

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-06)

2019-06/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2019-06/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

2019-06/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2019-06/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2019-06/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2019-06/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2019-06/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2019-06/6a **President BHATNAGAR to Councillor TSE:**

"Hi Councillor Tse, I was wondering if you could give us a fulsome update on the Audits that your committee is working on and the respective Councillors assigned to each audit? Monies from a Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) are withheld until the Audit Committee can audit them. Working with a Faculty Association for four years, I know that in the past Faculty Associations have had to stop providing services until their FAMF was dispersed, so ensuring we are efficient is important to me. Thank you and I am looking forward to an update!"

2019-06/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-06/7a **CHEN MOVES**, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, to ratify the appointment to Navneet Chand to the position of Arts Councillors on General Faculty Council.

2019-06/7b **CHEN MOVES**, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, to ratify the appointment to Duke Nguyen and Jie Cheng to the Student Group Committee.

- 2019-06/7c **CHEN MOVES**, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, to ratify the appointment to Sean Gray to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.
- 2019-06/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2019-06/8a **SUNDAY MOVES** to recognize Aboriginal Student Council as a Student Representative Association under Bylaw 8100.
- See SC-2019-06.01.
- 2019-06/8b **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to go in-camera.
- 2019-06/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-06/9a Aboriginal Students' Council Submission to Students' Union.
- See SC-2019-06.01.
- 2019-06/9b President - Report.
- See SC-2019-06.02.
- 2019-06/9c Vice-President (Academic) - Report.
- See SC-2019-06.03.
- 2019-06/9d Vice-President (External) - Report.
- See SC-2019-06.04.
- 2019-06/9e Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
- See SC-2019-06.05.
- 2019-06/9f Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.
- See SC-2019-06.06.
- 2019-06/9g Students' Council Attendance.
- See SC-2019-06.07.
- 2019-06/9h Students' Council Motion Tracker.
- See SC-2019-06.08.
- 2019-06/9i Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
- See SC-2019-06.09.

2019-06/9j Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-05) - Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

See SC-2019-06.10.

2019-06/9k International Student Tuition Changes for Undergraduates.

See SC-2019-06.11.



Aboriginal Student Council Submission to the Students' Union

*2018/2019 Academic Year
June 28, 2019*

We would like to acknowledge that we are located in $\Delta\Gamma^{\prime}b\cdot\dot{\cap}\cdot\dot{\Delta}^{\prime}b^{\prime}\Delta b^{\prime}$ (Amiskwacîwâskahikan) on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional lands of First Nations and the homeland of the Métis nation. Specifically, we respectfully acknowledge that the University is located on unlawfully stolen and unceded Papaschase Cree territory.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tan'si/Hello,

I would like to thank the members of the UASU Students' Council for reviewing the Aboriginal Student Council (hereinafter, "ASC") application for Student Representative Association status. On behalf of ASC, I invite you to closely and thoroughly review our request for Student Representative Association Status. Since its inception over 25 years ago, ASC has acted in a capacity akin to a Student Representative Association. Now, we ask Students' Council to acknowledge this by delegating its representative authority over Aboriginal undergraduate students to the ASC.

Thank you all for your time and consideration in reading this submission. If you have any questions, I would direct you to ask Nathan Sunday, our Vice President Finance who also acts in a separate capacity as Native Studies Councillor.

Thank you,

Katherine Belcourt, President

INTRODUCTION

Originally called the Native Student Club, ASC was established in the 1990s to foster and empower the growing number of Aboriginal students attending the University of



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Alberta. Since then, ASC has continued to represent and advocate for Aboriginal students. The goal of ASC is to improve the lives and studies of Aboriginal students and foster healthy relationships both inside and outside of the Indigenous community. ASC seeks to create a safe and welcoming space to reaffirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through the promotion of culture, politics, academics, athletics, and other interpersonal interests.

ASC proudly acts as a facilitator at the University, offering a number of cultural events for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students throughout the year. In addition, ASC plays a strong role in advocating for Aboriginal students to both the University administration and the Students' Union.

As an organization by Aboriginal students, for Aboriginal students, the ASC believes that it is in a position to represent and advocate for Aboriginal students better than the Students' Union. Although strides have been made in terms of Aboriginal inclusion and reconciliation at the Students' Union, the ASC believes that only Aboriginal students can truly understand our community. As it currently stands, the majority of Aboriginal students do not see themselves as reflected in the Students' Union or its leadership. This is confirmed in the recently released *2018 Undergraduate Survey Report*, which states that there has yet to be a self-identified Aboriginal Students' Union executive



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since the organization's founding 111 years ago in 1908.¹ It is for this reason we ask Students' Council to see fit to exclusively delegate its representative authority, as given under the *Post Secondary Learning Act*, over Aboriginal undergraduates to the ASC.

REASON FOR SUBMISSION

Since its inception, the Executive Committee of the ASC has been elected by Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta. As with a majority of political organizations, be they Aboriginal or otherwise, the ASC exercises responsibility and effective governance through the three (3) tenants of modern democracy: popular sovereignty (rule by the people through free and fair elections and other forms of participation), constitutionalism (the use of constitutions to limit government by law), and liberalism (freedom, equality, and dignity of the individual).² However, the ASC also maintains elements of traditional governance found within many Aboriginal communities: consensus, culture, the inclusion of Elders, and an emphasis on future generations.

Although not yet recognized as an official representative association, the ASC currently operates on a level unlike that of a student group; the main reason for our request for special status recognition. Recent Supreme Court of Canada and Federal Court of

¹ <https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/2018UndergradSurveyReport.pdf>

² http://www.civiced.org/pdfs/books/ElementsOfDemocracy/Elements_Subsection3.pdf



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Canada decisions³ have concluded that urban Aboriginal communities, such as the urban Aboriginal undergraduate community, are political communities akin to Indian reserves. Furthermore, in discussing these court decisions, Dr. Yale D. Belanger states that, “urban Aboriginal political organizations could represent urban Aboriginal interests [...] suggesting further that off-reserve Aboriginal people were a group of self-organized, self-determining, and distinctive communities, analogous to a reserve community.”⁴

Similarly, in its *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Political Policy*, the University of Alberta Students’ Union states that, “The U of A Students’ Union should adopt Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Final Report [sic] that directly relate to the undergraduate experience at the University of Alberta.”⁵ Inherent throughout both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Final Report and Calls to Action is an explicit adoption of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP). Article 3 of UNDRIP further confirms the right of Aboriginal Peoples to collectively exercise their rights through their own governments: “Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they

³ *Cordiere v. Canada* (Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs), [1999] 2 S.C.R. 203.; *Canada (Attorney General) v. Misquadis* [2002] FCA 370; *Ardoch Algonquin First Nation v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [2003] FCA 473; & *Canada (Attorney General) v. Esquega* [2008] FCA 182

⁴ Yale D. Belanger, “The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Urban Aboriginal Self-Determination in Canada: A Preliminary Assessment,” *Aboriginal Policy Studies* 1, no. 1 (2011): 142.

⁵ *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Political Policy*, fact 3.



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freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.”⁶ Such a political status is not binary (i.e., either a member of ASC or the SU); rather, it is generally accepted that individuals and groups have a multiplicity of identities which intersect through many systems.

The ASC is not asking to take over complete membership of Aboriginal students; rather, we are asking to be recognized as a Student Representative Organization in order to achieve some semblance of power balance between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the ASC. Although unfortunate, the ability for the ASC to state, concretely, that its power flows through the Students' Union by way of *government legislation* will legitimize us in the minds of colonial powers and systems.

Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta exercise their self-determination by voting and determining the Executive Committee of the ASC. It is through this act, as well as engagement with Aboriginal students, that the ASC exercises its power to represent Aboriginal students. In short, the ASC, by virtue of its membership and purpose, is a distinct urban Aboriginal government.

BYLAW 8100

According to Students' Union Bylaw 8100, a Student Representative Association, “refer[s] to any association of undergraduate students that represents a definable and

⁶ https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf



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enumerable constituency, to which Students' Council exclusively delegates its representative authority.⁷ Furthermore, in contextualizing this definition, Bylaw 8100 states that the 3 critical roles of such an Association are to:⁸

- a) Act as the official representative of its membership on student issues;
- b) Provide services which are beneficial to its membership; and
- c) Foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency.

Lastly, Bylaw 8100 provides for a list of criteria which collectively create a recognition test.⁹ This recognition test, as seen below, acts as a justification for whether a group can be considered a Student Representative Association or not:¹⁰

- a) The student association represents a definable and enumerable constituency;
- b) The student association has legislation and procedures that are compliant with Students' Union bylaw respecting Student Representative Association and Student Groups; and
- c) The student association is registered and recognized by the Students' Union as a student group.

⁷ *Bylaw 8100*, section 3(1)(e).

⁸ *Bylaw 8100*, section 4.

⁹ The criteria set out in Bylaw 8100 is referred to as the 'recognition test' throughout this report.

¹⁰ *Bylaw 8100*, section 8(1).



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The following section will go into more detail about the recognition test and how it applies to ASC.

CRITICAL ROLES OF AN SRA

Acts as the official representative of its membership on student issues.

Since its creation, the ASC has acted in a representative capacity for Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta. Through our history, numbers ASC executives have sat on boards, committees, task forces, etc., with the sole aim of representing Aboriginal students. However, under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, the Students' Union has the exclusive, legislative authority over the administration of student affairs at the University.

In order to better meet the needs of students, the Students' Union created a framework for the creation of SRAs via bylaw. In the case of ASC, it only makes sense for the Students' Union to recognize us as an SRA, as we are currently already filling the role of one.

Provide services which are beneficial to its membership.

Currently, the ASC provides programming for our members to meet their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. With the passing of the Dedicated Fee Unit in March 2019, the ASC plans to roll out new programming, such as cultural events, a



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childcare subsidy, and awards. As Aboriginal students are almost 4 times more likely to be parents of dependent children than non-Aboriginal students, it is self-evident that programming directed towards parents and the childcare subsidy will be beneficial to our members.¹¹

Foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency.

Through our close association with First Peoples' House, ASC acts to create a culturally-defined and safe Aboriginal community at the University of Alberta. As many Aboriginal students are forced to move away from their homes and family networks to attend University, it is incredibly important to ASC that they feel represented and engaged.

RECOGNITION TEST

The student association represents a definable and enumerable constituency.

Since its inception, ASC has been an organization by Aboriginal students, for Aboriginal students. In terms of the statement above, Aboriginal students make up a definable and enumerable constituency by virtue of our explicit inclusion as a distinct legal status in the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* provides constitutional protection to the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal Peoples in

¹¹ <https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/2018UndergradSurveyReport.pdf>



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Canada. Section 35(2) defines Aboriginal Peoples as including, “the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.” Although never formally adopting a definition of ‘Indigenous,’ the United Nations Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provides the following working definition:

Indigenous communities, peoples and nations are those which, having a historical continuity with pre-invasion and pre-colonial societies that developed on their territories [....] They form at present non-dominant sectors of society and are determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their ancestral territories, and their ethnic identity, as the basis of their continued existence as peoples, in accordance with their own cultural patterns, social institutions and legal systems.¹²

That being said, at a macro-level, Indigenous Peoples make up a definable group within Canada’s cultural mosaic. In terms of the University of Alberta - by way of the University of Alberta Calendar 2019-2020 - ‘Aboriginal’ is defined in relation to section 35.

Although Aboriginal students can apply to the University via the regular admission process, Aboriginal Peoples are also differentiated from the general population by way

¹² *The Concept of Indigenous Peoples: Background Paper Prepared by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*



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of a unique admission process. Once more, as stated in the University of Alberta calendar:

To assist the University in achieving this overall goal, Faculties are encouraged to set aside places specifically for Aboriginal applicants, the number being consistent with the available pool, student interests, and available teaching and learning support services.

Faculties such as Law and Medicine and Dentistry have specific places reserved for Aboriginal students, thus making the Aboriginal student population administratively unique from the general student population.

Secondly, the University of Alberta keeps track of the number of self-identifying Aboriginal students. Partially, this is done in order to track the progress of commitments made in its institutional strategic plan, “For the Public Good.” One such commitment was the creation and implementation of, “an undergraduate and graduate recruitment and retention strategy to attract Indigenous students from across Alberta and Canada.”

¹³ To date, there are over 1,000 self-identifying¹⁴ students studying at the University of Alberta.

¹³ *For the Public Good*, page 8.

¹⁴ This number is likely much higher, as it only accounts for *self-identifying* Aboriginal students. There are a number of reasons and factors as to why an Aboriginal person may not self-identify.



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For the reasons stated above and more, ASC represents a definable and enumerable constituency: that of Aboriginal students.

The student association has legislation and procedures that are compliant with Students' Union bylaw respecting Student Representative Associations and Student Groups

As set out in Bylaw 8100 and 8200, ASC is in compliance with current regulations.

Attached to this report is a copy of our Constitution, ratified at our April 3, 2019 Annual General Meeting.

The student association is registered and recognized by the Students' Union as a student group

ASC is a registered student group with Student Group Services and has re-applied for re-registration. On June 26, 2019 ASC received a registration confirmation e-mail from Student Group Services.



Aboriginal Student Council Constitution

Ratified on October 5, 2006
Amended on March 4, 2011
Amended on October 16, 2013
Amended on August 16, 2014
Amended on April 22, 2015
Amended on April 25, 2016
Amended on April 13, 2018
Amended on April 3, 2019

1. Name and Mandate

1. The name of the student group shall be Aboriginal Student Council; hereafter, “ASC.”
2. ASC operates as both a registered student group under the Students’ Union and under the umbrella of the Dean of Students. As such, ASC is subject to University of Alberta policies and procedures. ASC will also comply with all local, provincial, and federal laws and procedures.
3. The Aboriginal Student Council seeks to create a safe and inclusive space for self-identified Indigenous students to re-affirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through promoting cultural, political, academic, athletic, and interpersonal interests.
4. This document is the general constitution of the Aboriginal Student Council, and as such regulates the transaction of business and affairs of the ASC.

2. Definition and Interpretations of the Constitution

1. In this Constitution, the following terms are defined as:
 - a. **Annual General Meeting** means the annual general meeting described in Section 9(a) of this Constitution..
 - b. **General Meeting** means the Annual General Meetings, Executive meetings, and a Special General Meeting.
 - c. **Member** means a member of the ASC.
 - d. **In Good Standing** refers to a member that has paid all fees by the deadline and has not resigned or been suspended or expelled.
 - e. **Proxy** means a person authorized to act in the place of another.
 - f. **Aboriginal** means to be any person defined as Aboriginal as defined by the University of Alberta’s policy, including those self-identified.
 - g. **Quorum** means the minimum number of Aboriginal Members needed to call an Annual General Meeting or Executive Meeting.
 - h. **Membership fees** means those fees paid through the ASC Dedicated Fee Unit.

3. Objectives

1. The objectives of the Aboriginal Student Council are:
 - a. To create an Aboriginal community within the University of Alberta that supports and maintains continued interest in education;
 - b. To represent the Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta and to promote the significance of education for Aboriginal Peoples;
 - c. To provide the support necessary within available resources to enhance the academic potential of ASC members and to support them in their studies at the University of Alberta;
 - d. to create a safe and inclusive space for self-identified Indigenous students to re-affirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through promoting cultural and interpersonal interests;

- e. to offer extra-curricular activities from time to time to balance academic with social activities for the membership; and
- f. to provide opportunities for political, educational, and/or social engagement on campus (North Campus, South Campus, and Campus St. Jean when possible).

4. Membership Categories

1. There are four categories of Members:
 - a. Aboriginal Members;
 - b. Non-Aboriginal Members;
 - c. Executive Members; and
 - d. Honorary Members.
2. **Aboriginal Members** are individuals who must:
 - a. Be a registered student (full- or part-time) at the University of Alberta;
 - b. Be a *self-identified* Aboriginal student as per Section 5 of this Constitution; and
 - c. Have not opted-out of the membership fees.
3. **Non-Aboriginal Members** are individuals who must:
 - a. Be of non-Aboriginal ancestry; and
 - b. Have not opted-out of the ASC membership fees.
4. **Executive Members** are individual who must:
 - a. Be a member of the Executive Committee; and
 - b. Hold a democratically elected position, as outlined in Section 10 of this Constitution.
5. **Directors**
 - a. Be either an Aboriginal Member or Non-Aboriginal Member of the ASC.
 - b. Granted Director status through a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Responsible for a singular activity and under the purview of a member of the Executive Committee
6. **Honorary Members** are individuals who:
 - a. Are granted such membership via special resolution passed by the Executive to recognize the contributions of an individual to the ASC or its objectives; and
 - b. Honorary Members are not required to pay the ASC membership fees.
7. Any individual may become a member in the appropriate category by meeting the requirements set out in Section 4 of this Constitution as well as helping to support the Council's objectives. However, ASC must have 2/3 of its membership consist of undergraduate students.

5. Proof of Aboriginal Ancestry

1. For the purposes of entrance to the Aboriginal Members category, and to be registered as a candidate in Executive elections pursuant to Section 11 of this Constitution, proof of Aboriginal Ancestry will be accessed in the following ways:
 - a. In accordance with the *Constitution Act, 1982* (Part II, Section 35(2)), an Aboriginal person is an Indian, Inuit, or Métis person of Canada, or a person who

- is accepted by one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada as a member of a community.
- b. For the purposes of proof of Aboriginal Ancestry, the following will be accepted as evidence:
- i. Certified status (treaty) card;
 - ii. Certified Métis membership card;
 - iii. Certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities;
 - iv. Proof that an ancestor's name has been entered:
 1. In the Indian Register according to the Indian Act, or
 2. On the band list of an individual band, or
 3. On the Inuit roll.
 - v. Evidence of an ancestor who received a land grant or scrip under the Manitoba Act or the Dominion Lands Act;
 - vi. Written confirmation of Aboriginal ancestry from the Department of Indian Affairs;
 - vii. Written confirmation of membership by a band council which has enacted its own band membership code;
 - viii. A Statutory Declaration by an applicant attesting to Aboriginal ancestry, supplemented by letters or documentation supporting the Declaration. Such supplemental documents can include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. From an official of a recognized native organization, or
 2. From a relative in an Aboriginal community, or
 3. From the applicant describing involvement with Aboriginal issues;
 4. From signing the University of Alberta Statutory Declaration, signed by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- c. Other forms of proof may be considered, with the adjudication of eligibility occurring on a case-by-case basis.

6. Membership Fees and Rights & Privileges of Members

1. The membership year of the Aboriginal Student Council is September 1 to April 30 of any given year.
2. Membership fees are opt-outable, with the opt-out period being the first month of each trimester of any given year.
 - a. Membership fees are non-refundable outside of the first month of each trimester.
3. Members, as defined under Section 4 and have paid the ASC membership fees, are entitled to all services, programming, and opportunities provided by ASC.
 - a. Certain key funding arrangements are available to all members of the University of Alberta, pursuant to ASC Bylaws.

7. Membership Termination

1. All resignations, suspensions, and expulsions are pursuant to Section 6(c) of this Constitution.
2. The process of membership resignation should occur in the following manner:
 - a. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon notice, in writing, to the Executive Committee via its Vice-President Administration. The individual is considered to have ceased being a Member once the notice is received by the Vice-President Administration.
3. The process of membership suspension should occur in the following manner:
 - a. Any member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, may have their membership suspended for any cause which the ASC may deem reasonable. The Member shall thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the ASC until reinstated by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
4. The process of membership expulsion should occur in the following manner:
 - a. Any member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive, may be expelled from membership for any cause deemed reasonable by the ASC.

8. ASC Premises

1. Premises of the ASC shall consist of the ASC lounge and ASC office. All contents of the ASC premises shall be the property of the ASC.
2. The ASC Lounge shall provide:
 - a. A place for ASC meetings, events, and general social interactions; and
 - b. Lockers for rent by members. The price for locker rentals shall be set by the Executive Committee via a simple majority vote.
3. The ASC Office shall:
 - a. Be where the day-to-day business and long-term activities of the ASC occur;
 - b. Only be occupied by members of the Executive Committee; and
 - c. Have office hours for a minimum of one hour per weekday, held and shared equally by all members of the Executive Committee, except when individual classes/exams are scheduled. Additional office hours shall be set at the discretion of the ASC Executives.
4. When the University of Alberta is closed, the ASC premises will concurrently be closed.

9. ASC Meetings

- 1. The Annual General Meeting:**
 - a. Shall be held no later than April 30 of any given year; and
 - b. The Executive shall sets the location, date, and time of the meetings.
 - c. The Vice-President Administration shall inform the membership of the meeting by publicly posting a notice at the ASC Premises, and contact the membership by e-mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - d. The Annual General Meeting agenda shall consist of matters involving:
 - i. Adopting the agenda;
 - ii. Adopting the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;

- iii. Considering the reports of the Executive Committee, both collectively as a body and each Executive's individual report;
- iv. Reviewing the financial statements setting out the ASC's income, disbursements, assets, and liabilities;
- v. Speeches for the Executive elections; and
- vi. Considering matters specified in the meeting notice.

2. Special General Meetings:

- a. Shall be called through the following mechanisms:
 - i. By a resolution of the entire Executive Committee to that effect; or
 - ii. On the written request of at least two (2) Executive Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at this Special General Meeting; or
 - iii. On the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the full membership. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at such Special General Meeting.
- b. The Vice-President Administration shall inform the membership of the meeting by publicly posting a notice at the ASC Premises at least fourteen (14) days before the Special General Meeting. This notice must state the location, date, time, and agenda of the Special General Meeting.
- c. Only the matter(s) set out in the notice for the Special General Meeting shall be considered at the Special General Meeting.

3. Executive Meetings:

- a. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as often as may be required, but at least twice per month and shall be called by a majority of the Executive.
- b. A special meeting may be called on the instructions of any two Executive members provided they request the Executive in writing to call such meeting and state the business to be brought before the meeting.
- c. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called with at least ~~by~~ three (3) days notice.
- d. Two third (2/3) members of the Executive shall constitute quorum.
- e. Executive Meetings may be held without notice if quorum is reached provided, however, that any business transactions at such meetings shall be ratified at the next regularly called meeting of the Executive; otherwise they shall be null and void.
- f. Each Executive member has one (1) vote. There are no proxy votes.
- g. In the event that a tie vote occurs, the motion in question is defeated.
- h. Meetings of the Executive Committee are open to Members of the ASC, but only Executive members may vote.
 - i. A majority of Executive members present may ask any other Members, or other persons present, to leave.
 - ii. In camera sessions of the Executive Committee are considered closed meetings.
- i. All Executive members may agree to and sign a written motion. This resolution is as valid as one passed at any meeting of the Executive Committee. It is not

- necessary to give notice or to call an Executive Committee meeting. The date of the resolution is the date it is passed.
- j. Irregularities or errors during meetings committed in good faith do not invalidate acts done by any meeting of the Executive.
4. All Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings are open to the public. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee may ask any persons who are not members to leave.
 5. The President shall act as Chair during every Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting. In the absence of the President, any other Executive member may act as interim Chair of the meeting as agreed to by the presiding Executive members.
 - a. The President may delegate their authority to any member of the Executive Committee to act as the Chair of any meeting.
 6. Quorum for all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meeting is 20% of the Aboriginal Membership.
 - a. Should there be a failure to reach quorum, the President shall cancel the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting if quorum is not reached within thirty (30) minutes after the set time. If cancelled, the meeting shall be rescheduled for one (1) week later at the same location and time. If quorum is not reached within thirty (3) minutes after the set time of the second meeting, the meeting will proceed with the Members in attendance.
 7. Any Member, in good standing, shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the ASC. Such votes must be made in-person and not by proxy or otherwise.
 8. The President may adjourn the meeting through a simple majority vote of Members present. .

10. Governance of the ASC

1. The Executive Committee is responsible for the governing and managing of the affairs of the ASC.
2. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee include:
 - a. Promoting the objectives of the ASC;
 - b. Maintaining and protecting ASC's assets and property;
 - c. Approving the allocation of ASC funds;
 - d. Paying all expenses for operating and managing the ASC;
 - e. Financing the operations and approving all contracts for the ASC;
 - f. Maintaining all accounts and financial records of the ASC; and
 - g. Making policies, rules, and regulations for operating the ASC and using its facilities and assets.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least 6 members, including:
 - a. One (1) President;
 - b. One (1) Vice-President Finance;
 - c. Two (2) Vice-President Internal/External Relations;
 - d. One (1) Vice President Consultation and Engagement; and
 - e. One (1) Vice-President Administration.

4. In addition to those members mentioned in Section 10(c), the Executive Committee shall include the following ex officio members:
 - a. One (1) member of the Students' Union, as appointed by the Students' Union.
 - b. One (1) member of First Peoples' House, as appointed by First Peoples' House.
 - c. Any member ratified through a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee may chose, through a simple majority vote, to grant voting privileges to members outlined in Section 10(d) of this Constitution.
6. To be eligible to serve any Executive position for the ASC, applicants must be Member, in good standing, that have paid their membership fees.
7. 100% of the Executive Members must be University of Alberta students and maintain a 3/4 undergraduate student proportion.
8. The Executive Committee must maintain a 100% Aboriginal Member majority.
 - a. This does not include the ex officio members of the Executive Committee.
9. The responsibility for each Executive Member are as follows:
 - a. **President**
 - i. Supervises the affairs of the Executive Committee.
 - ii. Chairs all meetings of the Executive Committee and all General Meetings.
 - iii. Acts as the primary spokesperson for the ASC.
 - iv. Represents the ASC on at least 1/2 of all committees, boards, etc., outside of the ASC;
 - v. Shall inform the Executive Committee of any new information known relating to the ASC.
 - vi. Shall represent ASC in any business in a respectful manner.
 - vii. Shall have signing authority for all cheques made payable by the ASC and must approve all contracts with the ASC.
 - viii. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directors under their portfolio.
 - ix. Shall carry out other duties assigned by the Executive Committee.
 - b. **Vice-President Finance**
 - i. Makes sure all monies paid to the ASC are deposited in a chartered bank, treasury branch, or trust company chosen by the Executive Committee.
 - ii. Has signing authority for any cheques drawn up by the ASC.
 - iii. Makes sure a detailed account of revenues and expenditures is presented to the Executive Committee as requested.
 - iv. Shall develop proposal for donations and, as necessary, for other funding purposes for the ASC.
 - v. Ensures that proper documentation are kept for any money transactions.
 - vi. Ensures that ASC's bank account is in good standing.
 - vii. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directions under their portfolio.
 - viii. Makes sure an final report of the financial position of the ASC is prepared and presented to the Annual General Meeting.
 - ix. Carries out other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
 - c. **Vice-President Consultation and Engagement**
 - i. The primary role of the Vice-President Consultation and Engagement is to engage in external advocacy efforts on the behalf of the ASC and its members.

- ii. Shall act as the primary delegate for the ASC on any policy decisions.
- iii. Will engage with external and internal groups on behalf of ASC when asked to consult on any relevant issues.
- iv. Will engage with the ASC membership on issues related to policy and advocacy decisions.
- v. Shall work with the Vice-President Internal/External Relations to engage in partnerships.
- vi. Will advise the Executive Committee on its strategic direction.
- vii. Will act as the main point of contact between the Executive Committee and the ASC membership on strategic decisions.
- viii. Will ensure consultation and engagement of ASC membership is completed on any strategic or policy decision of the Executive Committee.
- ix. Will lobby the University of Alberta and other relevant organizations on the behalf of the ASC.

d. Vice-President Internal/External Relations

- i. Shall be responsible for initiating and coordinating all ASC social events and attending these events, as time permits.
- ii. Shall provide a report of all internally-coordinated activities to the ASC executive meetings.
- iii. Carries out other duties assigned by the Executive.
- iv. Shall be responsible for communicating and initiating relationships with organizations and peoples outside of the ASC membership.
- v. Shall be the primary contact for members internal to the ASC and organizations outside the ASC seeking to co-create or host events in partnership with the ASC.
- vi. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directors under their portfolio.
- vii. When directed by the Executive Committee, shall attend any external meetings of the ASC when the ASC President shall be absent or when two seats are available to the ASC.
- viii. Shall be the primary delegate for ASC on its social media accounts.
- ix. Shall forward any reports and new information related to external relations to the ASC Executive Committee on a regular basis and make these reports to in all biweekly meetings of the ASC executive meetings.
- x. Shall carry out other duties assigned by the Executive Committee.
- xi. The aforementioned duties will be divided between the two elected Vice-President Internal/External Relations, with such delegation being provided by the Executive Committee.

e. VP Administration

- i. Shall assist the Executive Committee with all communications outside the ASC.
- ii. Shall act as the main administrator of the ASC e-mail and the ASC's correspondence.
- iii. Shall monitor incoming e-mails and distribute them to the most relevant Executive member.

- iv. Shall act as minute taker of the Executive Committee.
- v. Responsible for the creation and distribution of the Executive Committee agendas.
- vi. Shall monitor and maintain the ASC membership roll.

11. Elections

1. The ASC Executives shall be elected in the following manner:
 - a. An Election Officer shall be appointed by the outgoing ASC Executive Committee, by majority vote, at least two weeks prior to the calling of an Executive election. The Election Officer is prohibited from running for an Executive position.
 - b. Candidates for Executive positions must be from within the Aboriginal membership category, as outlined in Sections 4(b) and 5 of this Constitution.
 - c. Candidates for Executive positions must be nominated in writing by five (5) Members.
 - d. The Election Officer shall take nominations, confirm that the person nominated accepts the nomination, and verify that the nomination is supported in writing by five Members. Nominations will close twenty-four (24) hours before the posted start time of the Annual General Meeting.
 - e. All candidates for Executive positions will be given the opportunity to speak for five minutes at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Officer will moderate the speeches.
 - f. The Executive election will normally take place during the Annual General Meeting.
 - g. It is the duty of the Election Officer to ensure that voting is done via secret ballot, according to procedures set by the Election Officer. Upon completion of the voting, the Election Officer shall tally the votes and announce the successful candidates.
 - h. To be considered elected, a candidate for an Executive position must receive the highest number of votes for that position. A tie will result in a secondary election involving only the candidates who are tied. Secondary elections will follow the guidelines and format as defined in 7.1.5 vi.
 - i. Where there is only one candidate for an Executive position (or two candidates in the case of the Vice-President External or Internal), balloting will proceed on a yes/no basis. The majority of eligible voters present must vote 'yes' in order for the candidate to be considered elected.
 - j. Should an Executive member resign or be removed from office during the year, the Executive may, by two-thirds majority vote, fill the vacancy with any Aboriginal Member in good standing who meets the eligibility requirements.
2. All candidates for Executive positions must be of Aboriginal ancestry, as outlined in Section 5 of this Constitution.

12. Term of Office

1. Members of the Executive Committee will serve a term of one year, starting May 1 and ending April 30.
2. Where member of the Executive Committee resigns before the completion of their term of office, a new appointee, in accordance with Section 11 (a)(x) of this Constitution, is to complete only the remaining term of office of the Executive Member who has resigned.
3. Any Executive member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, may be removed from office for any cause which the Executive Committee may deem reasonable.
4. If any individual Executive Member, without lawful or sufficient excuse, misses three consecutive meetings, that member shall immediately be subject to removal by the Executive Committee. Upon such a decision, the above will occur unless it is of the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee, by recorded vote, that said individual should remain in their position.

13. Financial Management

1. The fiscal year of the ASC is considered to begin on May 1 and conclude on April 30 of any given year.
2. The books, accounts, and records of the Vice-President Finance shall be audited by two other members of the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee deem necessary, an external accountant may be hired to provide an audit. The audited records will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The books and records of the ASC may be inspected by any Member of the ASC at the Annual General Meeting or at any time upon given written notice. Each Executive member shall at all times have access to such books and records.
4. Signing authority over any account of the ASC will be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Signing authority over all cheques written by the ASC is vested in the President and Vice-President Finance positions.
 - b. All cheques which drawn upon the monies of the ASC shall be signed by the two Executive positions which hold signing authority, or one other designated member of the Executive.
5. All contracts of the ASC must be signed by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
6. All monies received by the ASC must be deposited in a chartered bank account authorized to receive deposits and to be withdrawn by cheque only.
7. All monies distributed by the ASC must be via cheque, with no other means being accepted.
8. Unless authorized by special resolution of the Executive, no Member of the ASC shall receive any remuneration for their services.
9. Members may be reimbursed for approved expenses by cheque, as long as their reimbursement requests are made, with original receipts, within two weeks following the transaction.
10. The organization shall carry out its business and dealings void of aspirations of personal monetary gain. Any profits shall be used solely to promote the objectives of the ASC.

14. Constitutional Amendments

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by all ASC members. Voting thereupon will be open to all Members of the group-
2. Such members entitled to vote must be present, in person, at the general meeting in which notice of the Constitutional amendments have been duly given.
3. A special resolution involving Constitutional amendments must be passed by a simple majority vote of Aboriginal members present at the general meeting in which notice of Constitutional amendments were given.
4. The fourteen (14) days notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting must include details of the proposed resolution to amend the Constitution.
5. Upon a successful vote regarding Constitutional amendments, the amended Constitution will be considered in full force thereafter.

15. Dissolution

1. Dissolution of the ASC may occur in the following ways:
 - a. The Aboriginal Student Council may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Special General Meeting convened for such a purpose. In this circumstance, ninety (90) days notice must be given, in writing, to all members.
 - b. Membership to the ASC drops below 10 members.
2. Upon dissolution, the Executives will be responsible for ensuring the termination of the bank account and that any remaining financial resources are donated to the Aboriginal Student Services Centre. Any resources or assets will be donated to the Aboriginal Student Services Centre, where appropriate, but will not be distributed to individual members.

Date: July 10 2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2019/20 Report #6

Dear Council,

I have had a really busy few weeks, with high-stress moments for sure. I'm definitely feeling some burnout, but trying to take care of myself so I can best support the Vice-Presidents, all of whom are flourishing! The lack of sun in this summer weather is definitely having some impact, but the weekend is looking good!

1. Executive Committee

- We have completed our Executive Goals document!!!! I am really happy we got this done much faster than anticipated because it just means we can work on them much quicker.
- A lot of us will be out of the office during the month of August for a variety of reasons. I will be out from Aug 7th to the 16th for a CASA Get-out-the-Vote Conference in Calgary, for the Students' Union Development Summit (SUDS) and for a small family vacation.

2. Internal University

- **International Student Tuition Model Discussions**
 - I met with the Registrar to further discuss the implications of the new program based international model. I've attached a few information items to the bottom of this Students' Council Order Papers.
 - As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

3. External Advocacy

- **MLA Meetings**
 - VP Brown and I met with MLA Sarah Hoffman (Critic of Education) and it was a really productive and helpful meeting. We will also be meeting with MLA Lori Sigurdson (Critic of Seniors and Housing) this Thursday!
 - Our asks are around: Accessibility and Affordability, Institutional Funding and Deferred Maintenance, Diversified and Innovative Learning Materials, Student Wellness and Mental Health and Student Employment.

4. Internal Students' Union

- The Director of Research and Advocacy has a dual report to myself (the President) and the General Manager, so we just completed his performance evaluation.
- Stride, the Elections Office and the Office of the President are all partnering to create a series of 'Election 101 Workshops'. If you have any tips/suggestions, please feel free to let me know! These will soft-launch right before the by-elections.

5. External University

- I had a discussion with a student leader from the UBC AMS about how we created our Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity strategic plan at the UAlberta because they are trying to get their University to do the same. Although there is so much work to be done regarding this topic, this plan is one of the first in the U15 schools.
- VP Agarwal and I had a meeting with the Gateway regarding their diversity and inclusion focus groups and it was such a great and productive session.

Thank you for reading my report and I look forward to any questions you may have either via email or during question period. My office hours this semester will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President
Akanksha Bhatnagar

Date: 07/11/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #6

Dear Council,

It is crazy to see how fast the summer is going by. Here is what I've been up to recently.

1. Research Event

The research event discussion group met up and had a robust discussion around the challenges that students face to getting involved in undergraduate research. The game plan is to hold the event in October / November where there will be speakers, booths and other stakeholders present. Some of the major themes that were brought up as challenges to getting involved in undergraduate research were:

- Lack of guidance
- Supervisor relationship
- Lack of exposure to different fields
- Awareness of resources
- Experience often requires previous experience
- Lack of skills
- Understanding of benefits of research

The research group will be meeting again in the next couple weeks to discuss further ideas for topics, sessions, and logistics of the event.

2. Council of Faculty Associations (COFA)

COFA meetings are all planned and I am very excited to be chairing the four boards (Senior Board, Advocacy Board, Member Services Board and Finance & Admin Board). COFA is a place where Faculty Associations can get together in a space and share concerns / ideas about what is going on, while advising the Students' Union on FA related matters. Apart from the COFA meetings, I am continuing to meet with FAs individually to get to know them and some of the goals for their years. If you have any questions regarding COFA, feel free to come chat with me!

3. CAUS Counterparts Planning Committee

I sit on the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Counterparts Planning Committee which is a get together of the executives from the CAUS student associations (students from the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge, Mount Royal University, and MacEwan University). I am excited to be planning this where there will be an opportunity to meet our counterparts and share ideas, practices and solutions to potential shared issues.

4. University Meetings

I met with Tammy Hopper the Vice-Provost (Programs) and was able to share some of my goals for the year. I also met with Matthias Ruth the Vice-President (Research), and Steve Dew the Vice-President (Academic).

I will be out of my office from July 19th - 26th visiting family whom I haven't seen in a while!
Have a great (hopefully sunny) day!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic
Joel Agarwal



Date: 10/07/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #6

Dear Council,

I'll be honest, there is not enough sun and too much rain this summer! Nevertheless, I am looking forward to starting my vacation next week and getting some rest before a crazy August and September.

1. CASA E-Plenary: On July 18th, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations will host an e-plenary of members. The reason for this is that normally, the summer is when the Policy and Strategy Conference is held, but the federal election has thrown off our schedule. Policy and Strategy will now be held in November in Vancouver, where the membership will confirm committee action plans and the advocacy and research priorities. CASA must hold a plenary in July so the membership can approve the audit results, Board of Director Action Plans, and the Executive Director Hiring Process. The action plans and hiring process have taken much of my time over the last two weeks, as I need to make sure that all Board members have clearly laid out plans for the membership. The hiring process must also include enough membership input and be a thorough process to ensure a successful appointment for CASA.

2. GOTV Coordinator Hiring: Over the course of next week, I will sit in on interviews for the hiring of the federal election GOTV Coordinator with our Director of Research and Advocacy, and External Advocacy Advisor. We have also been informed by Elections Canada that they want us to hire 3-4 part-time "Community Relations Officer - Youth", they will fund their salary and we will supervise them as part of our GOTV efforts. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to have more boots on the ground coordinating the campaign and getting students involved in voting! Much of the branding will remain the same as the provincial campaign last year, however, things will be updated and we will need to rebuild the volunteer base.

3. Executive in-town retreat: On July 8, the Executive team did a day-long, in-town retreat where we discussed organizational direction. We also worked on a 30-60-90 goals structure so that we are all aware of how we are accomplishing our goals in detail.

4. Advocacy meetings: On July 9, President Bhatnagar and I met with former Deputy Premier and current NDP MLA Sarah Hoffman. We discussed the need for stronger mental health supports on campus, the benefits of up-front grants compared to tax credits as a means of affordability, and how the Summer Temporary Employment Program can be modernized to encompass degree-relevant opportunities and be year-long. Overall, a great meeting where we also learned more about how she got into politics after being involved in the Concordia

University Students' Union. Tomorrow (July 11), we will be meeting with NDP MLA Lori Sigurdson.



5. Stampede BBQ: While I am in Calgary for the Stampede, I will attend a BBQ hosted by Minister of Advanced Education Nicholaides along with our External Advocacy Advisor.

6. Vacation: From July 18-26, I will be away on vacation. If you need to chat with me about anything, please reach out before or after I leave!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External)
Adam Brown

Date: July 11, 2019
To: Students' Union Council
Re: Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 6

Dear Council,

I have a pretty operational report for you all this week, but an exciting one none-the-less! This week I'll be filling you all in on the progress on our bars' rebrand, renovations to a number of our other businesses, and a meeting of the chairs where we discussed some foundational changes to a few of council's committee's resources.

A Student Voice in the Bars' Rebrand

I've met with our business manager, bars manager, and marketing to start planning out the agenda for the bars advisory ad-hoc committee meeting in August. Everyone is on board and definitely excited to hear from students before we finalize the new changes in the Fall! For those of you on the committee, you can probably expect the first agenda sometime around the next Council meeting.

Student Care Communications Materials

Vice President Larsen and I have been reviewing a variety of materials from Student Care over the last week that will be dispersed first in the fall, then throughout the rest of the year. Our primary goal through the processes has been to ensure accessibility of information and making connections to the Health and Dental Plan as a service of the Students' Union wherever possible.

Dewey's Grand Re-Opening

I've started to plan out an exciting re-opening event for Dewey's in September as the space is receiving some very exciting renovations in addition to its reinvigorated menu! This will likely be an ongoing project through most of July, so feel free to reach out if you have any ideas for this event.

The Daily Grind and SubMart Facelifts

In addition to the work being done on the bars, the organization is finalizing steps to provide a facelift to The Daily Grind and SubMart. The Daily Grind is getting particularly high attention and should see some fairly significant changes completed in the next couple months. I'm definitely excited for all of you to see these changes in the Fall.

SUB Capital Plan Task Force

The remaining members of the task force have now been selected and were just planning out an agenda for the first meeting. I'm extremely excited to hear from all of you on the committee as we try to hash out a solution to our building together!

Meetings of Note

Meeting of The Chairs

The first meeting of the chairs was held recently where we discussed possible changes to funding for committees of Council and a new dedicated budget line for ARRC. On the whole, it seems that the chairs all feel that this is the right direction to move in, though we will need to continue to meet and discuss these changes in greater detail moving forward. Additionally, the chairs discussed possible changes that Audit and Finance committee may see moving into the 2020-21 year. These discussions were also very preliminary, but the discussion was exceptionally helpful around this concept.

If you ever want to meet to discuss ideas, concerns, or just talk, you can shoot me an email and I will do my best to find a time to meet!

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance

Date: 16/07/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report # 6

Hey Council!

It's been a busy two weeks between work, moving to a new apartment, and finding time to go to the Stampede. It was my first time, and holy was I ever overwhelmed by all the people but the food was AMAZING. But back to business, here's what I've been up to since last meeting:

1. Suicide Prevention Day

The Days of Action Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the 6 Days of Action that the University hosts every year, such as Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Day. I am chairing the Suicide Prevention Day events working group and planning messaging, events, and handling the organization of the events in partnership with the Dean of Students. We are planning a public awareness campaign for UASUCares to be incorporated into this, see below for more on that!

2. UASUCares Awareness Campaign

UASUCares is an excellent informational resource to use for when a student needs help finding out which campus resource they can go to for specific types of needs. To better gain campus use of this resource, I am planning to incorporate a public awareness campaign into the planning of Suicide Prevention Day, in the form of a purple ribbon campaign.

3. Sexual Violence Prevention

I have been in meetings with various university administrators over the past few weeks to discuss the hiring of the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator position, as outlined in the Sexual Violence Prevention Framework. We are working with the Sexual Assault Centre, Office of Human Resources and Safe Disclosure, and the Dean of Students' Office.

If any of you are Khalid fans, come see me and I'll airdrop you a concert video.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President Student Life
Jared Larsen

2019-05/2a	BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED to allow a presentation about UASU External Advocacy.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
2019-05/7b	BADESHA is declared appointed to Bylaw Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
2019-05/8c	BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to discuss vegetarian catering.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
	BHATNAGAR/MCKENIZE MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to remove the scheduled break.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
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	GATERA, DRAPER, MARINAKIS, JAMALEDDINE are appointed to the Ad-Hoc Bar Advisory Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
2019-05/8b	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to go in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019
	BROWN/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-05	07/02/2019

Mtg Code	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
01	2019-05-06	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO appoint Luke Statt and Adam Brown to the Students' Council Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0			Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO send the President, VP External, EAA, and Reed Larsen to the CAUS Changeover retreat as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C National Conference hosted by SAMRU as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO recommend Akanksha Bhatnagar and Jared Larsen to the University Presidential Search Committee to be ratified by Students' Council		Regrets from VP Brown
06	2019-06-20	5/0/0	BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a contingency request of no more than \$30,000 for theatre seat cushions as presented.		
06	2019-06-20	5/0/0	BROWN/STATT MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$500 for Executive Media Training as presented.		
07	2019-06-27	4/0/0	AGARWAL/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation of \$1000 for the Senate Student Postering Session as presented.		Regrets from VP Statt



STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, July 2, 2019
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-05)

2019-05/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2019-05/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

2019-05/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2019-05/2a **Title:** “UASU External Advocacy”

Abstract: *The UASU advocates to all levels of government in various ways, and collaborates with other student associations to ensure success. However, much of this work is done in ways that students do not see on a day-to-day basis. This presentation will cover all political advocacy initiatives and the processes these initiatives follow.*

Presenter:

- UASU VP External Adam Brown

BROWN/AGARWAL MOVED to allow a presentation about UASU External Advocacy.
CARRIED

2019-05/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
 Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
 Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
 Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
 Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

- 2019-05/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Student Group Committee - Report.
Board of Governors Representative - Report.
- 2019-05/5 **OPEN FORUM**
- 2019-05/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2019-05/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-05/7a **SUNDAY MOVES** to recognize Aboriginal Student Council as a Student Representative Association under Bylaw 8100.

See SC-2019-05.01.
- 2019-05/7b **DRAPE/BOSE MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of the Students' Council to Bylaw Committee.

LARSEN nominated LARSEN: withdrawn.
GATERA nominated BADESZA: accepted.

BADESZA is declared appointed to Bylaw Committee.
- 2019-05/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2019-05/8c **BEASLEY/DRAPE MOVED** to discuss vegetarian catering.

LARSEN: Supported adopting vegan catering. Noted that the move toward adopting vegan catering would follow an ongoing trend to reduce carbon emissions in food production. Considered that it would also reduce catering costs.

DIXON: Suggested that this issue would be more appropriately discussed at Council Administration Committee, not at Council itself.

ESMAIL: Noted that, at present, Council catering includes both vegetarian and meat options. Suggested that Council should respect individual choice and not remove meat from the menu. Suggested that councillors should adopt environmental responsibility in their own lives without having it pushed upon them. Identified that, in past, councillors generally eat more of the meat option than the vegetarian option. Expressed concern that even the councillors advocating the change choose to eat

meat notwithstanding.

STATT: Noted that adopting vegan catering aligns with internal sustainability efforts.

CHEN: Expressed concern that vegetables are not flavourful and that, moreover, they trigger painful memories.

SUNDAY: Proposed alternating between vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.

BHATNAGAR/MCKENIZE MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to remove the scheduled break.

CARRIED

2019-05/8a **STATT/DRAPER MOVED** to appoint four (4) members of Students' Council to the Ad-Hoc Bar Advisory Committee.

BHATNAGAR nominated JAMALEDDINE: accepted.

ESMAIL nominated DRAPER: accepted.

BHATNAGAR nominated BOSE: declined.

AGARWAL nominated GATERA: accepted.

LARSEN nominated ESMAIL: declined.

DHILLION nominated SAYED: accepted.

AGARWAL nominated DIXON: declined.

LARSEN nominated MARINAKIS: accepted.

GATERA, DRAPER, MARINAKIS, JAMALEDDINE are appointed to the Ad-Hoc Bar Advisory Committee.

2019-05/8b **BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to go in-camera.

CARRIED - 16/1/I

BROWN/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera.

CARRIED

2019-05/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-05/9a Aboriginal Students' Council Submission to Students' Union.

See SC-2019-05.01.

2019-05/9b President - Report.

See SC-2019-05.02.

2019-05/9c Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-05.03.

- 2019-05/9d Vice-President (External) - Report.
See SC-2019-05.04.
- 2019-05/9e Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
See SC-2019-05.05.
- 2019-05/9f Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.
See SC-2019-05.06.
- 2019-05/9g Students' Council Attendance.
See SC-2019-05.07.
- 2019-05/9h Students' Council Motion Tracker.
See SC-2019-05.08.
- 2019-05/9i Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
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International Student Tuition Changes for Undergraduates

The University of Alberta has implemented a new tuition model for international students. The model will be in place for international students who enroll in new programs starting in Fall 2020. Students enrolling for Fall 2020 will begin to receive admissions letters in October 2019.

The Program-based Tuition Model

The new program-based tuition model will allow International students to know the total tuition cost of their program at the time of their admission to the University of Alberta.

International undergraduate students will be provided with the total tuition cost for their program of study, which takes into account:

- the average number of credits required for a degree (e.g. 120 credits for the Bachelor of Arts degree)
- the estimated inflationary cost increases for the duration of the degree
- the financial risk that the university is assuming by offering a guaranteed rate for the duration of a program
- a program's competitiveness within the marketplace
- international student supports

The tuition guarantee will **not** include Mandatory Non-instructional Fees or other costs such as student associations, the U-Pass, textbooks, residence fees, etc.

Payment of the program cost can be completed in either 4 annual installments or 8 semi-annual installments over a four year period. Should a student require a fifth year of study to complete their program requirements, they can do so and will not face additional tuition costs.*

** Payment for mandatory non-instructional fees would still be required if a fifth year were taken. This would include costs for things like student associations, the U-Pass, textbooks, residence fees, etc. Students who have outstanding credits to complete after five years will be required to pay for those remaining courses individually at a new cohort cost.*

As is the case with any rate increases, future rate changes will be brought to the applicable governance channels for consultation and approval.

Why has international student tuition changed?

In November 2018, the provincial government passed Bill 19, an *Act to Improve Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education*. Student associations from across the province, including the University of Alberta Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association took part in the government's consultation process, to ensure that the new legislation would best serve the interests of students.

The University of Alberta's program-based tuition model provides international students with the financial predictability that they've asked for in recent years. This model will continue to allow international students to apply for their student visas and funding opportunities, and will allow them to make an informed decision when selecting their post-secondary school.

FAQs

Why are the program rates for 2020 higher than the rates for 2019?

Instead of unpredictable, incremental increases over each of the four years of a degree as was seen in the old course-based model, a stable, single rate is now applied throughout.

Why are some programs more expensive than others?

As has always been the case, price differentials between programs are not unusual and result from differing credit requirements, differing instructional infrastructure needs, and ensuring programs remains competitive provincially, nationally and internationally.

For example, in a program like Engineering, students are required to complete more credits than other degrees.

What supports will be available to international students who might need financial assistance?

As is the case for current international students, the program-based tuition model will continue to fund financial supports for returning and incoming international students. This includes merit-based (e.g. scholarships and awards) and need-based (e.g. bursaries) student financial supports specifically for international students. Under the program-based tuition model, the amount of money dedicated for these supports is expected to increase, creating greater opportunity for the expansion of these supports after due consultation with students.

How does this model benefit incoming international students?

International students entering the U of A in fall 2020 have the benefit of knowing their full tuition costs before beginning their degree. They can be assured that their tuition fees will remain unchanged over the next four years as they plan their other costs of living in a new country. By ensuring undergraduate students have 5 years to complete requirements we also allow students to make choices about their course load that best reflect their needs and goals.

What type of international student supports will be funded by international student tuition?

International student support funding is currently, and will continue to be, used for merit-based (e.g. scholarships and awards) and need-based (e.g bursaries) student financial supports for incoming and current international students. In future, this amount of money will increase and therefore these supports may be expanded beyond financial supports after due consultation with students.

What if an international student changes programs after starting their degree?

All students who change programs (e.g. students who switch faculties) have to apply to their new program before gaining admission. Once international students are admitted to a new program they will receive a new full tuition guarantee.

NOTE:

The Province of Alberta only subsidizes tuition for Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

"While tuition for international students must be guaranteed, it is not capped. Institutions are expected to charge at least cost-recovery rates to ensure government funding supports access for domestic students." - Guidelines for the Alberta Tuition Framework (March 2019)

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