
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Council Chambers, University Hall

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-13)

Meeting called to order at **6:04 PM**.

2016-13/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-13/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the NREF 1-001.

2016-13/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-13/2a Myer Horowitz Project Update - Presented by General Manager Marc Dumouchel & VP Operations & Finance Robyn Paches

PACHES/FLAMAN/FAROOQ MOVE to extend presentation by 15 mins.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN/FAROOQ MOVE to extend presentation by 15 mins.

2016-13/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.

Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

2016-13/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

CAC - Report.

Audit Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Nominating Committee - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2016-13/5

OPEN FORUM

MR. TAYLOR:

Presentation re tuition. He's here with a group that's been organizing students across campus, he's reaching out to students to push for free education in Canada. Presentation: currently, education is too much to maintain. International students pay 3.5X what the average student is paying. (20K vs. 7K) It's unstable because it prevents people from obtaining higher education so it limits people from getting to the jobs they want, in the sections they want in the public forum. We think it's unsustainable to maintain current education system because it's good to move forward with grants but problem with band-aid solution vs. pressuring govt to publicly fund free education. Just applying for grants is a waste of time/money and does NOT cover everybody that needs education they're trying to obtain because they're not knowledgeable about grants/bursaries.
2. Clash with David Turpin's claim, the problem with 4M backfill is his \$880K yearly salary and it's unsustainable.

FAROOQ/SUNDAY MOVE to allow presentation.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

Will we give Mr. Taylor a response?

VP BANISTER TO COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

We will follow up with him and his group as well. She has had previous meetings with him.

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE TO MR. TAYLOR:

If there's some equities/flaws that you say and want to vocalize your opinion, please do so. SU political policy, advocacy is a system of non-repayable grants so they are received automatically before they attend university. The idea of these grants works on a sliding scale, targeted towards certain income brackets so it's specifically with low-income students. This is pushing towards a more equitable system to make education more affordable as a whole. If you do a universal coverage to tuition then things aren't equitable so low-income students are still paying more for loans, housing, textbooks than higher income students. Non-repayable grants target specific groups so will bring disadvantaged students up to a more equitable level. We're pushing more towards a sliding scale model that gives higher grants to lower-income students. It also covers more affordable education base because there's so much more to education than tuition so this grants allows for payment with textbooks, etc. Grants are his biggest push towards more affordable education. The rally for free education will be held tomorrow at 11 AM in SAB.

SPEAKER SUMAR:

If any of the execs/councillors have a response to Mr. Taylor, please submit them to him in writing.

2016-13/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2016-13/6a

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

Seeing as the Lister Representatives are filling a representative role in Lister in the absence of a Residence Association, are their meeting minutes being made available to the public and to the members of the Lister Residence?

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

They do submit monthly reports that cannot be shared because these representatives are SU employees and it's a HR question. We're talking to Discover Governance to see if they can create something on the DG website so it can be posted on Lister's FB group so we'll have points relevant to the community and not personnel/personal questions.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP BANISTER:

In the finance section of your report, you highlight marketing budget, please expand on the level of engagement you had.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

She doesn't know the answer because she doesn't handle the FB ads but can ask marketing and communication team for the statistics.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VP PACHES:

He noticed that we have made a large commitment to using social media in an effective way. Is there any groundwork being made?

VP PACHES' RESPONSE:

It is focused internally. We're making sure to provide information to students who want to access it. We have bi-weekly communication meetings and have multiple members that are working on it.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP PACHES:

Please provide some feedback on the SU website if it's being re-done.

VP PACHES' RESPONSE:

The website redesign is not in the budget this year but it is flagged in the future budget. Our main focus is on social media and interacting with students.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VP SANDARE:

Regarding research that policy/research analysts do. Is that research being posted? Are they writing academic papers that can be looked up?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

All research is open so if there is anything you'd like to know, then it will be given upon request.

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

The research that's done is based on priority that's set for the specific year. We don't write academic research but we know have research re student groups, student group discipline, mental health resources so research is relevant to issues at that time

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

We draft internal summaries so what's going on in other institutions/other jurisdictions. It will be a high level overview then we move to draft an internal report, then an external report that's open to the public. If approved by a public body, it has to be public. We're happy to share internal documents with an agreement that they will be kept internal. We're happy to talk about the sharing process one on one.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN TO VP PACHES:

Re Campus Food Bank, what happens to the money in the SU budget that gets set aside for that? How is that money handled?

VP PACHES' RESPONSE:

He believes he doesn't have the capacity to handle that but will bring to the Finance Committee to decide on how funds are reallocated.

COUNCILLOR MONDA TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

Did you want to move to the model where the SU is responsible?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

We can't do it on a consistent basis.

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

It has been something that we've been working on. There's a philosophical phase in talking to dean of students office and having SU handling student discipline and event approval of student groups. A logistics part re what kind of policies to work on and processing through GFC.

VP BANISTER TO COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

When is next CAC meeting?

COUNCILLOR LARSEN'S RESPONSE:

We'll figure it out with DG. Please ask Mercy.

SPEAKER SUMAR:

Members of Council can request that DG provides copies of main agenda beforehand. It's a great idea to contact DG.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO VP BANISTER:

Re amendment to Bill 5, what are the next steps?

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

Bill was passed but no plans to amending it in terms of how implementation is affecting department associations. The new changes to 8100 is helpful so if you're an existing DA exec but if you're a new DA/FA will look more at it.

2016-13/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-13/7a

DFU Referenda Question #3 - *Campus Food Bank (CFB)*

CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVE to approve the Campus Food Bank (CFB) dedicated fee unit (DFU) referendum question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below:

The Campus Food Bank (CFB) is a charity dedicated to eliminating hunger on campus. It is open to all undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, recent alumni and their families/dependents.

If this referendum passes, the fee will replace the current funding provided by the Students' Union to the CFB. The CFB believes that university is a place where one should hunger for knowledge, not food; providing food hamper packages based on the Canada Food Guide to over 2000 individuals on an annual basis.

Funding areas:

- Operating costs (staff wages and supplies)
- Programming, events, outreach and awareness
- Fundraising events and food drives
- Volunteer program

The conditions of the fund shall include:

1. The fee will be collected from full-time, part-time, and off-campus undergraduate students in the Fall and Winter semester;
2. Augustana students will be exempt.
3. Students will have the option to opt out online from the fee.
4. Funding areas are determined and prioritized by the CFB's staff and board. The board will consist of 7 to 12 members from the following categories:
 - a. One Students' Union Executive member or delegate appointed from Students' Union Council
 - b. One Graduate Students' Association representative
 - c. One volunteer representative (selected by the volunteer membership)
 - d. 4 - 9 community members

Do you support a \$1.00 fee per student, in the Fall and Winter semester, to fund the Campus Food Bank (CFB)?

Vote for those in favor of item 7a:

25/0/1

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN abstains.

MOTION CARRIED

2016-13/7b **DEJONG/ BANISTER move to**, upon recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the Sexual Violence Policy in its second reading based on the first principles as attached.

Please see SC-2016-13-LA-20161101.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ:

He thinks it's very comprehensive.

Vote for those in favor of item 7b:

26/0/0

MOTION CARRIED

2016-13/7c **BANISTER/FLAMAN MOVE** to appoint item 7c to Main Agenda: John Hampson and Adina Lliescu to represent the Faculty of Arts, John Evjen to represent the Faculty of Education, Saige Godberson-Parlin to represent the Faculty of Nursing, and Andrew Steele to represent the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation as student representatives on General Faculty Council for remainder of 2016/2017 term, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN TO VP BANISTER:

How will the vacancies be filled?

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

The applications are officially closed for this.

Vote for those in favor of item 7c:

26/0/0

MOTION CARRIED

2016-13/7d **VP PACHES/FLAMAN move to**, on recommendation of Finance Committee to release \$45,000 from the Capital Reserve to commence a feasibility study of the Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation fundraising project.

Vote for this motion to be put on the floor:

22/1/3

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ:

He thinks the \$45,000 allowance is good because it gives us the info necessary to make an informed decision for students.

COUNCILLOR MONDA:

He supports doing a feasibility study. Can we postpone it to digest the information?

COUNCILLOR BROPHY:

It's a time-sensitive issue.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

If we don't do this feasibility study then we won't be able to receive government funding. Doing it and not needing it is better than not doing it and later needing it. He will be voting in favor.

COUNCILLOR PROCHNAU:

One week does not make a difference. He'd rather wait until next Council meeting then vote on this given that the information was presented an hour ago.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN:

It would be great to have more time but why not do it now and get it over with. He's in favor of the feasibility report but turnover rate may be an issue as there's no guarantee that the members of council will be here next year. He is in favor of the report.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ:

He thinks there's enough information to make a decision tonight. 2 weeks won't make a difference re opinions about the feasibility study.

VP PACHES:

This is a time sensitive issue. The quicker we start fundraising, the higher chances of success of fundraising the required funds for this project.

VOTE for those in favor of item 7d:

23/0/4

**COUNCILLOR NDATAIRWA/COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED**

2016-13/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2016-13/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-13/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-13.01

2016-13/9b Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance.

Please see SC 16-13.02

2016-13/9c Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-13.03

2016-13/9d Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 16-13.04

2016-13/9e Report from the Vice President External.

Please see SC 16-13.05

2016-13/9f Report from the Bylaw Committee.

Please see SC 16-13.06

2016-13/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-13.07

2016-13/9g Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-13.08

2016-13/9h Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-13.09

2016-13/9i Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-13.10

2016-13/9j Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-13.11