# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 TELUS 134

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.

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2014-05)

2014-05/1	SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
2014-05/1a	Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014
2014-05/2	PRESENTATIONS
2014-05/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2014-05/3a	Executive Committee Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.01
2014-05/4	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
2014-05/5	QUESTION PERIOD
2014-05/6	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2014-05/6a	CHAMPAGNE/DIAZ MOVE that, upon the recommendation of policy committee, Students' Council approve the Student Space policy in second reading based on the following principles:
	XV. STUDENT SPACE

accommodate the current student population;

WHEREAS current space planning has not sufficiently anticipated the needs of

WHEREAS the University of Alberta lacks sufficient student space to

current or future students;

WHEREAS space planning in new and refurbished buildings will have significant impacts on students who make use of the buildings;

WHEREAS students and student groups require quality spaces on campus to pursue their curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular goals;

WHEREAS students require that space is available according to their own schedules;

WHEREAS students require space that is physically accessible;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that University of Alberta space allocation and building development policies should take into consideration the needs of students and student groups both present and future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate for the construction and renovation of classroom spaces such that they reflect advances in pedagogy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that student spaces are open sufficient hours to address student need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will advocate that space planning account for physical accessibility and students' safety.

2014-05/7	GENERAL ORDERS
2014-05/7a	<b>HWANG MOVES</b> to appoint Two (2) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.
2014-05/7b	BINCZYK MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint Jessica Nguyen as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2014/2015 term.
2014-05/70	<b>BINCZYK MOVES THAT</b> Students' Council appoint two (2) voting members to Council Administration Committee.
2014-05/7d	<b>HODGSON MOVES</b> to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.
2014-05/7e	<b>BANISTER MOVES</b> to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Nominating Committee.
2014-05/7f	<b>GRUHLKE MOVES</b> to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Policy Committee.
2014-05/79	<b>HODGSON MOVES</b> to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the DFU Task Force.
2014-05/8	INFORMATION ITEMS
2014-05/8a	GAC Summary Report to Council

Please see document SC 14-05.02

2014-05/8b	Bashir Mohamed Resignation
	Please see document SC 14-05.03
2014-05/80	CAC Summary Report to Council
	Please see document SC 14-05.04
2014-05/8d	Bylaw Committee Report to Council
	Please see document SC 14-05.05
2014-05/8e	Arts Councillor Appointment- Travis Dueck
	Please see document SC 14-05.06
2014-05/8f	Nominating Committee Report to Council
	Please see document SC 14-05.07
2014-05/89	Policy Committee Report to Council
	Please see document SC 14-05.08
2014-05/8h	Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.09
2014-05/8i	Navneet Khinda, VP External- Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.10
2014-05/8j	Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.11
2014-05/8k	Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance- Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.12
2014-05/8	William Lau, President- Report
	Please see document SC 14-05.13

#### 20140613

**DIAZ/ORYDZUK move** to ratify the appointment of Marc Dumouchel, Kerstyn Lane and Parker Leflar to the Social & Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) 2014-15. 4/0/0

#### 20140613

**ORYDZUK/HODGSON move** to direct the General Manager to make an appropriate donation on behalf of the Students' Union in memoriam of Louis Vieillard and Betty Brachi. 4/0/0

#### 20140613

**HODGSON/ORYDZUK move** to approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$4100.00 for President Lau, Vice President Khinda and Justin Williams to attend the CASA Policy & Strategy meeting in Wolfville, Nova Scotia from July 7-9, 2014. 4/0/0

#### 20140613

**ORYDZUK/DIAZ move** to approve a project allocation not exceeding \$2000.00 towards the September 2014 Be Booksmart campaign. 4/0/0

#### 20140620

**KHINDA/LAU move** to approve naming the lower level food outlet the UnderGrind and approve the logo concept. 4/0/0

#### 20140620

HODGSON/LAU moves to amend Operating Policy 2.09 "Wall of Gold" as follows: 4/0/0

#### 2.09 Wall of Gold

- a) The 'Wall of Gold' is reserved for the promotion of Students' Union services, advocacy efforts, elections, or executive projects.
- b) The Wall of Gold is exclusively reserved for Student Elections from the beginning of February to the end of the third week in March. The Executive, at its discretion, may override this provision.
- c) At the sole discretion of the Executive, the Wall may be used by other parties for projects that directly relate to specific goals of the Students' Union.
- d) No more than one (1) project may be on the wall at any one time.
- e) The Senior Manager (Marketing & Communications) will coordinate all Wall of Gold bookings.
- f) The organization using the Wall is responsible for mounting and removal of promotional material and for rectifying any damage done to the Wall while they are using it.
- g) Although material that appears on the wall is not reviewed before hand, the Students' Union reserves the right to remove any material it considers unsuitable or inappropriate.

#### 20140620

**HODGSON/DIAZ move** to rename the Centre for Student Development to Student Orientation and Recognition. 4/0/0



# GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 Time: 6.08 pm

Мо	tions	
1.	CROUTZE/WONG moved to approve the agenda for June 26, 2014 as	CARRIED
	tabled.	5/0/0
2.	HWANG/DIAZ moved to approve the minutes for June 12,2014 as tabled.	CARRIED
		3/0/2
		(Abstentions
		by WONG and
		CROUTZE)
3.	HWANG/CROUTZE moved to approve the changes to the Grant Allocation	CARRIED
	Committee's Standing Order changes as proposed by the Center for Student	5/0/0
	Development.	
4.	HWANG/DIAZ moved that the committee move into closed session at 6.24	CARRIED
4.	pm.	5/0/0
5.	ZHANG/HWANG moved that the committee move out of closed session at	CARRIED
٥.	6.37 pm.	5/0/0
6.	ZHANG/CROUTZE moved to amend point 5) of the Grant Allocation	CARRIED
0.	Committee's Standing Orders from	5/0/0
	"Voting members of the Grant Allocation Committee who are absent, without	
	proxy, from two consecutive meetings shall automatically be recommended by	
	the chair to Students' Council to be removed from the Grant Allocation Committee."	
	to	
	"Voting members of the Grant Allocation Committee who are absent, without	
	proxy, from three consecutive meetings shall automatically be recommended	
	by the chair to Students' Council to be removed from the Grant Allocation Committee."	
7	HWANG/WONG moved to adjourn the meeting.	CARRIED
7.		5/0/0



# GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 Time: 6.04 pm

Mot	ions	
1.	HODGSON/ZHANG moved to approve the agenda for June 12, 2014 as	CARRIED
1.	tabled.	4/0/0
2.	HWANG/DIAZ moved to approve the minutes for June 05, 2014 as tabled.	CARRIED
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		(Abstention by
		ZHANG)
3.	HODGSON/DIAZ moved to change section 5 of the Grant Allocation	CARRIED
<i>J</i> .	Committee's Standing Orders from	4/0/0
	"Voting members of the Grant Allocation Committee who are absent, without	
	proxy, from two consecutive meetings shall automatically be recommended by	
	the chair to Students' Council to be removed from the Grant Allocation	
	Committee"	
	to read:	
	"The Grant Allocation Committee shall, at its discretion, recommend to	
	Students' Council the removal of a voting member who has been absent,	
	without proxy, for at least two consecutive meetings."	
4.	DIAZ/HODGSON moved to adjourn the meeting	CARRIED
т.		4/0/0

Effective imminently, I am resigning from my position as the University of Alberta Students' Union Arts Councillor.

I decided to first run as a Councillor after seeing the deplorable state of our postsecondary system. I witnessed one of the biggest cuts to post-secondary during my first year at the University of Alberta.

I saw how tuition has gone up 360% since 1990, I saw how international students were being abused with unjustified tuition increases, and I saw the utter disrespect the University administration had for the student body.

I ran for Council believing that I could help change some of the terrible things I saw. I ended up winning by 8 votes in that first election. I ended up winning once more.

A lot happened during my first year. I failed on a few initiatives and I succeeded on a few. In the end, I am happy of the work that have I done on Council. I am not resigning because I think that change is no longer possible. I am resigning because I am no longer able to do meaningful change in this position.

Time and time again, I have seen things that go against my morals passed. The following are a few examples.

- Despite losing a plebiscite ,Student fees went up \$16 after the athletics rec fee was put through council.
- The International Differential Fee was increased by the Board of Governors. It is slated to be increased another 3-6% this year.
- The promised expansion of the Leadership College to 1/3 of students has not been guaranteed

It is tough seeing these things happen while you sit in your chair helplessly.

I have been lied to by the University President, twice. I could never get clear answers

from the Vice-Provost. And my role on the General Facilities Council felt like a rubber stamp.

The change I desire is not possible from my position as a Student's Union Councillor. The change I desire lays outside of boardrooms and coffee tables. The change I desire is with the everyday student at the University of Alberta.

Which is why I will still commit to securing a coke referendum, reviewing on-campus childcare, and by working on the student refugee referendum campaign. I no longer desire being continuously lied to by top university administrators. I will use the knowledge I gained through council to help empower the student body.

#### I am still in the fight.

A quick note to the student movement in Alberta. We need to think bigger. We need to be ambitious. Our provincial advocacy goals are ok but we need to start demanding tuition reduction. Every year, we accept a 2% tuition increase. As a result, we end up making post-secondary education more and more difficult for people to attain. We also need to realize that closed door lobbying may be comfortable but it may not always be effective. We need to utilize all of the tools in our toolbox, one underutilized tool is the thousands upon thousands of post-secondary students.

I have put away my placard, stepped out of council chambers, and I am now one of those students.

I trust in the work of the 2014/2015 Student Council.

Regards,

**Bashir Mohamed** 



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS UNION COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Date: <b>June 17<sup>th</sup> 2014</b>	Time: <b>5.05 pm</b>	2014 – 2015
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Мо	tions	
1.	BINCZYK moved to approve the agenda for June 17,2014 as tabled.	CARRIED 7/0/0
2.	BINCZYK moved to approve the minutes for June 03, 2014 as tabled.	CARRIED 6/0/1
3.	HODGSON/HWANG moved to approve the Chief Returning Officer's final report.	CARRIED 5/0/1
4.	BINCZYK/HWANG moved to approve Council's annual survey.	CARRIED 2/0/1
5.	BINCZYK/HWANG moved to amend part 12 Section 18 (1) of Students' Council Standing Orders to read "Members having obtained the floor to speak to a motion can speak no longer than four minutes".	CARRIED 8/0/0
6.	HWANG/MOHAMED moved to adjourn the meeting.	



# BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 Time: 7.08 pm

Mo	tions	
1.	ALLARD/HODGSON moved to approve the agenda for June 19, 2014 as	CARRIED
	tabled.	5/0/0
2.	ZHANG/DIAZ moved to approve the minutes for June 05, 2014 as tabled.	CARRIED
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		(Abstentions
		by ALLARD
		and
		HODGSON)
3.	ZHANG/ALLARD moved to recommend the Elections Staff Hiring Bill to	CARRIED
J.	Council.	5/0/0
	Changes: "(6) If the Chief Returning Officer position is vacant after the hiring	
	process, the Council Administration Committee shall explore options to fill the position."	
4.	HWANG/ZHANG moved to adjourn the meeting.	CARRIED
4.		5/0/0



v	Students' Union Elections Office Phone: (780) 492-7102 Email: cro@su.ualberta.ca
To:	Mr. Saadiq Sumar
	Speaker of Students' Council
	Mr. William Lau
	President, Students' Union
	Rebecca Taylor
	Discover Governance Manager
From:	Brandon Christensen
	Chief Returning Officer
Subject:	Councilor Appointment – Faculty of Arts
Date:	June 25, 2014

Dear Students' Council,

In accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 100, Section 7(6), in the event of a resignation of a Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election

In other words, in light of the vacancy of an Arts Councillor, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Travis Dueck to Students' Council for the 2014-2015 term.

If you require any other information regarding this appointment, or regarding the Councillor replenishment process, please contact me at cro@su.ualberta.ca.

Regards,

Brandon Christensen Chief Returning Officer University of Alberta Students' Union



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 Time: 5.32 pm

Мо	tions	
1.	ORYDZUK/CROUTZE moved to call the meeting to order.	CARRIED
2.	ORYDZUK/ZEINEDDINE moved to approve the agenda for June 24, 2014 as tabled.	CARRIED 4/0/0
3.	ZEINEDDINE/ORYDZUK moved to approve the minutes for June 10, 2014 as tabled.	CARRIED 3/0/1 (Abstention by CROUTZE)
4.	ORYDZUK/CROUTZE moved to omnibus all changes made to the Standing Orders of the Nominating Committee.	CARRIED 4/0/0
5.	ORYDZUK/ZEINEDDINE moved to approve the amended Standing Orders of the Nominating Committee.	CARRIED 4/0/0
6.	CROUTZE/ORYDZUK moved to amend the Nominating Committee's Standing Orders by adding a Section 3 (E) as follows:  3. (E) Should a Committee member be absent from four (4) consecutive meetings without proxy or notice, their seat shall be considered vacant and reopened to Council.	CARRIED 4/0/0
7.	CROUTZE/BANISTER moved to adjourn the meeting.	CARRIED 4/0/0



# POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

 Date: June 24, 2014
 Time: 6:35 pm
 2014 – 2015 MEETING #05

Мо	tions	
1.	KHINDA moved that June 24 agenda be approved as amended.	CARRIED 5/0/0
2.	DIAZ moved that June 10 minutes be approved as amended.	CARRIED 5/0/0
3.	CHAMPAGNE moved that the Policy Committee brings the amended Student Space Policy to the Council for second reading.	CARRIED 5/0/0
4.	ZHANG moved that the meeting be adjourned.	CARRIED 6/0/0



July 8, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: VPA Council Report

Hi Council,

I hope you all had a great Canada Day/long weekend!

It's been three weeks since I last saw all your beautiful faces so I have a handful of things to report on.

In a meeting of governance committee, we discussed a handful of items pertaining to Student Representative Associations, which are associations as referenced in the SU Bylaw 8000 series. Right now, we have Faculty Associations, Campus Associations, and Residence Associations, but what if there is ever a need for another association to become a student representative association? What if there is a desire from an association to become a student representative association? How are we able to expand the category as necessary for the future? The solution that was agreed upon is actually outlined in Bylaw, but required some clarification. Bylaw 8100 says that all determinations under Bylaw 8100 are to be made by the VP Academic of the Students' Union in conjunction with a handful of other people, which are different depending on the issue at hand. That's why when the VPAs talk about their job they always talk about how student reps in FAs and CAs are their responsibility, and that section of that Bylaw is largely the reason why we say that. Anyways, going forward, the process is going to be that if the situation arises where there is an association that would like to be considered as an SRA, meaning that SU delegates its PSLA-granted representative authority to the association, then the VPA will consider the association and vet them according to the criteria outlined in 8100, if the potential SRA can qualify, the VPA will bring it to council for discussion and ratification.

Also in governance committee, we discussed an issue that seems pretty small, but is actually really important to me. Departmental Associations that have representative capacities have exclusionary membership, for example, only students associated with the department can vote and run for a position on the executive. The restriction is correct because it doesn't make sense for, say, a bunch of Political Science students to hold representative position for Computer Engineering and represent computer engineers to the ECE department. However, one of the rules for student groups that comes from the Dean of Students Office is that groups need to promote inclusivity by not restricting membership. This is blanket across all student groups with the exception of SRAs and fraternities/sororities. In committee, the directors of SGS were there so we had a discussion and really got to the bottom of the issue and found that the issue could be corrected if we provided SGS with a schedule of all DAs that have representative functions, so SGS would automatically know which ones needed to have restrictive membership and could avoid asking each of them to change their constitutions.

I had a meeting that I didn't expect to have with one of the heads of the leadership initiative. It was a long meeting and I went through issues point by point. We will not be getting everything we originally wanted in exactly the way we wanted, but I feel a lot better about the situation anyways. The SU will certainly be more intensely involved in the project going forward.



#### Office of the VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC



So far, there has been meetings of Council of Faculty Associations Senior Board and Council of Faculty Associations Finance and Administration Working Group. Member Services Working Group will happen the evening just before this report is due and Advocacy Working Group is happening in August. In fall term, the cycle of COFA meetings will begin again with Senior Board meeting. Everything that has happened so far with COFA is very preliminary since Faculty Association executives are still planning and getting their bearings. So far COFA has done some goal planning for the year, which will result in actions in the working groups. A number of years ago, COFA was only one board and it wasn't incredibly functional for actually making things happen, but a couple years ago, the structure was revised to what we have now, which is a Senior Board that the presidents sit on and the three working groups that the Senior Board delegates work to, and must report back to Senior Board. This structure gives COFA huge capacity for collaboration and initiatives and I have found it to be a very functional structure overall. I'm really excited to see what COFA accomplishes this year, should be good.

A little more information on COFA: Council of Faculty Associations is a body that is advisory to the Students' Union, and is intended to foster communication and collaboration among the Associations and between the Associations and the Students' Union. The Students' Union's role in COFA is more faciliatory than anything else. The VPA impartially chairs committees of COFA, and VPSL coordinates MSWG specifically, and our task is to listen to what Associations need from the SU and communicate between the working groups and Senior Board. The idea behind it all is that we become appraised of what the Associations feel and are doing and the Associations work collaboratively with each other to achieve community building or advocacy or operational goals because (and I know this sounds cheesy, but) they are stronger together. There is value in building off of each others' strengths and learning from each others' weaknesses.

I have made a lot of progress in the last few weeks in terms of the online petition system that I've been working on. I have hammered out internal and process issues and I am currently seeking feedback from people who have demonstrated interest. If you would like to look at the draft document and tell me what you think about it, just shoot me an e-mail sometime in the next week and I'll send it to you (vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca). One big barrier that I have run into is that how it is programmed online is reliant on the information sharing agreement that we have with the Registrar's Office, and I am somewhat unclear on it. I think we need to renegotiate our agreement so that students can log into the petition system with their CCIDs, which is not too much of a problem, but I also want students to be able to log in by FACULTY so that we can do faculty-specific petitions.

Important also to note is the difference between this thing that I am making and the official referenda and plebiscites that we are allowed to use to charge fees under provincial legislation. I think I probably just have to change the name and put a disclaimer in order to avoid confusion.

The Students' Union will now be on the forefront of cutting edge research regarding the use of technology in higher education. We have agreed to partner with a long-time friend of the SU who does research out of the Faculty of Education in order to conduct original research alongside other global partners such as the European Union Students' Union for the next few years. This is an amazing opportunity as it will give us incredible credibility when advocating on issues pertaining to technology in higher education and it sets a new precedent for Students' Unions being partners in conducting research.



# Office of the VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC



Further, it helps us to better understand student's needs for the future so we can plan advocacy efforts accordingly.

All the best, Kathryn Orydzuk



## Office of the VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

July 3, 2013

To: Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting)

#### Introduction

Hello Council!

Here's a highlight of what will be in this report:

- 1. CAUS
  - a. Tuition & Fees Working Group update
  - b. Meeting in Lethbridge
  - c. Media Release
- 2. Students' Council
  - a. Goals
- 3. CASA
  - a. Policy Brief
  - b. Policy & Strategy Conference

#### 1. CAUS

- 1.1 I've been in ongoing meetings with Ministry staff regarding tuition and fees. As students, we're being tasked with giving opinions and feedback on a number of issues. These include how we define concepts such as "fees" and outlining the strengths and weaknesses of current Best Practices being used in the fee process. Much of my time is spent doing internal things for CAUS as well.
- **1.2** We had a meeting in Lethbridge from June 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a nice campus! Among our many, many discussion items, we talked about potential ideas for the upcoming political leadership races in Alberta as well as refining the ways in which we work together.
- **1.3** On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, we sent out a media release titled, "<u>Students call on province to keep election promise with unexpected surplus</u>". Right before the long weekend, the provincial government announced an unexpected budget surplus of \$755 million. Given that students faced much of the burden by previous budget cuts, CAUS put out a news release about how some of that money should be re-invested back into post-secondary education. Please have a look and share it around!

#### 2. Students' Council/General

**2.1** On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a meeting with all of the managers that work for the Students' Union. Unfortunately, I could not be there due to the CAUS meeting. One of the big items at this meeting was for the executive to present on our goals for the year, so I spent some time finishing up my section on items I'd like to work on this year. Stay tuned for more on this later!



# Office of the VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

#### 3. CASA

- **3.1** One of my goals for this year is to get a policy on the record on behalf of our federal lobby group, CASA, on the topic of federal tax credits. Currently, CASA has no stance on tax credits, which is unfortunate considering that of all the money spent on assisting post-secondary students, the government spends the most on tax credits. We now how a policy paper written on this that will be submitted to the CASA membership!
- **3.2** From July 6-10<sup>th</sup>, William and I will be in Nova Scotia for a CASA conference Policy and Strategy. It's hosted in Wolfville by the Acadia Students' Union! Policy & Strategy is a time for our membership to come together to discuss and set priorities for our advocacy. In addition, I hope to get discussion started, and to gather feedback, on the topic of tax credits.

#### Conclusion

That's all for now! Due to the CASA conference, I will not be in attendance at our Council meeting. If you have questions, please send them to me and I'll do my best to answer them as soon as possible!

Cheers!

**Navneet Khinda** 

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#### Office of the VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

"I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday, and along the way, lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."

Neil DeGrasse Tyson

#### **Council and Governance**

- Bo and I finished writing the Student Space Policy Second Reading.
- Bylaw has resubmitted our work on the CRO Hiring bill for your review.
- Executive Goals: Consultation with staff is ongoing, and we are creating our official document soon. This collaborative process has, in my opinion, set a strong foundation for our work
- The Students' Union Governance Committee has spoken about how our Student Representative Associations bylaw will function in practice.

#### **Access and Communications**

- The Students' Union has completed its mail and calendar transition to Google, which will enable us to better integrate with our constituents' on Google Apps.
- Gateway: Tour of the Lower Level of SUB, Interview on Faculty Association Microwaves.
- Student Life Central: We had a discussion about how Student Life Central in the new lower level should look.
- Bearsden: I have begun meeting with staff to assess their needs in a campus portal. Once I
  have a full assessment of both staff and student need with respect to this service, we can
  establish a way forward.

#### **Student Groups and Associations**

- COFA Member Services Working Group: I have introduced Google Calendar to the VP Student Life equivalents of most Faculty Associations through our recent working group meeting. I will share that with council once I have received submissions from Faculty Associations.
- Student Group Services: We are having meeting to discuss how we serve the needs of student groups, and how that will look in our new lower level space.
- The RHA VP Community is working to create a Pinecrest and Tamarack residence association. We are having a mixer on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.



#### Health

- Wellness Summit Feedback and Health Strategy: Councillors Allard, Kwan, and Hwang are involved alongside William and I because of their passion for student health and wellbeing!
- The Wellness Grant Adjudication Committee met to review granting rubrics.
- VP Hodgson and I met with an academic staff member to discuss Automatic External Defibrillators. VP Hodgson will be the lead on this as we explore how feasible they are for installation in the Students' Union Building.

#### University

• Student Participation Protocol: We're in the final stages of developing a student consultation framework with the Graduate Students Association and the University.

#### **Events**

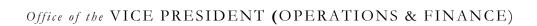
- Interfraternity Council is planning an event for the end of February.
- The Pride Week Steering Committee has begun meeting to plan Pride Week in March. They may also do programming in the Fall in the new space.

#### Miscellaneous

- I turned 24 years old.
- We had lunch with the Augustana Students Association.
- Happy belated Canada Day!

Best,

Nicholas Diaz Vice President Student Life 2014-2015





July 3, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Howdy Council,

It's been a while hasn't it? As I sit here writing this report, signing along to NOFX I can't help but think to myself "Wow it's already been two months. I'm a sixth done my term. Summer is almost over. Winter... is coming..."

With out further ado, here is my report:

#### **PROJECTS:**

#### North Power Plant

I've now met with all the professors I've set out to meet, as well as a number of their students. I'm starting to feel like a degree in planning or industrial design might have been my true calling but oh well what can you do. I'll likely be having a strategy meeting on different directions we can move with this project in the next two weeks. I also have a significant amount of reading to do associated to place making and design. I hope to start the beginnings of a visioning document by the end of the summer.

#### **DFU Task Force**

The DFU Task Force has met twice now, with our most recent meeting focusing on the creation, regulation and oversight of DFUs. The meetings have been very productive and we are still on schedule to produce a report by the end of the summer. I've also been drafting quite a bit of material for the task force, as well as having meetings with multiple DFU groups to ensure there's no issues with the task force as it stands now.

## Student MArket Research Team (SMART)

I've renamed BAG to SMART! HOORAY!!!! I also vetted my vision for the group at the managers meetings we had on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and received a very positive response. The next step will be incorporating the feedback I received at those meetings and continue drafting the terms of reference. I aim to have most of the work on the group done by the end of this month.

## Faculty Association Financial Reviews

We've had a couple of meetings about this one. We're still at the drawing board of what it is we want to offer and what are the base needs we're trying to address. I'll be writing an outline of what I think needs to be provided to FAs based on my experience with Audit Committee.

#### **Business Time**

I'm currently working with staff to try and plan a big kick off for our bars in September. If you have any ideas about the bars you would like to share I'd love to hear them. Drop me a line.



#### **OTHER:**

#### **AEDs**

I had a fantastic meeting with Dr. Anthony Cornish about the possibilities of adding Automatic External Defibrillators throughout SUB. I think this is a great idea and definitely something we should explore. The next step for me will be figuring out how many we need in the building for adequate coverage and exploring funding options.

#### HR Manager Hiring

We're in the process of hiring a new HR Manager! Interviews are happening this week and shortlisting happened last week. The whole process should be wrapped up by end of next week.

#### FDC (Facilities Development Committee)

I attend a meeting of FDC on June 19<sup>th</sup>. It was fun.

But actually there was some cool stuff like the Gathering Centre and the Open Space Plan. Also the next FDC will be at Augstana, which is pretty baller. Ask me about those things in QP if you want to know more. ENGAGE ME!!!!

#### Miscellaneous Items

- Implemented budget tracking for the expenses we're paying on behalf of the LHSA
- Changed Wall of Gold Policy in Operating Policy so groups external to the SU can use the wall
  on approval from the Executive Committee
- Gave The Gateway a tour of the new Lower Level (Go check it out!)
- Facilitating creation of a mural on the third floor between Gateway and Interfaith
- Had a Gateway Board and FACRA Board Meeting
- Had lunch of ASA Execs
- Had two day long management meetings with management from all over the SU
- Participated in the Orientation Clue Hunt and shooted people with my gun! (Water!)

Cheers,

\$\$\$Cory Hodgson\$\$\$

(electronically submitted)



July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2014-2015

From: William Lau, President 2014-2015

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for July 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting)

Hey friends,

The past few weeks have been thoroughly enjoyable – I have to say the fireworks, long weekend, and beautiful weather has definitely contributed to it. Nonetheless, our team has still been spending countless hours in the office working in the best interest of the undergraduate students at the University of Alberta.

#### External Advocacy

Federal Advocacy (CASA) with VP Khinda

 Sorry for our absence, we will be in Nova Scotia at the CASA Policy & Strategy Conference, setting our priorities for the upcoming academic year.

Provincial Advocacy (CAUS) with VP Khinda

- I missed our meeting in Lethbridge last week because I decided to stay in town for an internal SU Management Meeting where the SU executives discussed our goals with staff.
- Recent press release reminding the government of their recent elections promises, given the news of their newfound surplus: http://caus.net/media/

Municipal Advocacy with VP Khinda

• We are following up with our municipal partners join our voices in asking the province to resolve the issue around Residential Property Taxes.



#### Internal Advocacy

Board of Governors with Governor Hansra

- A land trust has been established by the Board (unanimously) to generate revenue.
- Board Chair Doug Goss will be presenting on August 5<sup>th</sup> on the role of the Board as well as the Board's vision for our institution.

Presidential Search Advisory Committee with VP Orydzuk

- Shortlisting of candidates is due for September 2014.
- Group applications were turned down respectfully and correspondence with groups was mutually positive.

Lister Hall Students' Association with VP Diaz and VP Hodgson

- The group's appeal has been delayed until the Fall semester.
- Most urgent issue is to ensure that their elections are held and that there are room allocations for their elected representatives.

Athletics and Recreation with VP Diaz

- The key focus this year with the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation will be the promotion of free Golden Bears & Pandas games.
- Conversations will be ongoing to promote the September 4<sup>th</sup> Golden bears vs Vikings Hockey Game.

International Students with VP Diaz

- Through an exit survey, the top three issues that international students prioritized were:
  - Career Transitions
    - University of Alberta International (UAI) now has a working group to enhance internships and co-op programs.
  - Housing & Residences
    - VP Diaz will followup to join advocacy efforts.
  - o Integration with Domestic Students
    - Ongoing discussions about supporting the Peer (Mentorship) Program.

Fall Reading Week with VP Diaz

• The first task force meeting is currently being scheduled. A doodle and a google doc was sent out to the representatives.



#### Leadership Initiative with VP Orydzuk

- The SU has recently been tasked with two challenges:
  - How can we broaden the scope of the leadership initiative to impact 10,000 undergraduate students?
  - O How can we connect existing "leadership"-type programming with the leadership initiative?
- A mini-retreat has been scheduled to plan a strategy to propose solutions for these two challenges.

#### Student Participation Protocol with VP Diaz and VP Orydzuk

- The handbook is in its final stages as we pass it around for final edits.
- A presentation to Council is in the pipeline.

#### Student Health with VP Diaz

- My key action item is to send out a joint "Call to Action" with both the GSA President and the University President to arouse the campus community in creating a Vibrant Campus Strategy.
- We currently have the opportunity to be a partner in a national research project studying service delivery for youth with mental health issues. More information at www.tramcan.ca

#### Academic Planning Committee with VP Orydzuk

- A Cardiovascular Translational Science Institute will be established.
- A Freestanding For-Credit Post-Master's Certificate in Business Fundamentals will be proposed to Board Learning and Discovery Committee.
- A Freestanding For-Credit Post-Master's Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship will be proposed to Board Learning and Discovery Committee.
- A Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree will be proposed to Board Learning and Discovery Committee.
- The Master of Arts (MA) in Women's and Gender Studies will now be called MA in Gender and Social Justice Studies.



#### Students' Union Internal Projects

Executive Goal Setting

- Management was excited to be a part of the executive goal setting process.
- Goals have been set, and the final document is being compiled.

Students' Council

• If you could not only have support to understand the operations of Council, but support in your day-to-day activities as a Student Councilor, what might you want/need?

Strategic Plan

- This is planned for Fall 2014.
- Currently planning the process with General Manager Dumouchel.

Student Life Central

- All is under control in the hands of staff!
- One recent addition to the list of opportunities to promote is Crowdfunding (USEED)

All the best,

#### William Lau

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# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

# Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 TELUS 134

#### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-04)

2014-04/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm

2014-04/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on

Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

2014-04/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance- Report

2014-04/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Natalia Binczyk, CAC Chair- Report

Sangram Hansra, BoG Rep-Report

2014-04/5 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period extended 15 minutes

2014-04/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-04/6a KHINDA/CHAMPAGNE MOVE THAT, upon the recommendation of policy committee, move that the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Policy be approved

in first reading based on the following principles:

1. The University is a public institution and therefore should be accountable to the public and committed to high standard;

- 2. Services are essential to the student experience and students are willing to pay for services that benefit them;
- 3. MNIFs are unregulated by the Government of Alberta;
- 4. Existing MNIFs can change at the discretion of the University;
- 5. The cost of attaining a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, the cost of educational materials, and living expenses;
- 6.MNIFs are above and beyond tuition, which is the sticker-price for postsecondary education;
- 7. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to some students;
- 8. The cost of education should be a predictable expense for students;
- 9. The cost of a post-secondary education should be affordable;
- 10. Attaining a post-secondary education should be accessible;

- 11. Students should have meaningful input on what services the fees pay for; and
- 12. It should be clear where, and how, fees levied on students are spent.

Speakers List: Khinda, Mohamed, Gruhlke, Binczyk, Hwang, Zhang, Allard, Hansra, Diaz, Farooq, Orydzuk, Sleiman, Allard

### MOHAMED/FAROOQ MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

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- 5. The cost of attaining a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, the cost of educational materials, and living expenses;
- MNIFs are above and beyond tuition, which is the sticker-price for postsecondary education;
- 7. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to students;
- 8. The cost of education should be a predictable expense for students;
- 9. The cost of a post-secondary education should be affordable;
- 10. Attaining a post-secondary education should be accessible;
- 11. Students should have meaningful input on what services the fees pay for; and It should be clear where, and how, fees levied on students are spent.

Mohamed challenged the chair. The chair ruled that no one could defer his or her speaking time to him.

Challenge withdrawn

## MOHAMED/FAROOQ MOVED TO amend the amendment to read:

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- 6.MNIFs are above and beyond tuition, which is the sticker-price for postsecondary education;
- 7. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to most students;
- 8. The cost of education should be a predictable expense for students;
- 9. The cost of a post-secondary education should be affordable;
- 10. Attaining a post-secondary education should be accessible;
- 11. Students should have meaningful input on what services the fees pay for; and It should be clear where, and how, fees levied on students are spent.

#### FAROOQ/GRUHLKE Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment to amendment: FAILED

Main Amendment: FAILED

#### ZHANG/HUDSON MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

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- 11. Students should have meaningful input on what services the fees pay for; and It should be clear where, and how, fees levied on students are spent.

Motion: FAILED

Mohamed called for division

Lau-Y

Orydzuk- Y

Khinda- Y

Hodgson-Y

Diaz-Y

Hansra- A

Allard- A

Banister- Y

Mohamed- N

Sleiman- Y

Zhang-Y

Gruhĺke- Y

Jacobson- Y

Wong-Y

Croutze-Y

Bhatia- Y

Hooper- Y

Simao- Y

Binczyk- Y

Zeineddine- Y

Kwan-Y

Hwant-Y

Farooq- A

Hudson-Y

Main Motion: CARRIED

#### 2014-04/6b

**ZHANG/HUDSON MOVE THAT**, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, move to approve Bill #1 to amend CRO and DRO hiring procedures, in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1. The elections staff hiring process shall be transparent, consistent, and unbiased.
- 2. The hiring committee for the Chief Returning Officer shall include a non-voting council representative member, a non-voting administrative staff member, voting judicial members, and the outgoing Chief Returning Officer who shall chair the committee and break ties.
- 3. The hiring committee for the Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall include a non-voting council representative member, a non-voting administrative staff member, voting judicial members, and the incoming Chief Returning Officer who shall chair the committee and break ties.
- 4. The hiring committee shall recommend a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Officer to Students' Council for ratification.
- 5. The hiring committee shall hire Deputy Returning Officer(s).

Speakers List: Zhang, Diaz, Hodgson, Binczyk, Hansra, Hodgson

BANISTER/ZHANG MOVED TO amend the motion to read: ZHANG/HUDSON MOVE THAT, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, move to approve Bill #1 to amend CRO and DRO hiring procedures, in first reading based on the following principles:

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- 4. The hiring committee shall recommend a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Officer to Students' Council for ratification.
- 5. The hiring committee shall hire Deputy Returning Officer(s).

Motion: FAILED

DIAZ/ZHANG MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
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Committee, move to approve Bill #1 to amend CRO and DRO hiring procedures,
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- 4. The hiring committee shall recommend a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Officer to Students' Council for ratification.
- 5. The hiring committee shall hire Deputy Returning Officer(s).
- 6. If the candidate recommended by the hiring committee is unable to accept the Chief Returning Officer position, resigns, or is removed from their position, the Council Administration Committee shall approach other candidates shortlisted by the hiring committee. If there are no suitable shortlisted candidates, the hiring committee shall be restruck.

Motion: FAILED

HODGSON/HWANG MOVED TO refer item 2014-04/6b back to the Bylaw Committee

Motion: CARRIED

#### 2014-04/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2014-04/7a

**LAU/HODGSON MOVE TO** appoint one member of Students' Council to the Vice President (University Relations) Review Committee in September 2014.

Nominations: Zhang, Mohamed, Farooq

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Zhang

MOHAMED/ZHANG MOVED a motion from the floor MOHAMED/ZHANG MOVED TO censure the SU executives from 2013-2014 in relation to their misrepresentation of facts in regards to the leadership college

Speakers List: Mohamed, Hodgson, Gruhlke, Hansra, Zhang, Orydzuk, Diaz

BANISTER/HWANG Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Mohamed called for division Lau- N Orydzuk- A

Hodgson- N

Diaz- N

Hansra- N

Allard- N

Banister- N

Mohamed- N

Sleiman- N

Zhang- N

Gruhĺke- N

Wong- N

Croutze- A

Bhatia- N

Hooper- N

Simao- N

Binczyk- N

Zeineddine- N

Kwan- A

Hwant- N

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Motion: FAILED

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

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