STUDENTS' COUNCIL

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday August 5th, 2014
TELUS 134

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-07)

2014-07/1 SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

2014-07/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students’ Council will take place on Tuesday, August 19th, 2014.

2014-07/2 PRESENTATIONS

HANRSRA/SLEIMAN MOVED TO Suspend the relevant standing orders to allow for students at large to ask questions and to increase the presentation time by an hour

Motion: CARRIED

2014-07/2a The University of Alberta Board of Governors by Board Chair Doug Goss, Sponsored by President Lau and Governor Hansra

The Board of Governors at the University of Alberta is a corporation with the name ”The Governors of the University of Alberta.” It consists of a Chairman appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Chancellor, the President and seventeen other persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, representing alumni, students, staff, and the general public. When any question arises as to the powers or duties of the Senate or any other University body or of the President or a Dean or other officer or employee, and these powers and duties are not definitely provided for in the Post-Secondary Learning Act, the Board’s decision on the question is final.

We have invited our Board Chair Doug Goss to speak to Council on the Board’s vision for our University.

CROUTZE/FAROOQ MOVED TO extend the presentation time to the end of the speakers list

Motion: CARRIED

Automatic Recess at 7:41pm
Meeting called back to order at 7:56pm

2014-07/7a BANISTER/ZHANG MOVED TO appoint one (1) member of Students’ Council to the Nominating Committee

Nominations: Allard
Nominations Closed
Appointed: Allard

2014-07/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2014-07/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2014-07/5 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period extended 15 minutes

2014-07/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-07/6a KHINDA/GRUHLKE, on the recommendation of Policy Committee, move to approve the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Policy in second reading.

1. The University is a public institution and therefore should be accountable to the public and committed to high standard;
2. Services are essential to the student experience and students are willing to pay for services that benefit them;
3. MNIFs are unregulated by the Government of Alberta;
4. Existing MNIFs can change at the discretion of the University;
5. The cost of attaining a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, the cost of educational materials, and living expenses;
6. MNIFs are above and beyond tuition, which is the sticker-price for post-secondary education;
7. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to some students;
8. The cost of education should be a predictable expense for students;
9. The cost of a post-secondary education should be affordable;
10. Attaining a post-secondary education should be accessible;
11. Students should have meaningful input on what services the fees pay for; and it should be clear where, and how, fees levied on students are spent.

Speakers List: Khinda, Banister, Allard, Zhang, Orydzuk, Diaz, Hansra, Hodgson, Lau,

ALLARD/ZHANG MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students’ Union advocate for a student-approval mechanism for the implementation of any new mandatory non-instructional fees as well as for a change to any existing mandatory non-instructional fees;

Motion: WITHDRAWN

ALLARD/FAROOQ MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

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advocate for a student-approval mechanism for the implementation of any new mandatory non-instructional fees as well as for an increase to any existing mandatory non-instructional fees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students’ Union advocate for a student-approval mechanism for a decrease in mandatory non-instructional fees associated with the removal of an existing service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students’ Union advocate for transparency and accountability as to where and how the fees levied on students are spent; and

BANISTER/FAROOQ Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: FAILED
Allard, Zhang abstain

Main Motion: CARRIED
Hansra, Zhang abstain

2014-07/6b HODGSON/ZHANG, upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, move to approve bill 3 in second reading based on the following principles:

- The duties of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be adopted by the Grant Allocation Committee.
- The Grant Allocation Committee shall be renamed as the Finance Committee.
- Membership of the Finance Committee shall be expanded by a reasonable amount.
- The Budget and Finance Committee shall cease to exist as a Students’ Council Standing Committee.

Speakers List: Hodgson

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm