# University of Alberta Students' Union STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday June 13, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-04)

- 2006-04/1 <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u>
- **2006-04/1a** Announcements The next meeting of Students' Council will be on June 27, 2006.
- **2006-04/1a (i)** Theresa Chapman resigns from the Revolutionary Speaker's Series Committee.

Please see document SC 06-04.01

- 2006-04/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2006-04/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2006-04/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 06-04.02

- 2006-04/4 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2006-04/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2006-04/5a <u>Audit Committee</u> May 30, 2006

Please see document SC 06-04.03

**2006-04/5b** <u>Access Fund Committee</u> – May 25, 2006

Please see document SC 06-04.04

- 2006-04/6 <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
- 2006-04/6a CHAPMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Revolutionary Speaker's Series Committee,
- 2006-04/7 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2006-04/7a Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) Report

Please see document SC 06-04.05

2006-04/7b

Please see document SC 06-04.062006-04/7cVotes and Proceedings – May 30, 2006

Please see document SC 06-04.07

Dear Members of the RSS Committee,

In the reevaluation of my commitments, I have found that in order to properly give my attention to any committee, I need to belong to a fewer number of them. Please accept this letter as my resignation from the RSS Committee effective immediately. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that my shortsightedness in joining the RSS committee has caused.

Thank You,

Theresa Chapman

## Executive Committee Report to Students' Council June 13, 2006

- 1. The following motions were passed at the May 26, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.
  - a. COURNOYER/YUSUF MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approved the proposed changes to the media policy.
    VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

## THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## **OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT**

Policy Number:	32.01	<i>Effective Date January 9, 2002</i> Page <b>1</b> of	2			
Responsibility for Policy		Executive Committee				
Subject Matter	- Category:	OPERATING POLICY (General)				
	- Specific:	Media				
	- Topic:	Statements Made On Behalf of the Students' Union				

### **Introduction:**

Most student organizations follow a variant of using an official spokesperson, who can delegate some responsibility and ultimately reports to both the executive and legislative branches of their organization. According to Bylaw 1100, the President or the acting President of the University of Alberta Students' Union is the primary spokesperson for the organization. This policy will define how, when and on what topics the organization's secondary spokespeople can speak on.

### **<u>Policy</u>:**

32.01.01	The President shall serve as the official spokesperson of the organization and shall convey the official Students' Union position on issues of general organization-wide impact or significance or situations that are of a particularly controversial or sensitive nature.
32.01.02	The Vice Presidents shall serve as secondary spokespeople for the organization. They will be expected to provide comment relevant to their portfolios in accordance with the Executive Committee's communications objectives. The President shall reserve the right to provide comment on these portfolios.
32.01.03	Service directors will be allowed to speak to the media to raise awareness of their service or to discuss the service's purpose with approval from the Vice President (Student Life) or the President. They may not speak to the effectiveness of their service, critique the Students' Union, or any other issue that is outside of their specific mandate.
32.01.04	All live media will be handled by a member of the Executive Committee at the President's discretion.
32.01.05	Official media releases from the Students' Union must have a contact listed who is considered the author of the media release and has the authority to act as a spokesperson, as defined by this policy.
32.01.06	All official media releases must be provided as information to the Executive Committee.

<u>History</u> :	Date	<b>Board/Committee</b>
Created	Jan.9/02	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Updated	May26/06	<b>Executive Committee</b>

**Date of Council Approval** 

### MINUTES

2006-May-30

## **Audit Committee** Date May 30, 2006 **ATTENDANCE:** Chapman, Janz, Shamana, Cook Guest: Anita Kuper CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 APPROVAL OF Shamana/Janz AGENDA: 3/0/0 APPROVAL OF 3/0/0 **MINUTES: OLD BUSINESS: NEW BUSINESS:** -variance vs budget for ytd NEXT MEETING: Chapman/Janz Powerplant next meeting for dep't review 3/0/0 Chapman/Shamana Marketing Dep't following review of the Powerplant 3/0/0 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chapman/Shamana 3/0/0

At Audit Committee's last meeting Anita Kuper, the Senior Manager of Finance, came and went over the year end overall Profits and Losses for each of the departments of the Students' Union. Audit Committee decided that the Powerplant needs closer inspection due to its especially dismal performance this year. The committee chose to further look at the Marketing department due to the increases in expenses in the past few years.

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## Notes From Anita's Presentation

-Attendance at the UofA was higher than expected and so the Students' Union brought in more revenue from membership fees

-dept 400

• There is a chunk of money budgeted for bonouses to the Senior Managers for exempliary work. There were no bonuses last year

-dept 402

- This department involves the General Manager and all office staff and pays for all office supplies, etc...
- Variance for this department is neglible according to Anita

411

- pos variance large
  - 30,000-increase of percentage rent (for surpassing sale volume)
  - o commission revenue increase
  - \$30,000 from staff savings due to turnover and 2 employees on WCB
  - We have not recieved the utility bill yet
- This department involves the operations of SUB, revenue from tenent rents, utilities, and maintenance of SUB

425 and 555 will be combined into advocacy next year

• This department was under budget because they did not hire all of their staff on time and therefore had savings due to reduced staff costs. They don't expect this to recur

500 & 505

- Catherine is responsible for these departments.
- Savings because Jennifer Serafin was hired late and because of senior staff turnovers (ie senior staff are paid more than new staff)

509

• This department is based on guesswork; variances can be expected

518

- 13000 negative variance is a budgeting error that showed SIEF coming in as revenue but it does not
- The only cost for this department should be cost of event (Awards Night); no scholarship costs 519,520,521,523

519

- didn't spend all they budgeted
- less conference costs; they went to less conferences

521

- This department involves costs for elections campaigns
- Did not use all travel cost budgeted
- Budgeted less this year

523

- Under budget due to conference savings (ie less conferences)
- Spent less on Volunteer PR

600

- This department involves the service manager's salary as well as promotional events
- Overbudget because staff turnover causing the Students' Union to have to pay-out a large build-up of vacation pay upon staff departure

605

- Under budget due to staff savings (Claire left)
- Replaced with cheaper staff

Ombudservice

- Over budget because of error in calculation of CPP and EI when budget was made
- \$2500 was spent on unbudgeted (but approved) conference

SDO

- \$1500 under budget
- The variance is neglible according to Anita

Student Health

• Didn't use all of their expenses

Infoserve

- \$8000-increased sales in housing registry
- Ticketmaster sale increase
- Wages not spent, due to someone sick and manager taking shift
- Buspass sales increase

Student groups granting

• not allocated!!!

Marketing/media

- \$6000-senior manager vacation pay paid out upon leaving
- Did not meet budget for service
- More handbook ads than budgeted

Safewalk

• Didn't spend everything

ECOS

• Didn't spend everything

## SUB Programming

- Didn't do as much as budgeted
- Budgeted an unneeded and therefore unused extra employee
- Saved on programming costs
- Now trying to do off peak events (ie not at lunch)

WOW

• Lost money due to poor weather and Beer Gardens not doing as well in result

Dep't 760

- Involves external entertainment and due to Council action in Budget Principals, it no longer exists
- Over dependant on external factors
- Less shows were done last year

Subtitles

• Custom clothing sales are down

Of the remaining departments:

- Businesses' higher revenue is due to more sales
- Also, some food costs have increased

Post Office

- Got less student loan commission due to less loans processed and the commission percentage was also lowered
- Did poor budgeting—over budgeted Powerplant
- 169,000 under budget just because it's the Powerplant!?!?!?!!!!!

25 May 2006 @ 17:30 - SUB 430

# **Report to council:**

The first meeting of the Access Fund occurred on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (although there was a little mix up about the exact start time...). The councilors in attendance were Omer Yusuf, Brendan Trayner, Sylvia Shamanna, Darren Gray, Paul Kirvan, Michael Janz (proxy for Brock Richardson), Ryan Payne (as esteemed/confused guest).

We started out with introductions, and Kaelan and Jane gave a brief introduction about what the access fund is, how the selection process occurs, and the directions that the access fund might take in the future. We decided to leave any in depth conversations on this topic to a future meeting.

The next order of business was the election of our chair. After a short discussion, it was decided that Sylvia will be chair of the committee, and Omer will serve as a co-chair/ advisor to the chair (this is still a working title, which could change at a later date...).

Finally, we talked about drafting a set of standing orders. Since there was an Oilers game at 6 pm that night, it was decided that we would meet after the council retreat to draft and approve standing orders. At this point, we adjourned at 5:48pm. And with that the first meeting of the Access Fund Committee came to a close.

If any councilors have read this entire report, you can come find me and there might be a small prize for your diligence to reading committee reports.

Have a good night council!

-Sylvia

## Things I Did in the Last 2 Weeks:

- 1. Vacation.
- 2. Came into the office on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:15 am to 6:15 pm and did in fact do work.
- 3. Attended the Federation of Student Leaders Conference in Toronto. Jury is undecided as to whether or not this qualifies as work. More detailed report to follow.

# Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life) **Report to Council**

June 13th, 2006

## Greetings Council,

- Lunch with Don Hickey, Carl Amrhein and Phyllis Clark: This lunch was a meetand-greet between the incoming execs and university officials. We were all provided with an opportunity to ask questions relevant to our portfolios, and I used this time to go more into the longterm goals for space and building development for our campus, and it was interesting to find out that there was a movement to revisit the original campus plan to create an open up our quad at the south end and plans to demolish the admin building.
- □ Transition Project for Gr 12 students: The University is interested in creating a new online forum to educate upcoming U of A students to some of the psychosocial topics relating to students. This forum is visioned to be a two-way communication, supplemented with some form of online media such as PowerPoint/video/Flash. Right now, we're coordinating with the Office of the Registrar, which offers a similar program, and looking for Orientation staff to get involved in the planning and implementation.
- □ WOW Planning Committee: We have a theme, and it is AMAZING. This is the first time in MANY years where the entire committee has committed a unanimous decision in favor of a theme. We're working with the Communications and Marketing department to further develop the ideas that we have, and make sure that we have a unified understanding on what the theme will be to students.
- Graduate Students' Association: I met up with the Vice President Operations and Services, Christy Foley, to discuss the Health Plan Advisory Group, and I'm awaiting appointments from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GSA. We spent some time in the sun talking about other goals for the year, and what projects we might be able to work on together.
- □ Federation of Canadian Student Leaders: I went to a conference in Toronto. I'll submit a formal report of this conference to council as soon as I can.
- June 9: Campus Food Bank retreat
- June 10&11: Students' Council Retreat
  - Access Fund Committee
- June 12: Public Health Response Committee
- June 13: Students' council
- June 14: Workplace Health Promotion Advisory Committee Lunch with Dean of Students, Dr. Bill Connor CFB Board Meeting **Orientation Barbecue**
- June 15-20 COCA: Canadian Organization of Campus Activities.

I've brought a number of discount movie coupons for councillors that are interested. If they would like to take one for themselves, or if they are part of a student organization that would like some free swag, let me know and I'll provide you with all that I can.

# University of Alberta Students' Union STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## Tuesday May 30, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-03)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

## 2006-03/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

- **2006-03/1a** Announcements The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on June 13, 2006.
- **2006-03/1a (i)** Curtis Clark (Faculty of Engineering) resigns from Students' Council.
- **2006-03/1a (ii)** Darren Gray resigns from the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2006-03/1a (iii) Kory Mathewson resigns from the External Policy Committee.

## 2006-03/2 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

2006-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Point of Order: Kehoe – "Standing Order 9 (1) states "a motion to nominate will be a Special Order upon completion of Presentations"

Speaker: Point of order well taken, we will proceed with the nomination motions.

**2006-03/5b (i) SAMUEL/COURNOYER MOVE THAT** Students' Council appoint two (2) councilors to serve on the External Policy Committee.

VP EXTERNAL nominates JANZ; JANZ ACCEPTS VP EXTERNAL nominates SCHNEIDER; SCHNEIDER ACCEPTS

PAYNE/CHAPMAN MOVED TO close nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations: CARRIED

Councillors Janz and Schneider acclaimed to the External Policy Committee.

**2006-03/6a CHAPMAN MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Grant Allocation Committee.

#### TUESDAY MAY 30, 2006

**CHAPMAN MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking the number one (1) and replace with "two (2)"

### Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY

PAYNE nominates CHANDLER; CHANDLER ACCEPTS VP STUDENT LIFE nominates KEHOE; KEHOE DECLINES

CHAPMAN/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO close nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations: CARRIED

Councillor Chandler acclaimed to the Grant Allocation Committee.

**2006-03/6b YUSUF MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint two councillors to the UHS Advisory group.

GRAY nominates SHAMANNA; SHAMANNA ACCEPTS SHAMANNA nominates GRAY; GRAY ACCEPTS PAYNE nominates SCHNEIDER; SCHNEIDER ACCEPTS KEHOE nominates HIMSELF

NEARINGBURG/PAYNE MOVED TO close nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations: CARRIED

Gray requests his nomination be declined: CARRIED

Speaker's List (mm): Shamanna, Schneider, Kehoe

Councillors Shamanna and Kehoe appointed to the UHS Advisory Board.

### 2006-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**2006-03/3a (i) CUNNINGHAM/POWER MOVED THAT** upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Students' Council approve a transfer not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the 2005/2006 Special Project Reserve to the Alternative Programming budget to fund the Revolutionary Speakers Series.

Speaker's List (mm): Power, Kehoe

**KEHOE MOVED TO** amend the main motion by striking "Special Project Reserve" and replace with "Project Allocation"

#### Amendment to the Main Motion: FRIENDLY

Speaker's List (mm): Samuel

**SAMUEL/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO** refer the motion to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Speaker's List (ref): Lewis, Payne, Schneider, Power, Chapman

**LEWIS/KEHOE MOVED TO** amend the motion to refer by adding "be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee to create a budget for Revolutionary Speakers Series for the next meeting of Students' Council".

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### Amendment to the Motion to Refer: CARRIED

Motion to Refer: CARRIED

2006-03/4 QUESTION PERIOD

### 2006-03/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**2006-03/5d (i)** CHAPMAN/LEWIS MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #3 a first time.

#### Bill #3 – Audit Committee Mandate (sponsor; CHAPMAN) Principle (first reading)

- 1. Bylaw 100 s. 16(2)(j) shall be struck and be replaced with the following principal:
  - The Audit Committee shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursal of the CJSRFM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund within 4 weeks of the DFU's compliance with Bylaw 6000 s. 2 with a deadline no earlier than August 31.

Speaker's List (mm): Chapman

### Main Motion: CARRIED

LEWIS/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

### Attendance (2006-03):

President	Samantha Power		Y	
VP Academic	Amanda Henry		Ν	
VP External	David Cournoyer		Y	
VP Operations & Finance (& Executive VP) Chris Cunningham				
VP Student Life	Omer Yusuf	Y		
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Chris Samuel		Y	
Faculty Representation (42 voting seats)				
Argic/Forest/HomeEc	vacant			
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Arts	Chandler, John		Y	
Arts	Janz, Michael		Y	
Arts	Lewis, Cam		1/2	
Arts	Richardson, Brock		Ν	
Arts	Schneider, Tim		Y	
Arts	Sumar, Al-Amyn	Kustra, Bryce	Y (p)	
Arts	vacant			
Arts	vacant			
Arts	vacant			
Augustana (Faculty)	vacant			

Votes 2006-03	Tuesday May 30, 20	006		Page 4
Business	Payne, Ryan		Y	
Business	Cook, Michael		Y	
Business	Gamble, Eamonn		Ν	
Education	Semenuk, Harold		Ν	
Education	vacant			
Education	vacant			
Education	vacant			
Engineering	vacant			
Engineering	Eruvbetine, Prem	Peterson, Avis	Y (p)	
Engineering	Kirvan, Paul	Hansen, Rebecca		
Engineering	Mathewson, Kory	Hill, Dan	Y (p)	
Engineering	Nearingburg, Ben		Y	
Law	Tieman Jonathan		Ν	
Medicine & Oral Health Sciences	Ye, Carrie		Ν	
Native Studies	vacant			
Nursing	vacant			
Nursing	vacant			
Open Studies	vacant			
Pharmacy	vacant			
Physical Education	Gray, Darren		Y	
Rehab Medicine	vacant			
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Bugler, Brittney		1/2	
Science	Chapman, Theresa		Y	
Science	German, Greg		Ν	
Science	Hussein, Bayan	Hussein, Nassrein	Y	
Science	Kehoe, Justin		Y	
Science	Le, Christopher	Jablonski, Amissa	Y (p)	
Science	Shamanna, Sylvia		Y	
Science	Singh, Alamjit	Singh, Jagjit	Y (p)	
Science	Trayner, Brendan	Leitch, Brandon	Y (p)	
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)				
Speaker	Morris, Jason		Y	
General Manager	Smith, Bill		Ν	

## Guests of Council:

Graham Wells