

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday April 2nd, 2012
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2012-25)

2012-25/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-25/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-25/2a University of Alberta Board of Governors Strategic Planning Consultation

Presented by: Douglas O. Goss, Q.C., Chair, University of Alberta Board of Governors

Sponsored by: Colten Yamagishi, President

Abstract: Mr. Goss will be presenting the BoG's plan to engage the community in a consultative process to collect information that will be used as direction for the the BoG strategic planning retreat this April. Your feedback will inform and educate the Board on the issues faced by students and will hopefully provide a clearer picture of our vision for the future of Post-Secondary Education in Alberta. This is a great opportunity as your comments can have a significant impact on the future of our University.

2012-25/2b

Year in Review

Presented by: Colten Yamagishi, President, Petros Kusmu, VP External, Saadiq Sumar, VP Student Life, Dustin Chelen, VP Academic and Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance

Sponsored by: Colten Yamagishi, President

Abstract: As per Bylaw 4000, the SU Executive will be providing a summary of their terms in office to date and will be presenting an oral update on their executive goals.

2012-25/2c

The SU's Budget – Presented by Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance. Sponsored by Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance.

Abstract:

This presentation is intended to outline the Students' Union's proposed 2013-2014 operating and capital budgets. Key budget drivers and changes will be discussed for Council's information as the motion to approve the budget is tabled.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Saadq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report

Colten Yamagishi, President- Report

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kevin Smith, Bylaw Committee Chair- Report

Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report

Kelsey Mills, CAC Chair- Report

Navneet Khinda, Policy Committee Chair- Report

Mike McGinn, APIRG board of directors Rep- Report

2012-25/5

QUESTION PERIOD

2012-25/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-25/7b

CHEEMA/SMITH MOVES THAT Students' Council approve the financing strategy for the SUB Renovation, as outlined; authorize collection of a fee beginning in September 2014, as per the 2012 referendum question; and authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with obtaining financing for the project in an amount not to exceed 13 million dollars.

Speakers List: Cheema, Dumouchel, Kelly

CHEEMA/CRONE MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
CHEEMA/SMITH MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve the financing strategy for the SUB Renovation, as outlined; authorize collection of a fee beginning in September 2014, as per the 2012 referendum question; and authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with obtaining financing for the project in an amount not to exceed 13 million dollars.

Motion: CARRIED

MLYNARSKI/PHAM called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Automatic recess at 8:35pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:50pm

Councillor Scholarships awarded to Councillor Khinda and Councillor McGinn

2012-25/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-25/6a

KHINDA/SMITH MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the Policy Committee Students' Council approve the Student Work Programs policy in second reading.

Speakers List: Khinda, Yamagishi, Crone, Babic, Kelly, Kusmu

BABIC/CRONE MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

WHEREAS the cost of attaining a post-secondary education has risen to a rate significantly greater than the rate of inflation;

Motion: CARRIED

KHINDA/PHAM MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

WHEREAS individuals from rural, aboriginal, and lower socio-economic backgrounds are underrepresented in the post-secondary education system;

Motion: CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/KELLY MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

WHEREAS cost related to attending the university stands as a serious obstacle in accessing the post-secondary education system;

Motion: CARRIED

YAMAGISHI/PHAM MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that provincial and federal government review and update private sector wage minimums in employment programs that provide government funded wage subsidies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that government review the criteria for funding student employment wage subsidy recipients to ensure that positions funded have a positive impact on advancing student skills.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/6b

KHINDA/SMITH MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the Policy Committee Students' Council approve the Capital Projects policy be renewed to expire in 2016 in second reading

Speakers List: Khinda, Mlynarski, Smith, Yamagishi, Champagne, Kelly

YAMAGISHI/SMITH MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

WHEREAS the University has numerous sources of revenue and should not depend solely on students to finance capital projects;

WHEREAS the University should not be spending tuition revenue on capital

projects;

WHEREAS capital projects benefit the University and serve a wide range of communities beyond undergraduate students;

WHEREAS there should be consultation with students as to the creation, use, and termination of student fees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that tuition revenues shall not be used to fund capital projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that a dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be used to fund the construction of academic or research space;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that the Students' Union shall participate in defining the purpose and scope of any project where a student fee is involved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that all capital projects funded directly by a student fee dedicated to that project must include proportional commitments from other stakeholder groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that a dedicated student fee for a capital project shall not be implemented until such a time as students have the ability to receive benefits from their contribution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that any capital project funded directly by a dedicated student fee shall have a governance structure that includes adequate student representation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that any dedicated student fee that funds a capital project shall be eliminated upon the final payment of the agreed upon student contribution.

Motion: CARRIED

CHEEMA/McGINN MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any dedicated student fee that funds a capital project shall be eliminated upon the final payment of the agreed upon student contribution. Unless Students' Council approves collection of a fee to be put into a capital fund reserve.

Motion: RULED OUT OF ORDER

GENSLER/MLYNARSKI called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/6c

KHINDA/McGINN MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the Policy Committee Students' Council approve the Sustainability policy in second reading.

Speakers List: Khinda, Hanwell, Gensler, Chelen, Hodgson, McGinn, Le, Yamagishi

HANWELL/KOCHIKUZHYIL MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to develop innovative solutions to environmental, economic, and social justice issues;

Motion: FAILED

YAMAGISHI/SMITH MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall advocates for the inclusion of topics in sustainability, including all three pillars of society, economy, and environment, in course curriculum where appropriate; and

Motion: CARRIED

LE/CRONE MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall advocate to the University for the continued reduction of its environmental impact, and adherence to the highest standards of tolerance and inclusivity, reflective of the diversity of its student, staff, and faculty ;

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

SMITH MOVES TO suspend the relevant standing orders to allow for a motion pertaining to a presentation in the same meeting.

Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-25/6d

CHEEMA/SMITH MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approve the 2013-2014 Operating and Capital budget.

Speakers List: Cheema, Smith

Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/6e

CHEEMA/CRONE MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Grant Allocation Committee, approve the 2013-2014

Access Fund budget.

Speakers List: Cheema

Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/6f

KHINDA/PHAM MOVES THAT on the recommendation of the Policy Committee Students' Council renew the Deferred Maintenance policy, which will expire in 2014.

Speakers List: Khinda

Motion: CARRIED

2012-25/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-25/7a

YAMAGISHI/SMITH MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #27 in second reading based on the following principles. The Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) will become a subcommittee of the Students' Union Executive Committee. The terms of reference will be annually reported to Students' Council. Reports will be provided to Council every trimester.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Smith, Hodgson, Crone

Motion: CARRIED

McGinn, Babic abstained

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm