

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday July 26, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-07)

- 2011-07/1      **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2011-07/1a      Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday August 16, 2011
- 2011-07/2b Moved as a special order to be first presentation on the agenda
- 2011-07/7a Moved as a special order to be dealt with right away
- 2011-07/7      **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2011-07/7a      **CHEEMA/THOMAS MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation from the Elections Reserve not to exceed \$16,000 for the purpose of planning an executing a "Get Out The Vote" provincial election campaign.
- Speakers List: Iskandar, Yamagishi, Lumis
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2011-07/2      **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2011-07/2b      Executive Goals- Presented by the Executives. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President/Sumar.
- Abstract:  
                    This presentation will provide an overview of the 2011/2012 Students' Union Executive Goals. The goals will demonstrate an alignment with the Strategic Plan and will provide measurable outcomes to increase the accountability of the Executives.
- 2011-07/2a      Why care about graduate attributes?- Presented by Dustin Chelen and Emerson Csorba, VP Academic. Sponsored by the Emerson Csorba Vice-President Academic/Sumar.
- Abstract:  
                    So graduate attributes are gaining momentum at the U of A. But why care? How are they relevant to you, and why should you bother investing time in them? "Why care about graduate attributes?" communicates the value of this new movement through concrete examples of life-changing initiatives already

taking place at the U of A. With the VPA as co-chair of the committee leading graduate attributes, your voice will genuinely shape the future of education at the U of A for thousands of students. How will you shape graduate attributes on campus, and enhance the student experience at the U of A?"

**CSORBA/LIANG MOVED TO** move item 2011-07/2c onto the agenda

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2011-07/2c**

Discovering Students in Governance- Presented by Amanda Henry, SU Student Governance Advisor. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic/Sumar.

Abstract:

As part of her duties Student Governance Advisor (SGA) of the Students' Union is asked to "provide annual reports to Students' Council and to the University Secretariat regarding:

- a. The number of students involved in governance activities in the previous year;
- b. Suggestions regarding the recruitment of student representatives; and,
- c. Suggestions for improving the quality of student representation."

The report for 2010/11 is attached for your consideration. The presentation will briefly touch on the report, but will primarily be an opportunity for Council to share its perspective on the recommendations.

**2011-07/3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

**2011-07/4**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Scott Nichol, Audit Committee Chair- Oral Report

Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee Chair Proxy- Oral Report

**2011-07/5**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period Extended 15 minutes

Question Period Extended another 15 minutes

**CHEEMA/FEHR MOVED TO** suspend standing orders 25(1) so that no automatic recess is taken

**Motion: CARRIED**

2011-07/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2011-07/6a

**CHEEMA/HAIDER MOVE THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve an allocation from the Building Reserve not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of capital project management and planning, whereby the Vice President (Operations & Finance) will be required to report actual costs to Council at least once per month and to seek Council's approval where necessary.

Speakers List: Cheema, Nicol, Liang, Ferguson, Csorba, Yamagishi, Woods, Sumar, Bell, Zinyemba, Le, Qadri, Way, Crone, Eslinger, Bellinger

**SZINYEMBA/BELLINGER** called to question

**Motion: FAILED**

**YAMAGISHI/CSORBA MOVED** to suspend the relevant standing orders to remove restrictions on the amount of speaking turns

**CSORBA/ZINYAMBA** called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

Nicol called for division

Csorba- Y

Cheema- Y

Yamagishi- Y

Fehr- Y

Way- A

Woods- N

Boutwell- A

Zinyemba- A

Haider- Y

Luimes- N

McMurtrie- Y

Eslinger- Y

Crone- Y

Sumar- Y

Nicol- N

Gould- Y

Bellinger- Y

Le- Y

Ferguson- N

Karuvelil- Y

Sheil- A

Thomas- Y

Liang- N

**Motion: CARRIED**

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2011-07/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2011-07/6b

**CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #3, that Students' Council adopt the

Political Policy, Research, in second 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;
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; and
6. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

## **Csorba withdrew item 2011-07/6b**

2011-07/6c

**YAMAGISHI/LIANG MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Affordable Housing, in second 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.

#### **Yamagish withdrew item 2011-07/6c**

**2011-07/6d**

**YAMAGISHI/KARUVELIL MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #6, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Engagement, in first reading based on the following principles:

#### **VI. Engagement**

1. 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
2. That the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the greater community.
3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Fehr, Liang

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2011-07/6e**

**CSORBA/ISKANDAR MOVE** that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #5, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, International Students, in first reading based on the following principles:

#### **VIII. International Students**

1. that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta;
2. that the Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta increasing differential tuition for international students;
3. that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience;
4. that the Students' Union advocates to the University for clear and transparent transfer credit processes at the faculty, Campus Alberta, national, and

international levels; and

5. that this policy shall expire on April 30, 2014.

Speakers List: Csorba, Zinyemba, Yamagishi, Ferguson, Le, Liang

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned**