

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
TELUS 134

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-24)

### 2013-24/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-24/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### 2013-24/2 PRESENTATIONS

**LE/KUSMU MOVED TO** suspend the relevant standing orders to allow for item 2013-24/2b and item 2013-24/6d to be dealt with in the same meeting.

**Motion: CARRIED**

2013-24/2a Student Experience Survey Results. Presented and sponsored by Dustin Chelen, VP Academic/Kusmu

This presentation will provide Council with a preview of the results of the Students' Union's student experience survey. The survey was conducted by Evaluation and Research Services at the U of A, and the covers student perception on their academic and non-academic experiences. The results will help inform the SU's advocacy strategies, strategic plan development, and political policies in the future. A full report will be shared with Council and the student body before the end of the term.

2013-24/2b 2014/2015 Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget- Sponsored by Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance/Lau

As per the final part of the Legislative Process for the Budget, Students' Council will need to approve the 2014/2015 Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget. VP Le will present an overview of the process and details of the budget.

### 2013-24/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and finance- Report

**2013-24/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chloe Speakman, ERC Chair- Report

**2013-24/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2013-24/6a** **CHELEN/GREHAN MOVE THAT**, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #7 in second reading.

1. The bylaw shall respect "Student Representative Associations", a definable and enumerable constituency of students which SU Council has delegated its representative authority on student issues to.
2. Language in the bylaw will be amended to be more inclusive of the broader definition of student representative association.
3. A Student Representative Association is not required to be a "student group", but loss of student group status will initiate an investigation into probation.
4. Residence Associations will be defined as the representative of undergraduate student issues for students living in residence, and have similar rights and responsibilities of representation as FAs and CAs.
5. The Residence Hall Association will be defined, governed by the RHA constitution, and will have a mandate similar to COFA, but for Residence Associations.
6. Any other Student Representative Association will have its definition for membership voted on by Council.
7. The VPA is required to consult with the VPSL, Residence Services, and the Dean of Students on all matters pertaining to Residence Associations, and Students Council on all matters pertaining to Student Representative Associations which are not RAs, FAs, or CAs.
8. Discover Governance will maintain the schedule of SRAs and any sub-groups it recognizes as being representative in nature, which they will report.
9. The SU can derecognize an SRA if it violates its fiduciary duty to its membership.
10. SRA legislation must include requirements for transition.
11. SRAs would not submit annual updates of organizational and fiscal goals to the SU.
12. Editorial changes, including grammar and updating terms, will be made.

Speakers List: Chelen, Speakman, Hansra

**Motion: CARRIED**

Automatic Recess at 7:45pm

Meeting called back to order 8:08pm

**2013-24/6b** **CHELEN/GREHAN MOVE THAT**, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #8 in second reading.

1. Language in the bylaw will be amended to be more inclusive of the broader definition of student representative association.
2. The VPA will be responsible for academic associations, the VPSL for residence associations, and Council for any other SRAs.
3. DG will maintain a schedule of mandatory fees.
4. Mandatory fees can be collected only if they have been passed by a

referendum.

5. Financial irregularities will be reported to Discover Governance, not Audit Committee.

6. Mandatory fee or transfer payment funds not given to an FA can be distributed by the SU per the original intent of the fee. Funds not disbursed will be held in trust until the Association has demonstrated financial accountability.

7. The administrative responsibility of the SU when collecting fees will be moved to SU Operating Policy.

8. Audit Committee can recommend to Council that collection of SRA fees cease if they are not satisfied that the association has met the requirements of SU bylaw.

9. Editorial changes, including grammar and updating terms, will be made.

Speakers List: Chelen

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2013-24/6c**

**SPEAKMAN/SCHIAVONE MOVE THAT**, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #9 in first reading based on the following principles:

The Elections Review Committee shall have the power to make, to Students' Union election bylaws, alterations that do not alter the meaning of the bylaws. The Elections Review Committee's mandate shall include making recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union election bylaws.

Speakers List: Speakmen, Kelly

**2013-24/6d**

**HODGSON/LE MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that Students' Council approve the 2014/2015 Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget.

Speaker List: Hodgson, Mohamed, Kelly, Draper, Dumouchel, Morris, Schiavone

**MOHAMED/KELLY MOVED TO** amend the motion to rename Department # 912 to the Coca Cola Sponsorship Reserve.

**CHAMPAGNE/KUSMU called to question**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Amendment: FAILED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2013-24/6e**

**KUSMU/CHELEN MOVES THAT** Students' Council take item 2013-23/6f from the table.

**CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Student' Council approve the amendments to the Tuition Policy in first reading based on the following principles: (see attached documents for background information)

- The statement regarding the Students' Union's non-support of the BoG increasing tuition will be eliminated.
- The Students' Union shall not support tuition increases above the consumer price index (CPI).

- **The Students' Union shall not support increasing program differential fees or market modifiers.**

Speakers List: Kusmu, Kelly, Mohamed, Hansra, Speakman, Draper, Champagne, Lau, Schiavone, Hodgson, Malik, Hanwell

**KELLY/CORBETT MOVED TO** suspend standing orders to allow for debate on the motion.

**Motion: FAILED**

**Motion to take item 2013-23/6f from the table: CARRIED**

**KUSMU/MORRIS MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:  
**CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Student' Council approve the amendments to the Tuition Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

- **The Students' Union shall work towards zero percent tuition increases**

**KELLY/MORRIS MOVED TO** amend the amendment to read:  
**CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Student' Council approve the amendments to the Tuition Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

- **The Students' Union shall work towards zero percent tuition increases, and work towards decreasing tuition whenever possible.**

**MLIK/SPEAKMEN** called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Amendment to amendment: FAILED**

**MLYNARSKI/MORRIS** called to question

**Motion: FAILED**

**MLYNARSKI/MORRIS** called to question

**Motion: FAILED**

**MALIK/MORRIS** called to question

**Motion: FAILED**

**HAMID/MORRIS** called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Amendment: CARRIED**

**Mohamed called for dequorum**

**MOHAMED/KELLY MOVED TO** lay item 2013-23/6f on the table

**Motion: FAILED**

**SCHAVIONE/KELLY MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:  
**CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Student' Council approve the amendments to the Tuition Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

**The Students' Union may only advocate in favor of a tuition increase if it is the best possible option for students.**

**KUSMU/CORBETT MOVED TO** suspend standing orders to not take an automatic recess

**Motion: CARRIED**

**/MALIK** called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Amendment: FAILED**

**HANSRA/MALIK** called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Mohamed** called for division

Kusmu- Y  
Chelen- Y  
Le- Y  
Lau-Y  
Kelly- N  
Borden- Y  
Mills- Y  
Hanwell- Y  
Banister- Y  
Schiavone- N  
Mohamed- N  
Draper- A  
Corbett- Y  
Malik- Y  
Hamid- Y  
Hansra- Y  
Morris- Y  
Champagne- Y  
Speakman- Y  
Hodgson- Y  
Douglas-Y

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2013-24/6h**

**HODGSON/MORRIS MOVES THAT** on the recommendation of Audit Committee to revoke the Engineering Students Society's Faculty Association

Membership Fee.

Speakers List: Hodgson, Malik, Mohamed

Motion: CARRIED

2013-24/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2013-14/7a

**LAU/LE MOVED TO** recommend that Students' Council approve an increase in the plan fees to \$234.50 per year, with the health plan component set to \$118 and the dental plan component to \$116.50.

Speakers List: Lau, Mohamed, Dumouchel, Banister, Malik

**MOHAMED/KELLY MOVED TO** postpone item 2013-14/7a to the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Students' Council

**MALIK/CORBETT** called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: FAILED

**LE/ MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:

**LAU/LE MOVED TO** Recommend that Students' Council approve an increase in the SU Health and Dental plan fees from \$221.96 to \$234.50 per year, with the health plan component set at \$118 (from \$110.27) and the dental plan component set to \$116.50 (from \$111.69)

**/DRAPER** called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Mohamed called for division

Kusmu- Y

Chelen- Y

Le- Y

Kelly- N

Borden- Y

Mills- Y

Hanwell- Y

Banister- Y

Schiavone- A

Mohamed- N

Draper- Y

Corbett- Y

Malik- Y

Hamid- Y

Morris- Y

Champagne- Y

Speakman- Y

Hodgson- Y

Douglas- Y

**Motion: CARRIED**

**MALIK/CHAMPGANE MOVED TO adjourn**

**Motion: CARRIED**