricular opportunities and experience, both on campus and in the larger community;¹

WHEREAS involvement opportunities lead to improvements in the mental, physical, and social health on campus and the larger community;

WHEREAS community and campus involvement actively develops the leadership qualities of individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Iskandar

ISKANDAR/LIANG MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

YAMAGISHI/ZINYEMBA MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Engagement, in second reading:

1. The Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and
2. The Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.
3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Motion: CARRIED

YAMAGISHI MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

YAMAGISHI/ZINYEMBA MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Engagement, in second reading based on the following principles:

1. The Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and
2. The Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.
3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Motion: CARRIED

Main motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm