

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

## ORDER PAPER (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.

2011-06/2c 2011-2012 Executive Plans- Presented by the Executive Committee. Sponsored by Andy Cheema, VP (Operations & Finance).

Abstract:

This presentation will summarize the 2011-2012 Students' Union Executive goals. As per Bylaw 4000, each elected member of the Executive Committee will present his Executive Plan, outlining specific objectives and supporting action plans to be achieved over the current term. Alignment with the Strategic Plan will also be discussed.

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**
- 2011-06/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2011-06/5**      **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 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.
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  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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Please see document SC 11-06.01
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Please see document SC 11-06.02

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;

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.

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Please see document SC 11-06.03

**2011-06/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2011-06/8**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2011-06/8a**      Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-06.04

**2011-06/8b**      Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 11-06.05

**2011-06/8c**      Zach Fentiman, CRO- Report

Please see document SC 11-06.06

**2011-06/8d**      Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-06.07

## **XII. RESEARCH**

WHEREAS research and teaching represent the foundation of any comprehensive higher education institution;

WHEREAS research is a valuable aspect of the University;

WHEREAS conducting research is a necessary activity that improves the reputation of the University;

WHEREAS teaching and research have a symbiotic connection within the framework of any comprehensive higher education institution;

WHEREAS university culture lends itself to celebrate the successes of research while overlooking successes in teaching;

WHEREAS indirect costs of research are necessary expenses not covered by research funding and are therefore covered by the University operating budget;

WHEREAS when the indirect cost of research competes with undergraduate education for funding, it encroaches on the quality of education delivered to undergraduates;

WHEREAS undergraduate students should be able to take advantage of the research infrastructure of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavour, through all possible avenues, to ensure that research at the University of Alberta is appropriately contextualized within the larger framework of the institution's structure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates for more opportunities that allow undergraduate students to partake in research.

## **II. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

WHEREAS the cost of housing is a significant financial burden for students often comparable to tuition;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta has accumulated large deferred maintenance liabilities on many of its residences;

WHEREAS deferred maintenance negatively affects the quality, affordability and safety of residences;

WHEREAS municipal property taxes on residences, passed on through increases to rent, represent an increased strain on affordability for students; WHEREAS vacancy rates in the Edmonton area are traditionally low and rental costs relatively high;

WHEREAS a lack of affordable housing discourages both prospective and current students from pursuing post-secondary education;

WHEREAS a lack of affordable housing represents an even greater barrier to traditionally underrepresented groups;

WHEREAS Alberta is the only jurisdiction in Canada to assess property taxes on university residences;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has identified increasing access to Post Secondary Education for traditionally underrepresented groups as a priority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide a large-scale, one-time infusion of capital funds to address deferred maintenance in existing residential facilities; and

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<sup>2</sup> Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 2-3, Learning, Discovery and, Citizenship §1-3, 7.

# Vice-President Academic Report

Date: July 12 2011 meeting of Council

By: Emerson Csorba

## INTRODUCTION

Once again, I write this report as quite the busy VPA. The last two weeks have brought plenty of work, though it has been enjoyable. I hope that you take the time to take a close read at what I write, and then follow up the reading with analysis and thoughtful questions. As I have stated earlier, the pressures of the undergraduate research symposium and co-chair position in graduate attributes are mounting; however, there is more. Orientation 2011 is fast approaching. Because of the first-time involvement of faculty associations, Orientation will consume a large portion of my time. Additionally, I am proud to announce that the Canadian Nursing Student Association western regional conference is being hosted by the Nursing Undergraduate Association. Much like with Orientation, I am delighted to play a role in this event. Of note is the fact that Councillor Bellinger is playing a key role in the organization of this event.

## CANADIAN NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION – WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE (NUA)

From October 28-30, the NUA (the faculty association for the Faculty of Nursing) will be hosting the western regional conference for the CNSA. The NUA also hosted the conference in 2009, which was considered a huge success. Once again, the NUA has little time to organize the event, with less than four months until October 28. On July 6, Councillor Bellinger and I attended a meeting of ten students from the Faculty of Nursing. During this meeting, a substantial amount of planning for the conference took place, which was highlighted by the formal creation of the Regional Conference Planning Committee (RCPC). *Councillor Bellinger was selected as the Director of the RCPC, which is a significant task indeed.* He will lead the planning and implementation of the western regional conference, which is geared toward over one hundred students from the University of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta, Calgary, and so on. Moreover, I will serve as the sponsorship chair of the RCPC executive committee. If you have any questions, please direct them to Councillor Bellinger or myself.

This event will take up some of my time, especially as I sit on the RCPC executive; however, I feel strongly that the VPA should be involved as much as possible with faculty associations. I think that it is one's duty to *try* to understand the culture of an organization, if this person has the power to make decisions that can profoundly affect the function of that organization.

Summary of CNSA – western regional conference:

- Councillor Bellinger is named director of conference
- Conference represents big opportunity for NUA, and students in Faculty of Nursing
- Solid group of a dozen volunteers to organize the conference and form the executive
- VPA to serve as sponsorship coordinator on the executive

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Pressure is rapidly increasing for undergraduate research, and in particular, the symposium. What I have done is as follows: met consistently with the Academic Director of the Undergraduate Research Initiative and the Experiential Learning Coordinator of CAPS: Your Student Success Centre; drafted and continuously polished a terms of reference for the Students' Union Undergraduate Research Symposium Planning Committee; advertised the committee through the SU website (I have received many good applications thus far); commenced the development of a marketing campaign for the symposium; contacted close to twenty associate deans (mostly associate deans of research) to advertise the symposium to administration and students; drafted a preliminary package for sponsorship. Although this is already a good chunk of work, there is much left to do.

If you are interested in volunteering on this planning committee, then please contact me ASAP, as the committee will start to meet within the next two weeks.

Here are the keys to retain from the undergraduate research section:

- Intensity for undergraduate research work is mounting
- VPA contacted around twenty (20) associate deans (AD of research from nearly every university faculty) to involve them in the project
- If you want to sit on the committee, *it is critical that you contact me ASAP*
- Although the conference is slated for November, the planning must occur during the summer

## **GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES**

Much like undergraduate research, graduate attributes will only be successful if the VPA does the majority of the leg work during the summer. With the CLE subcommittee on attributes and competencies meeting during the week of July 26 2011, I have been hard at work finishing up a few different initiatives: drafting the initial version of the committee terms of reference, in conjunction with the SU Department of Research and Political Affairs; contacting potential members for the subcommittee; writing up and sending out the committee June 22 minutes; developing a consultation plan for undergraduate students; informing faculty associations, councillors and student services that they will be consulted prior to the end of the summer.

At some point in July, I hope to present specifically on graduate attributes. Now that councillors have a decent idea of the university's Academic Plan – and hopefully, of the Students' Union's Submission to the 2009 Academic Plan – I think that it is appropriate to delve into this subject in an in-depth manner. I will present the graduate attributes powerpoint that I presented at the 2011 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education conference.

Although the consultation process has not yet begun, please think about the following questions: 1) *What does it mean to be a student in your specific faculty?* 2) *What does it mean to be a student at the University of Alberta?*

Here is the summary for the graduate attributes headline:

- CLE subcommittee terms of reference drafted, and calls for membership are being made
- I will present about graduate attributes at Council
- Start to think about the two philosophical questions listed in the paragraph above

## **ORIENTATION 2011 – FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS**

In April 2011, a joint ISSS/CBAS motion at the Council of Faculty of Associations asked the VPA to look into the possibility of including faculty associations in Orientation 2011, through the creation of 50 minute blocks for FA-specific presentations. Since May 2011, I have been working with the Assistant Manager of Orientation, Mr. Tim Ira, to involve FAs in Orientation and prepare a framework for successful planning. The ISSS, CBAS, ESS, and NUA have all accepted an invitation to participate in Orientation 2011, and two other FAs will soon provide a final decision. Each FA is in the process of planning a unique presentation, *which may include the VPA in a rap battle with certain FA executives*.

As September approaches, the Assistant Manager and VPA will be editing presentation plans and scripts, possibly preparing videos and participating in Orientation dress rehearsals. Overall, the FA involvement in Orientation serves as a good start to student engagement for the 1000+ incoming students that participate in Orientation.

If you retain anything from this section, let it be the following:

- VPA working with Assistant Manager of Orientation to involve FAs in September 6 events, following ISSS/CBAS CoFA motion
- ISSS, CBAS, ESS and NUA are all participating
- The VPA and Assistant Manager have prepared some planning documents for faculty associations running different sessions

## **STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE**

On June 6 2011, I met with the Student Governance Advisor, Ms. Amanda Henry, and the Student Governance Officer, Ms. Giselle General, to brainstorm the Discovering Governance programming to occur in the fall semester. The one-hour meeting was highly productive, as we developed a global understanding of the major university and SU events taking place in the fall semester, clarified the schedule of GFC standing committee meetings during the semester, and selected many of the Discovering Governance materials that will be presented to various groups of students.

If you ever have questions regarding procedure for specific student or university governance-related issues, policies, bylaws, etc., please direct your questions to the Student Governance Advisor. Additionally, many of the materials being prepared by the SGA and SGO can ameliorate your ability to serve effectively as a student representative. If you aspire to serve on a faculty association executive, or as a Students' Union executive, then these materials are certainly worth using.

The student governance recap is as follows:

- VPA, SGA and SGO have set a preliminary fall semester schedule for the Discovering Governance programming
- Remember that the SGA and SGO exist to improve the effectiveness of student representatives
- If you are thinking of running for an executive position within the SU, this office's materials could be of great use in your preparation

## **FALL READING WEEK TASK FORCE**

On July 7 2011, I co-chaired the third meeting of the Fall Reading Week Task Force. The meeting went well, as the committee discussed logistical options that play into the potential creation of a fall reading week. When the President returns from vacation, he will assume the co-chair position, along with the University Registrar.

Summary:

- Third meeting of FRW TF was auspicious, with VPA serving as co-chair

## **POLICY COMMITTEE – RESEARCH POLITICAL POLICY**

I recently brought research political policy amendments to the policy committee. The goal of the amendments was to clarify some of the wording, and reflect some of the VPA undergraduate research goals for the upcoming year.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta values the totality of research undertaken within the institution; and*

This policy change reflects the need to prioritize funding for all faculties on campus. At the moment, the natural sciences receive a substantial amount of funding, which is certainly auspicious for the university. Still, the social sciences and humanities sometimes lag behind in terms of funding. When I write “totality of research,” I mean that both applied and fundamental researches are critical to the University of Alberta. Research that occurs in the Faculty of Arts certainly differs from research that takes place in the Faculty of Engineering, but the two types of research cannot be viewed in isolation.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.*

The second principle provides what I hope is a clearer wording of the deleted political policy principle. Simply put, research at the University of Alberta is simply one thing that happens on campus. Although it is integral to the university, it must be viewed from a more general lens. For instance, research should not detract from teaching. Rather, it should reflect the university's vision, and if possible, improve – or at the very least, not hinder – teaching.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates for increased student and faculty awareness of undergraduate research opportunities at the University of Alberta.*

Although opportunities for undergraduate research do exist on campus, they are sometimes not visible to students. The Students' Union needs to advocate for improve awareness of undergraduate research, through initiatives such as Yaffle, funding for the Undergraduate Research Symposium, and inclusion of a professor research interest paragraph on the syllabus.

Summary:

- Three political policies were drafted, and recommended in first reading by the policy committee to Council
- The policies pertain to valuing the totality of research on campus, the contextualization of research within the university, and enhanced awareness of undergraduate research opportunities

## **FACULTY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS – ISSS, CBAS and NUA**

Over the last two weeks, I have attended meetings of the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society, the Collective Body of Arts Students, and the Nursing Undergraduate Association. Each of these meetings has been quite enjoyable. Attending FA meetings is something that I feel the VPA should do, for a number of reasons: 1) by attending meetings, one can better understand an FA's unique culture; 2) the VPA can learn about key FA issues and also update FAs about key SU issues; 3) in order to make sound decisions that may involve FAs, the VPA should understand the nuances of particular FAs.

Here are a few highlights from each meeting:

ISSS Council meeting: the VP Community's COSSA report was simply astounding. This approximately 15-page document was jaw-dropping in terms of quality.

CBAS Board meeting: the consensus decision making culture was intriguing, with the notable focus on maintaining positive vibes during meetings.

NUA-CNSA meeting: highly-productive meeting, where much of the first stage of CNSA planning was hashed out.

And now the section summary:

- VPA attended ISSS, CBAS and NUA meetings
- By attending these meetings, the VPA is gradually developing a better understanding of unique FA cultures

## **SOCIAL MEDIA: TWITTER AND BLOGGING**

On the SU website blog, I wrote a post entitled "The two-month mark: thoughts up to this point" (June 30 2011), and on June 24, I wrote a post called "Pace: A Theme for the Year" (June 24 2011). When you have time, I would be grateful if you took the time to read the blogs and then provide comments to me. I am attempting to write about VPA-specific issues, like assessment and grading, but also more general thematic issues that affect student representatives in general. Your feedback will guide what I write in the future.

Summary:

- Read SU executive blog posts when times permits
- Provide feedback to VPA in order to inform what he writes over the next months

## **SERVICES VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2011-2012 (SVEC)**

For the first time in SU services history, some executives (the VPA and VPSL in particular) will be sitting on SVEC, which organizes the SU Volunteer Christmas Party and SU [No] Talent Show, among other initiatives. I had the opportunity to attend the committee's first meeting of the year, where I served as the secretary, taking minutes. My hope is to help lead professional development activities, which will be run by SVEC for SU volunteers.

Summary:

- Some SU executives will serve on SVEC in 2011-2012
- VPA will help run professional development events for SU volunteers

## **RUNNING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC IN 2012-2013**

Although only two months have passed since the beginning of the 2011-2012 term, it is not too early to start thinking about running for Vice-President Academic. I highly recommend that you consider running for VPA, as it has come with incredible learning experiences, and the summer is not even over. The VPA in 2012-2013 will serve as co-chair of the CLE subcommittee on attributes and competencies, which is potentially one of the university's most important long-term projects. Moreover, the importance of undergraduate research will continue to mount, and other interesting aspects of the 2011-2015 Academic Plan will be implemented.

Summary:

- If you are considering running for VPA in February/March 2012, please come and talk with me
- It is not too early to think about running for the SU executive
- Some key VPA issues for the future are graduate attributes and undergraduate research, along with other components of the 2011-2015 Academic Plan. The sky is the limit.

## **CONCLUSION**

As you can see, the last two weeks have been hectic – and there is little to no let-up. Undergraduate research, graduate attributes and Orientation will continue to be key issues throughout the rest of the summer, as there are due dates for symposium planning, graduate attributes plan consultation and Orientation faculty association collaboration that simply cannot be ignored. If you have made it this far in the report, good job, and I look forward to answering your questions.

In solidarity,

Emerson Csorba  
Vice-President Academic, Students' Union

To: Students' Council

Re: VPX report to Council

Hello,

This report will be short, as I have been away on vacation for a week.

**GOTVP, ERC, FGD:**

My week here was focused on three things: GOTV presentation, Election Review Committee, and Final Goals document. The fruits of this work will be presented at council meeting. I have spent some of that time: finalizing the budget for GOTV, looked into some of the history of bylaw 2000, and research on Single Transferable Vote.

**Student Financial Assistance Appeal Committee:**

On Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>, I spent 4 hours in a committee under AET that reviews appeals from students with regards to Student Financial Aid related issues. The committee has been an eye opening experience for me as I have seen some of the problems in the Student Financial Aid system. I also learned more about the system itself.

**Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Draft Letter:**

Following up on a meeting between Rory Tighe and Carl Amrhein, provost of the UofA, we are currently in the process of drafting a letter to the provost outlining a system for the implementation of new Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs). I have met with Justin Williams, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and Emerson Csorba to discuss the substance of this letter. Most of the content of this letter will be based on the Students' Union Political Policy on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees.

Cheers,  
Farid

*"The only man who makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything." Theodore Roosevelt*

June 29, 2011

To: Michael Ross, Speaker of Students' Council

Farid Iskandar, Chair, Elections Review Committee

Re: June Report of the Chief Returning Officer

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Hello Council,

Again I would like to start off by reminding you that I will be in and out of the office with irregular hours over the summer. I am very open for meetings by appointment, however—email [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca) if you need anything from me or to set up a meeting.

In this report, I will provide for you a (non-exhaustive) listing of activities I have undertaken during the month of June.

#### **Meeting with the Student Governance Advisor, Amanda Henry**

We discussed the interaction between the Elections Department and the Governance Department and the protocol we will employ to do so. We also discussed use of the governance wiki software for elections use for transitional purposes.

#### **Meeting with the President, Rory Tighe**

I met with Rory as another protocol meeting—primarily to inform him of my intent to submit a Project Allocation request (see below) and discuss the elections department's use of Students' Union central resources (i.e. Marketing, Tech Support). We also briefly had an opportunity to discuss elections advertisement and awareness strategies.

#### **Elections Office Clean-up**

A great deal of time has been spent cleaning and organizing/re-stocking the elections offices. I am now located in 3-02J SUB and when the DROs are hired in the fall, they will be located in 3-02K. Painting and maintenance work was also completed. There is still much work to be done as far as setting up computers and clean-up.

Along with this, I prepared a Projects Allocation request to the executive committee that was approved for *securable* filing/storage for confidential documentation and polling station computers and radios. New office chairs will also be purchased soon with this allocation request.

#### **Clearing Elections Office Debts**

There were several residual debts (candidate deposits and expense reimbursements) and invoices (with the Gateway, our external printers, HUB mall, etc.) to take care of. I am happy to report that the elections department is in the clear with regards to this topic.

#### **Elections Timelining and Seat Vacancy Check**

I have confirmed the election dates for the 2011/2012 year (see previous notice, or view it online at [su.ualberta.ca/vote](http://su.ualberta.ca/vote)) and have prepared an up-to-date (at time of writing) list of vacant seats in both

Students' Council and General Faculties Council. I will keep this list updated as we continue to prepare for the fall by-election.

*On this note, if you are considering resigning, please do so prior to August 15, 2011, so I may fill the vacancy in the by-election. See Bylaw 2000 s. 74(1).*

### **DIE Board Interpretation Requests**

I recently submitted three requests for interpretation to DIE Board. The three interpretations were on the topics of endorsement and joint-use of resources, elections staff alternate employment eligibility, and the effect of “none of the above” with single transferable vote. My intent was to not only receive a clear interpretation on these topics for application during elections, but also for any Students' Council and Elections Review Committee discussion, as may be conducted by CAC/ERC. In fact, I attended an ERC meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2011, where we began to discuss these issues. You may review DIE Board's responses online here: <http://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/die/2011-2012/>

### **By-election Advertising Planning**

I met with the Advertising Sales Manager of The Gateway, Vikram Seth, to prepare a plan for fall by-election advertising (including poll clerk/captain job posting). This will be completed in early July, I expect.

### **Outstanding June Tasks**

I intend to also complete the following tasks in July that I was unable to complete in June.

- Meet with ex-CRO Craig Turner
- Meet with ex-DRO Scott Fenwick

In July, I also intend to further get the office in shipshape condition. The by-election advertising plan will also be completed—in addition to this, I will likely need your help with word of mouth to fill open seats (more to come on this later). I will also begin meeting with Technical Support (a.k.a. Whitematter) for implementation of STV. For this last topic, I may need to bend the ear of Speaker Ross, as he is intimately knowledgeable on the subject.

Cheers,

Zach

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, 2011  
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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-05)

### 2011-05/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-05/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2011

### 2011-05/2 PRESENTATIONS

Speaker Moved item 2011-05/2a onto the main agenda

2011-05/2a Vice-President Academic Presentation on the 2011-2015 Academic Plan- Presented by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic/Lepage Fortin.

Over the past two years, the University of Alberta engaged in discussions and then formally approved the 2011-2015 Academic Plan: *Dare to Deliver*. This document is foundational to both the present and future of the university; already, committees and task forces have been struck to implement different priorities set out in the plan. My presentation to Council regarding the Academic Plan has several goals: first, I plan on explaining some of the key priorities of the university, based on the Academic Plan; two, I will explain how some of my VPA goals relate to the Academic Plan; three, I will explain some of the history behind the Academic Plan (the consultation process, for instance); four, I will provide councillors with a copy of and explain the Students' Union's 2009 Submission to the Academic Plan.

### 2011-05/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Raphael Lepage Fortin, BoG Rep- Report

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Report

### 2011-05/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee Chair proxy- Oral Report

Adam Woods, Bylaw Committee Chair- Oral Report

2011-05/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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

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.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community 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.

3. That this policy shall expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2011-05/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2011-05/7a

**THOMAS/MACGILLIVARY MOVES TO** endorse the Edmonton CBCF's Pink Glove Dance youtube video with a segment featuring the name University of Alberta Students' Union

Speakers List: Macgillivary, Csorba

**CSORBA/CHEEMA MOVED TO** postpone item 2011-05/7a indefinitely

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm**

# Councillor Attendance Records

2010-2011

## Attendance

### Council Seats (40 total) Name

#### Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)

		4/12/2011 SC 11-00	5/5/2011 SC 11-01	5/17/2011 SC 11-02	5/31/2011 SC 11-03	6/14/2011 SC 11-04	6/28/2011 SC 11-05
President	Rory Tighe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
VP Academic	Emerson Csorba	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
VP External	Farid Iskander	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
VP Operations & Finance	Andy Cheema	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	Colten Yamigishi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Raphael Lepage Fortin	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

#### Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)

ALES	Andrew Fehr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)
Arts	Navneet Khinda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)
Arts	Adam Woods	0.5	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Elauha Boutwell	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)
Arts	Chaka Zinyemba	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	0.5	Y	0.5	N
Augustana (Faculty)	Nathan Sereda	N	N	N	N	N	N
Business	Samaar Haider	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Business	vacant						
Education	Vanessa Johnson	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Education	Brit Luimes	Y(p)	N	N	N	N	N
Education	Mallory McMurtrie	Y	Y	N	Y(p)	Y	N
Engineering	Aaron Eslinger	N	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y
Engineering	Lyndon Crone	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Engineering	Saadq Sumar	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Adam Gulyas	Y	Y(p)	Y(p)	0.5(p)	Y(p)	N
Law	Scott Nicol	Y	Y	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y(p)	0.5(p)
Medicine & Dentistry	Rebecca Gould	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Native Studies	Jake Archie	N	N	N	N	N	N
Nursing	Eric Bellinger	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Open Studies	Joshua Le	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Pharmacy	Sarah Zhao	Y	0.5(p)	Y	Y	0.5	Y
Phys Ed & Rec	Susan Amer	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Kinnar Power	Y(p)	Y(p)	0.5	N	Y(p)	Y
Science	Kim Ferguson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Amelie Roberto Charron	Y(p)	Y(p)	Y	N	Y	Y
Science	Avinash Karuvelil	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Peter West	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	N
Science	Arun Thomas	Y	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	N
Science	Su Su Liang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	Brett MacGillivray	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5

#### Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)

Speaker	Michael Ross	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	Y	N	N	N	N

Resigned: