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**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

**Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-18)**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

**2016-18/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

**2016-18/1a**      Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Augustana Campus.

**2016-18/2      PRESENTATIONS**

**2016-18/2a**      Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Overview. Presented by the CASA Executive Director Michael McDonald.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) represents the interests of over 250,000 Canadian students across Canada. CASA includes representation from undergraduate, graduate and college students from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island, and advocates to the federal government. It is a democratic, member-driven organization that promotes affordable, accessible, innovative post-secondary education of the highest quality. CASA has demonstrated success in past advocacy efforts, and will give an overview what we are advocating for now.

**RAHMAN/PACHES** sponsors this presentation.

**GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:** Noting another area - FSJ had 30% of funding from official languages grant. So that's another fun fact on how federal money affects our students.

**MCDONALD:** Merci bien.

**COUNCILLOR SUNDAY:** Has CASA consulted with AFN to advocate on this issue?

**MCDONALD:** The removal of 2% cap is AFN's ask. CASA uses their exact numbers and represents that position. We're supporting their request at this point.

**COUNCILLOR SUNDAY:** re other Indigenous Status Indians such as Inuits, Metis

**MCDONALD:** One of the issues was being able to ensure student associations that come from indigenous inst often don't have resources to partake in CASA so they've passed our board to come up with a mechanism to support underrepresented groups to be able to discuss policies with us.

#### **2016-18/2b**

SU Executive Goals' Progress Update to Council. Presented by the SU Executive. Sponsored by President Rahman.

The SU Executive is well over half complete our term, and have taken time to reflect on the progress seen for student priorities this year. We have also identified some obstacles in our initiatives, and will be giving an update on what our focuses will be for the remaining few months of our terms.

**RAHMAN/MAHAL** sponsors this presentation.

**COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP PACHES:** Q re powerplant renos

**VP PACHES' RESPONSE:** alumni support, alumni council and relations has a lot of people that are interested.

#### **2016-18/2c**

Myer Horowitz Theatre Update presented by Marc Dumouchel, General Manager of the Students' Union

Marc will provide council with an update on the Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Project. The presentation will mainly focus on the design, and the next steps that must be taken.

**FLAMAN/PACHES** sponsors this presentation.

**COUNCILLOR FAROOQ to GM DUMOUCHEL:** Q re funding

**GM'S RESPONSE:** We've been working with a co and expect them to be done the report in a couple of months. We're in the process of identifying who to interview. They don't fundraise but go and talk to ppl who are interested in supporting/donating for the project. They have a case for the theatre and

collect their feedback. They come with an assessment as to how much they think we can raise. There is also someone who will help us do the fundraising.

**COUNCILLOR HOWIE to GM DUMOUCHEL:** How much is the price if it's "absurd?"

**GM'S RESPONSE:** He's not an expert in this but is skeptical and it will be harder on this project than the last time. When we got our set of estimates, it seems high but it was also influenced by last version of budget. He can't guarantee if we can do better in terms of budget. Discussed differences in prices and how willing subcontractors to give a fair price depending on how busy they are.

**COUNCILLOR MONDA TO GM:** for presentations, does the online version have to match the one shown during SC?

**SPEAKER SUMAR:** There isn't a standard protocol for that usually we try to post what council posts of websites.

**GM DUMOUCHEL'S RESPONSE:** Doesn't want to post what we're spending bc it sets expectations, it's too early. It's a good idea to not have that in a public document.

**GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO GM:** What kind of market research has been done on the kind of business we would get to MH compared to now?

**GM'S RESPONSE:** Not a lot, the theatre is busy as is, not a lot of free evenings but it will pick up extra work because it would be a nice, new theatre. The business is driven by bookings EG House of Blues, improving the theatre makes it more appealing to them. It's hard to model how it will affect the market. We're also discussing with the Friends of the Horowitz and they suggested a strategy for increasing on-campus use of the theatre. No detailed market analysis but currently, there are no theatres of this class in Edmonton so we fill a unique niche.

**GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO GM:** The theatre is full most nights but we need to do more and that's conflicting. Hearing no concrete numbers and doesn't make him feel very secure. What kind of market analysis will you do if you haven't done any?

**GM'S RESPONSE:** We haven't got to that point yet. It will be a fundraising market currently so we have an idea of where we are with that. Our focus is on the larger event and conferencing model but will discuss this with staff. Re contradiction - we are busy during the school year but not as busy as we could be so we can extend the capacity of MH by moving into new markets bc it's dark during the summer so we can have external business - there has been market analysis for this. We have an idea of the average cost of a

wedding, how many weddings are done and it's pretty clear that there are hundreds of weddings during summer so having a first-class venue could be enough to keep the MH occupied during these dark periods.

**COUNCILLOR PROCHNAU TO GM:** What is the biggest cost for the theatre?

**GM'S RESPONSE:** Mechanical and electrical. Not including new sound equipment, the re-wiring est is over \$1M. They will know more as we go through process of development so there will be a better est of pricing. There are several classes of estimates but we're not at that really fine budget points. They have put in a lot of contingency because they don't know. To minimize risk, we've retained Carlson for the design committee, also first cut architectural design.

**COUNCILLOR PROCHNAU TO GM:** SU is an old building. If it's already at \$1M and may increase, it worries me as a student.

**GM'S RESPONSE:** We've done 3 major self-finance in SUB since '93. The last one was a little over but raised additional funding separately. The thing that created unexpected price drops for last project are not in this project. We have a consistent team and we also deliver on time and budget, we also carry contingencies.

**2016-18/3**      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.  
Fahim Rahman, President - Report.  
Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.  
Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.  
Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

**2016-18/4**      **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Audit Committee - Report.  
Bylaw Committee - Report.  
CAC Committee - Report.  
Finance Committee - Report.  
Policy Committee - Report.  
BoG - Report.  
Gateway Board - Report.

**2016-18/5**      **OPEN FORUM**

**BASHIR MOHAMED TO VP SANDARE:**  
Q regarding international tuition - there's an additional differential fee, is that correct?

**VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:**

Yes, you're correct.

**JAMIE SARKONAK TO VP PACHES:**

Q re whether student groups would be able to access MH once renos are done? Not sure about how many gps use the theatre right now. Any updates?

**VP PACHES' RESPONSE:**

We need to analyze that and are going to take a look at MH's policies centered around how it will interact with student groups. We will ensure it's successful to student groups.

**BASHIR MOHAMED TO VP SANDARE:**

The international differential fee can be increased by the University so when there's a tuition freeze, was the freeze only applied to the base tuition and was that made public?

**VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:**

Yes, the tuition freeze only applies to base tuition. The international differential fee is differential so it's modified on top of base tuition fee, there's more flexibility on increasing the fee so there's no cap.

**JAMIE SARKONAK TO VP PACHES:**

When in the future are you planning on going to student groups re revising policies?

**VP PACHES:**

We'll have the result of feasibility studies so we'll have something to present to stakeholders and student groups.

**BASHIR MOHAMED TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:**

Re BoG 2016 minutes. The increase will apply to tuition and international differential so increase was not only applied to IDF so publicly they did not specify that the freeze was only for domestic students. Was there any mention of the tuition freeze being exempted only for domestic students? Was council aware of this issue?

**PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:**

They did announce there would be a tuition freeze. We realize that it did not apply to international students by the time summer ended. The Board did approve a decision to go beyond CPI on the IDF for 17/18 and it may be the last year of the tuition freeze. This announcement was not made in writing but at a press release. Beyond that all

communication with the Ministry is made all through phone calls or in-person.

**VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:**

With all the conversations we've had with the Minister, it applies only to domestic students. Any increases for international students fall onto the IDF. The IDF is unregulated therefore it can increase. The base tuition is frozen along with CPI, not many increases thus domestic students currently have frozen tuition.

**JAMIE SARKONAK TO VP PACHES:**

When is consultation with student groups scheduled to be completed?

**VP PACHES' RESPONSE:**

We're targeting March.

**BASHIR MOHAMED TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:**

What you said is incorrect. If this only was applied then the change would have only been 450 so it would have only applied to IDF but it's not happening. The slides presented 3.02% change to entire tuition so before so that's incorrect, that percentage was applied in general. So only surcharges can be done by the university, everything else has to be approved by the province. The press rls does not mention anything but domestic students. How is that enough to justify this increase? How can the SU miss this point and why was council not aware of this?

**PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:**

You are correct about the 3.02% was not included in the tuition freeze. They were not clear about who is applied in the first place. He does trust that the university did their due diligence on consulting with the ministry about who they could apply the fee increases to because they have a tricky relationship with the Minister of Advanced Education. If they do something, that upset the Ministry, it's likely they won't receive funding for the upcoming year. We all can push for improved clarity re statements that govt makes. This was not brought to Council's attention because we trust the Ministry will interfere because that's their legislation. It's not the Students' legislation so it's govt's duty to do something if that legislation is broken. The exec has brought this up to the Ministry and how it affects the international students. We have not received any response/news so assumes what they're doing is allowed.

**CHAMPAGNE/SUNDAY** makes motion to extend forum by 15 minutes.

**VOTE**

**16/12/0**

**MOTION FAILS**

**2016-18/5a**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to VP BANISTER:***

In the last open forum, you mentioned that the requirement for the leadership college to reach 1/3 of students was only briefly mentioned in a 2013 presentation.

This is incorrect. The promise was a key aspect of Indira's pledge and was promised repeatedly by Student Union executives in 2013 - 2014 and 2014 -2015.

Source:

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/about/news/entry/265/university-of-alberta-student-s-and-administration-make-positive-strides-to-advance-peter-lougheed-leadership-college/>

My question to you are as follows:

- 1) Why were you unaware of these recent commitments?
- 2) What is the reasoning for no longer reaching this target?

***VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question. As you will recall, at the last council meeting when you inquired about the status of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College's original claim to reach 1/3 of students, I responded that I have not heard that claim since I have taken office and that it would be best to follow up with PLLC administration.

I was aware that the commitment to reach 1/3 of students was outlined in former President Samerasakera's pledge as well as the history of the Students' Union advocacy efforts on this issue. I did not cover the history of PLLC advocacy because that was not within the scope of your oral question.

As mentioned in my oral response, the PLLC administration are best equipped to respond to this question, as they handle the long term strategic outreach plan for the college. As such, I will be sure to raise this point at a future meeting with the PLLC administration.

**2016-18/5b**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:***

The Vice Principal of the PLLC said that 'SU administrators' meet with students at the college twice every term to gain feedback from students. Who are these administrators and how/when was this agreed to?

***VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question. The statement made by the Vice-Principal of the PLLC, in an interview with The Gateway, was misleading. The Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) has hired individuals who work in the Students' Union leadership portfolio as independent consultants, outside work hours, to facilitate feedback from PLLC students. This process is not affiliated with the Students' Union as the individuals who facilitate the process are not working in their official capacity as an employee of the Students' Union.

**2016-18/5c**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to VP SANDARE:***

Have you ever been to a protest? If so, what was it about? (NOT including the rally to re-prioritize post-secondary education)

**2016-18/5d**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to VP PACHES:***

I don't have much to ask you tbh. However: Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday?

**2016-18/5e**

***BASHIR MOHAMED to VP GHOSSEIN:***

What is being done to combat the outrageous rent proposed by the PLLC residence?

**2016-18/5f**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR ANGUS:***

One of your platform points was to raise awareness on scholarships and bursaries by putting it in one central spot. What is the progress on this platform commitment?

**2016-18/5h**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR NDATIRWA:***

One of your platform commitments was to have a social media campaign to ask students why they were not voting or their general apathy. What is the progress on this platform commitment?

**2016-18/5i**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR DEJONG:***

One of your platform commitments were to hold regular townhalls with the student body. What is the progress on this platform commitment?

***COUNCILLOR DEJONG'S RESPONSE:***

I have made no progress on this platform point this year.

**2016-18/5j**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR LILLO:***

As a new member of council, what is one thing you hope to accomplish by the end of your term?

**2016-18/5k**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR MONDA:***

I wasn't able to find your platform anywhere. What do you think has been your biggest disappointment this year? (in terms of things that you were not able to accomplish).

**2016-18/5I**

***BASHIR MOHAMED TO COUNCILLOR LARSEN:***

One of your platform commitments were to make events on campus more large scale. What is the progress on this?

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN'S RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question Bashir. I continuously give my time and ability to reach as many people as possible, especially in the Arts, and to promote Students Union events in particular. I do so by creating novel social media messages, attending events, and making my support vocal. I have remained in contact with OASIS, our faculty association, to attend and promote events they host. I have volunteered time on GovWeek Advisory Group, which reached a significant amount of students. I continue to promote Students Council meetings, pointedly online and through social mediums, and was happy to assist Councillor Monda in setting up an official live stream of Students Council. In short, progress thus far has been slow but consistent, and I will continue to promote our events to the limits of my ability and find ways to grow them in scale.

**2016-18/6**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**COUNCILLOR ANGUS TO VP BANISTER:**

Q re how many councillors/non-councillors attended office hour for VP personally or exec as a whole?

**VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:**

Does not have those numbers specifically but usually beginning of the year and closer to elections, there's a lot more people.

**COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO VP PACHES:**

Have you considered that there are ways to ensure that the SU isn't influencing Gateway content?

**VP PACHES' RESPONSE:**

The fx of the Board does not have any ability to influence editorial changes. The editorial is operational and Board is oversight, long-term sustainability, strategic direction of the Gateway. He will ensure that the Gateway is transparent.

**COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP BANISTER:**

Q re proposed cuts to BDes groups so what should students be doing is they're opposed to these proposed cuts?

**VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:**

The best place for students who have concerns should talk to OASIS. They will follow up with the Dean/Faculty with this. They are able to talk to her and Arts Councillors.

**COUNCILLOR MONDA TO GM:**

Re financing MH, was the breakdown the same or has it changed?

**GM'S RESPONSE:**

At the beginning, we wanted to get it all from donors, and then go to students to discuss options. After discussions with ppl who have done major fundraising, it was clear that grants/govt funding formed a backbone to those projects and a realistic funding plan would want to incorporate that. There should be a partnership between students, from community at large which benefits, and donors who see the value of MH and want to invest.

**COUNCILLOR ANGUS TO COUNCILLOR DEJONG:**

Q re mandatory non-instructional fee policy

**COUNCILLOR DEJONG'S RESPONSE:**

The committee noted they would like to see in first principles a distinction b/w SU MNFS and University MNFS. We'd like to see a differential to see that we're advocating for Uni MNFS and would like to advocate for a transparent accountability measure for MNFS. We didn't do that in the committee because the review was brought late so we felt more comfortable to bring to the next meeting

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN TO GM:**

Do you expect there would be more changes to the fee structure based on feasibility study and what would be the timeline to be aware of that?

**GM'S RESPONSE:**

We bring news to the SC as soon as we received it. There may be changes. Our strategy is  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and will adjust if it needs but council will make the decision for what that means. Our goal is to do something that students want.

**COUNCILLOR SCOTT TO COUNCILLOR MONDA:**

Can you expand on some concerns you're aware of re some cuts to BDes programs?

**COUNCILLOR MONDA'S RESPONSE:**

The proposed cuts are around the routes - preset courses taken each year to fulfill requirements for the degree that do not show up on your degree but to provide pathways. The 2 cuts are printmaking and computing science. Students' main concerns about the courses that are available, if this is removed then there will be decreased access to these routes. These are powerful marketing tools to the programs to see the courses you'd take before coming to the UA therefore potential students may not know that these courses are available to them as part of their BDes studies.

**COUNCILLOR NDATIRWA TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S:**

Re international student fee increase. Was ISA made aware of this fee increase before it was implemented?

**PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:**

We first learned about this change in early Oct and did notify the ISA within days. We got an update from Provost saying it could increase and there was only going to be an API for the upcoming year. Once that info was confirmed, we passed it onto ISA and we worked with them to come up with a survey to gain some feedback.

**COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP SANDARE:**

Q re tuition freeze. There are a lot of program cuts, how does that change your advocacy to the govt?

**VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:**

We want the University to compensate for lost funding so there's no gap. With funding consultation, we want to make sure they are compensated for that.

**GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:**

Re international tuition, if the SU ever asked if the tuition applied singularly to domestic students or international students? If we did that, when?

**PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:**

We have phone call meetings with the Minister/Advanced Education office once per semester. We asked clarification on who the tuition freeze applies to and they notified us that it only applied to domestic students. That his recollection of the phone call so no documentation.

**COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO GM:**

With a new bigger building, are there any extra costs to maintaining it?

**GM'S RESPONSE:**

No, we're designing it to make the costs lower. We can defer costs to volume. The equipment has to be maintained by hand. Expects costs for maintenance to go down.

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN TO GM:**

Re phasing the project or doing it all at once. Has that been considered?

**GM'S RESPONSE:**

We're not at a point to assess that. We talked about setting it up as a series of phases eg. meeting spaces, auditorium, expansion pieces but it wasn't the best way to explain the project to ppl, doesn't make sense. There are lower level changes, kitchen and the Theatre changes. It's no longer being considered as separate because it's more clear for fundraising when presenting the project as a whole vs separate phases.

**COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP SANDARE:**

Re extension of health services specifically nurse at Augustana. Please expand.

**VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:**

He contacted Associate Dean, sat on Senate, reached out to Dean of Augustana and what they wanted. There will be continuing dialogue. With the nurse, someone will help with mental health/health/sexual assault services.

**COUNCILLOR MONDA TO VP PACHES:**

Q re Protective Service's Committee meeting.

**VP PACHES RESPONSE:**

There is a meeting date in the next month or so.

**2016-18/6a**

***COUNCILLOR MONDA to VP PACHES:***

The Student Group Executive VIP Card grants a discount at SU food & beverage locations in addition to SUBPrint. Why does the Council discount card not include SUBPrint?

***VP PACHES' RESPONSE:***

Thank you for the question Councillor Monda! The council discount card does not include SUBPrint because none of our discount cards that are intended for personal benefit include SUBPrint. The Student Group Executive VIP Card is intended for clubs as a whole to access discounted printing. Each club only receives two, we do not give one to each club member. The intention is club benefit, not personal. Personal benefit cards include staff, council and volunteer cards. In addition to the intention of these cards being a "thank-you"

to those close to the SU, and us viewing food & beverage as the most direct personal benefit, there is a more technical reason as well. There is a real cost behind providing these discounts, and SUBPrint's point of sale system does not have the capability to charge discounts that do not have a direct budget code (this includes council discounts). Student Group cards are charged to SGS, and staff/volunteer are charged to their respective department. If anyone is looking for cheaper printing at SUBPrint, I encourage you to use the "20% off your next purchase" coupon in the SU student handbook!

**2016-18/6b**

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to VP SANDARE:***

Can the VP provide the current budget and expenses incurred for EMPfest?

**2016-18/6c**

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:***

EMPfest was launched on the personal Facebook account of VP Sandare. Can a member of the Executive Committee comment on why this exemption from Operating Policy (as listed [online](#) and below) occurred?

7 Communications & Marketing 1(e)

Statements on social media may be made as follows:

The Senior Manager (Marketing & Communications), or designate, may interact on social media on behalf of the Students' Union.

Each department head, or designate, may interact on social media on behalf of their respective department, provided the subject matter pertains to their area of responsibility.

8 Information Technology (a)

Wherever possible, electronic communications to or from Students' Union staff and volunteers shall take place using official accounts issued by the Students' Union.

***PRESIDENT RAHMAN's RESPONSE:***

Hello Councillor Larsen,

We consider each of the executives as a head of their own executive portfolio, each of which are their own department, which is why VP Sandare created a Facebook event through his personal account. This practice was also seen earlier in the year with VP Banister creating an event for the Interdisciplinary Conference, as both of these events were directly tied to their respective executive portfolios. This was also seen during the 2014 - 15 year, where then-VPX Navneet Khinda created a set of Facebook events for the Project Feminist University initiative through her own Facebook account.

Where appropriate, we try to leave social media interactions to our Marketing and Communications department. An example of this was the Facebook event for the US elections party at Dewey's this year, which was handled in

coordination between Marketing and Communications and our Business Development Manager.

**COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:**

Concerned about we present ourselves online so curious about what the procedure was for releasing info online. Will the exec team commit to releasing these events on the official SU page directed by our marketing team and not the execs themselves? We should push our resources first supplemented by help.

**PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:**

Our marketing dept are currently transitioning and the person focused on social media is moving to Ontario so there are not timely updates on social media so a lot of execs is taking to their FB pages but as soon as there's a replacement for this staff member we will use the official council as much as we can. If you look at our elections bylaws, they try to incorporate adapting to changes so the exec committee should take a look at the policies and see if any changes need to be made.

2016-18/6d

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to PRESIDENT RAHMAN as the Executive Committee Chair:***

Distinguishing between the public Facebook pages of Executives which are explicitly tied to the Students Union (ex. Marina Banister UASU VP Academic) and personal Facebook accounts:

Are the Executives private Facebook accounts to be considered "official accounts of the Students Union"?

If they are not, are they consider official designates of the Students Union?

***PRESIDENT RAHMAN's RESPONSE:***

Personal accounts of the SU Executives are not official channels or accounts of the Students' Union, even though they have been used heavily in the more recent years to get messaging out to students. All of the executives are aware that comments they post on social media can be taken as representative of the entire organization, regardless of whether that is their intent or not. I do not consider serving as an Executive as a "9 to 5" job, which is one contributing reason to why our personal social media accounts are used to inform students of our organization's activities. That is supplemental all to the official accounts of the Students' Union.

2016-18/6e

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to PRESIDENT RAHMAN as the Executive Committee Chair:***

It was the councillors understanding that Department Heads where Management Positions, not Term Positions, apologies for the misunderstanding:

Can operating policy be updated to make clear that the Department Head description applies to Students Union Executives?

***PRESIDENT RAHMAN's RESPONSE:***

I will discuss the potential changes to our operating policy suggested here with our General Manager.

**2018-18/6f**

***COUNCILLOR LARSEN to PRESIDENT RAHMAN as the Executive Committee Chair:***

If Executive committee members are to be considered Department Heads, and their personal accounts to be considered "official accounts of the Students Union" or they are to be considered official designates of the Students Union:

Will the Executive Committee be conforming to Students Union political policy in all communications from these accounts?

Is there a social media strategy for these accounts, including a method for turnover of official accounts at the end of term?

***PRESIDENT RAHMAN's RESPONSE:***

Even if an executive makes a comment about an external stakeholder or contradicts policy that is not necessarily within their portfolio, they all understand that, as the official representatives of the Students' Union, their comments can be construed as such. We are encouraged to be responsible with personal social media usage while serving as representatives.

Our official accounts are turned over to incoming executives at the end of term. Personal accounts are not turned over as once the executive transition is complete, they are no longer the account of an official representative for the Students' Union.

**2016-18/7**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2016-18/7a**

**Bill #10 - Standing Committee Attendance Regulations - *First Reading***

**CHRISTENSEN/LARSEN MOVE to approve the first reading of Bill #10, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, according to the following first principles.**

First Principles:

1. Councillors are expected to attend, or send a Councillor-Designate, to meetings of standing committees of which they are members.
2. Attendance shall be taken at the start and end of every standing committee meeting.

3. Councillor attendance shall be defined as attending for at least one (1) roll call of that committee.
4. Where a Councillor meets the following criteria for three (3) regularly scheduled meetings, they shall be automatically removed from that standing committee:
  - a. Fails to attend; and
  - b. Fails to provide a formal document to the committee's chair, prior to the start of the meeting, including their written thoughts on all agenda items listed.
5. Any councillor who has been removed from a committee shall be allowed to be re-nominated and re-appointed.
6. The Speaker shall inform all members of Students' Council of the standing committee attendance regulation at the start of each Students' Council year and at the time of appointment of vacant seats.
7. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement these principles, including the automatic removal of councillors from committees.
8. This process shall not take effect until the 2017/2018 term of Students' Council.

**VP BANISTER:**

Believes a .5 should be counted as a .5 and not a 1. If you only come to half, still considered to be there for FT. It does not encourage full participation, would be more in favor of .5 being counted as full attendance. What is SC's perspective?

**GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:**

Agrees with VP Banister. The data/policy is not useful if it doesn't actually represent actual attendance. The Bylaw does not represent accurate attendance, does not ensure attendance, rendering members accountable to their meetings. Understands that it can be recorded accurately, now in favour of this.

**COUNCILLOR PROCHNAU:**

Disagrees. He was 5 minutes late so told he missed half of it even though he was there for 99%.

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTENSEN:**

This is slow and steady with change. We're going from nothing to something which is a step in the right direction. This legislation does not say you can't keep track however you want to. This will not legislate what's on the agenda

but only if that person met the criteria for this or not. People will record on the agenda however they see fit.

**VOTE**  
**19/7/0**  
**CARRIED**

**2016-18/7b**      **Bill #11 - Standing Committee Reports to Students' Council Reform -  
*First Reading***

**CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVES to approve the first reading for Bill #11,  
on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following  
first principles.**

First Principles:

1. Bylaw 100, Section 16 shall be abolished and replaced with a new framework for standing committee reports.
2. Standing committee chairs will complete a written report at the end of each trimester, with the final report forming a transition document for the subsequent term.
3. The report shall be tabled on the order paper for the final Students' Council meeting of each trimester.
4. Each report shall include, at a minimum:
  - a. Activities of that committee during the previous trimester; and
  - b. A general summary of decisions, recommendations, and motions; and
  - c. The presumptive schedule for the coming semester, if applicable.
5. The transition report shall include, at a minimum:
  - a. An outline of the committee structure and function; and
  - b. The responsibilities of the Chair; and
  - c. Future tasks or objectives that should be considered by the incoming committee; and
  - d. Advice and recommended changes for the future committee.
6. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to reflect these principles

**VOTE**  
**26/0/0**

**CARRIED**

**2016-18/7c Bill #12 - D.I.E. Board Ruling Review Amendment - *First Reading***

**CHRISTENSEN/LARSEN MOVES to approve Bill #12, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.**

First Principles:

1. The mandated responsibility of reviewing D.I.E. Board Rulings shall be moved from the Council Administration Committee to Bylaw Committee.
2. The timeline for reviewing D.I.E. Board rulings shall be changed from two (2) meetings following the release of ruling to the end of the first August following the ruling's release.
3. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement this change.

**VOTE**

**23/0/1**

**CARRIED**

**2016-18/7d Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS) FAMF Referendum Question**

**CHRISTENSEN/PERSAD MOVES to approve the ISSS FAMF referendum question, on the recommendation of Bylaw committee, as listed below.**

This referendum question is for the renewal of the Sci5 Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF). The Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS) collects this fee to support science student groups, science specific initiatives, and advocacy efforts within the Faculty of Science.

The conditions of the fee shall include:

1. It shall be distributed according to the framework approved by the University of Alberta Students' Union, Students' Council and is subject to the oversight of the Audit Committee.
2. The same fee will be applied to full time and part time students.

3. This fee will not be charged to off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.

4. Students may opt out of this fee on the ISSS website with a refund provided by cheque for each semester opted out of.

**Do you support the Sci5, a \$5.00 fee per student, per semester in the fall and winter semester?**

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTEN provides some clarification regarding this item.**

**VOTE  
26/0/0  
CARRIED**

**2016-18/7e**

**Augustana Students' Association (ASA) FAMF Referendum Question**

**CHRISTENSEN/FAROOQ MOVES to approve the ASA FAMF referendum question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below**

The Augustana Students' Association (ASA) is the student representative association for Augustana Campus. As a student at Augustana, you are currently charged a faculty association membership fee of \$65.00 in each of the fall and winter semesters. You are voting in this referendum because the fee must be renewed every 5 years.

The conditions of the fee shall include:

1. It shall be distributed according to the framework approved by the University of Alberta Students' Union, Students' Council and is subject to the oversight of the Audit Committee.
2. The same fee will be applied to full time and part time students.
3. Students may opt out of this fee by contacting the ASA.

**Do you support the renewal of the Faculty Association Membership Fee for the Augustana Students' Association to be assessed a rate of \$65.00 per term for each of the Fall and Winter semesters, with this fee expiring August 31, 2022?**

**VOTE**

**26/0/0  
CARRIED**

**2016-18/7f PACHES/HOWIE moves, on recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to amend the UPass Referendum Question as shown:**

Edmonton Transit Services (ETS) provides a U-Pass to all students at a lower price than a monthly pass, in order to encourage the use of city transportation among undergraduate students. All undergraduate students pay this U-Pass, and as a result the cost of the U-Pass is lowered for University of Alberta undergraduates.

The current U-Pass deal expires in August 2017, and a referendum is being held to renew the U-Pass. The deal proposed by ETS will see the cost of the U-Pass rise by no more than \$5 per year until 2020 - 2021.

The University of Alberta provides a subsidy to further reduce costs to students and has committed to continuing this subsidy. The current cost of the U-Pass to other institutions is \$170 while University of Alberta undergraduates pay \$141.67.

The U-Pass will cost University of Alberta undergraduates, after subsidy, \$145.00 in 2017-18, \$148.00 in 2018-19, \$153.00 in 2019-20 and \$158.00 in 2020-21.

The conditions of this fee shall include:

1. Students can not opt-out of this fee.
2. This fee will not be assessed to Augustana and off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar.

*3. Under certain circumstances, some undergraduate students would be exempt or eligible to opt-out of the U-Pass program. [Click here for an excerpt of the draft agreement](#)*

**Do you support a fee of \$145.00 in 2017 - 2018, \$148.00 in 2018 - 2019, and \$153.00 in 2019 - 2020 and \$158.00 in 2020-2021 per term for full time and part time undergraduates to continue the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) at the University of Alberta?"**

**VP PACHES clarifies opt-out option.**

Debate regarding rejection of this, opt-out clauses, drafts of this, students who pick up their sticker and drop the class.

**VOTE  
25/1/0**

**CARRIED**

**2016-18/8**      **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2016-18/8a**      **BANISTER/FAROOQ MOVES** to approve the proposal for a Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) Referendum for the Nursing Undergraduate Association (NUA).

Please see SC 16-18.01

**VOTE**

**25/0/1**

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR PROCHNAU ABSTAINED**

**2016-18/8b**      **BANISTER/CHAMPAGNE MOVES** to approve the proposal for the Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) Referendum for the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS).

Please see SC 16-18.02

**VOTE**

**26/0/0**

**CARRIED**

**2016-18/9**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2016-18/9a**      Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-18.03

**2016-18/9b**      Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance

Please see SC 16-18.04

**2016-18/9c**      Report from the Vice President of Student Life

Please see SC 16-18.05

**2016-18/9d**      Report from the Vice President External

Please see SC 16-18.06

**2016-18/9e**      Report from the Vice President Academic

Please see SC 16-18.07

- 2016-18/9d** Report from the Bylaw Committee  
Please see SC 16-18.08
- 2016-18/9e** Report from the CAC  
Please see SC 16-18.09
- 2016-18/9f** Executive Committee Motion Tracking  
Please see SC 16-18.10
- 2016-18/9g** Students' Council Motion Tracking  
Please see SC 16-18.11
- 2016-18/9h** Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee  
Please see SC 16-18.12
- 2016-18/9i** Committee Motion Tracking - By Date  
Please see SC 16-18.13
- 2016-18/9j** Students' Council Attendance  
Please see SC 16-18.14

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.