

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

# Tuesday, October 8, 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-2019-11)

2019-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-11/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**, **October 22, 2019 at 6:00PM** in **Wahkohtowin Lodge on Augustana Campus**.

NOTE: A bus has been arranged to transport individuals from the Students' Union Building, to the Augustana Campus. This bus will be departing at 4:30PM **sharp** from the **Stadium Parkade**, and from **Augustana Campus** at 9:00PM **exact**. Please ensure that you are at the correct location(s) to guarantee that you make it on to the bus.

The **next Order Paper release** will include more detailed instructions.

2019-11/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-11/2a Title: "SUB Capital Plan Task Force"

# Presenter(s):

- General Manager, Marc Dumouchel Students' Union
- President, Akanksha Bhatnagar Students' Union

**Abstract:** Students' Council approved the "SUB Capital Plan Task Force" to aid in creating a plan to solve SUB's deferred maintenance issues. We need to ensure that our building remains economically, socially and environmentally sustainable, so we are working towards finding a solution. This presentation will serve as an update and a consultation with Council on a new plan to tackle the issue at hand.

**BHATNAGAR MOVES** to allow a consultation presentation on the SUB Capital Plan.

2019-11/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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2019-11/5	OPEN FORUM
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2019-11/7	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2019-11/7a	<b>BEASLEY MOVES</b> , on behalf of Council Administration Committee, to appoint I (one) member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee.
2019-11/7b	<b>SUNDAY MOVES,</b> on behalf of Council Administration Committee, to form the Structural Composition Task Force.
	See SC-2019-11.01.
2019-11/7c	<b>BEASLEY MOVES,</b> to appoint one (I) member of the Executive Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.
2019-11/7d	<b>BEASLEY MOVES,</b> to appoint one (I) member of the Bylaw Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.
2019-11/7e	<b>BEASLEY MOVES,</b> to appoint three (3) members of Students' Council who are not members of the Executive Committee to the Structural Composition Task Force.
2019-11/7f	<b>BROWN MOVES</b> to approve First Principles of the 'Tuition' political policy.
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2019-11/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS** 2019-11/9a UASU Students' Council Composition Task Force, Terms of Reference. See SC-2019-11.01. 2019-11/9b First Principles - "Tuition" Political Policy. See SC-2019-11.02. 2019-11/9c Second Principles - "Student Spaces" Policy. See SC-2019-11.03. 2019-11/9d First Principles - Bill #4. See SC-2019-11.04. 2019-11/9e First Principles - Bill #5. See SC-2019-11.05. 2019-11/9f President - Report. See SC-2019-11.06. 2019-11/9g Vice-President (Academic) - Report. See SC-2019-11.07. 2019-11/9h Vice-President (External) - Report. See SC-2019-11.08. 2019-11/9i Vice-President (Operations & Finance) - Report. See SC-2019-11.09. 2019-11/9j Vice-President (Student Life) - Report. See SC-2019-11.10. 2019-11/9k Students' Council Attendance. See SC-2019-11.11. 2019-11/91 Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-11.12.

2019-11/9m Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-11.13.

2019-11/9n Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-10) - Tuesday September 24,

2019.

See SC-2019-11.14.

# Structural Composition Task Force Terms of Reference

#### 1. Preamble

**Whereas** the University of Alberta Students' Union (hereafter, "UASU") is the official body created under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* to represents undergraduate students at the University of Alberta;

**Whereas** the Students' Council is made up of democratically-elected faculty representatives who, collectively, hold the ultimate authority in the UASU;

**Whereas** the Students' Council has delegated some of its authority under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* to a number of Standing Committees;

**Whereas** the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (hereafter, "ARRC"), a Standing Committee of Students' Council given the delegated authority to advance reconciliation within the UASU, released a Recommendations Report which was approved by the 2018/2019 Students' Council;

**Whereas** the 2019/2020 Students' Council approved and adopted the ARRC Recommendations Report (2019-01/7c);

Whereas one of the ARRC recommendations called for the creation of a task force to review the current structure of Students' Council, with particular emphasis on representation<sup>1</sup>; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Students' Council move to create the Students' Council Composition Task Force.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students' Council shall create a task force to delve into the structure of Students' Council representation. This task force should be delegated the authority to review the current model of Students' Council – in relation to Council and student feedback, as well as other university models – and make recommendations on it.

# 2. Purpose

Engagement with the student body is of crucial importance to the Students' Union and foundational to the concept of good governance. Students' Council, in exercising its authority as the governing body of the Students' Union, relies on engagement with the student body to ensure that the work of the Students' Union is reflective of the needs and priorities of students. Just as the student body contains a plethora of identifies and experiences, so too must Students' Council in order to remain relevant.

The Students' Council Composition Task Force will examine the overall structure of Students Council. Specifically, the examination will include a systematic review of student association governance structures across the country, as well as assess the current model of Students' Council as it relates to reflecting the diversity of the undergraduate student population.

# 3. Scope

The Task Force shall produce a report to Students' Council before January 31, 2020 that will seek to provide insight on the following issues:

**Student Governance** - What models of student governance exist at post-secondary student associations across Canada?

**Engagement and Inclusion -** Does the current structure of Students' Council, and in particular Roberts' Rules of Order, create barriers to participation and engagement?

**Feasibility -** How feasible would it be to change the structure of Students' Council to allow for, among other things, demographic seat representation?

# 4. Meetings

Unless otherwise specified by the Task Force, the default meeting schedule shall be biweekly until the end of January 2020.

# 5. Membership

The Task Force will be composed of Eight (8) permanent members with a commitment to meaningful improvements in the governance of the UASU and include:

- One (1) member of the UASU Executive Committee;
- One (1) member of the UASU Bylaw Committee;
- Three (3) members of Students' Council who are not members of the Executive Committee; and
- Three (3) students-at-large with experience or interest in student governance.

Additionally, a Consultation Group will be created whose members are made up of groups, individuals, or associations decided by the Task Force. Collectively, this Consultation Group will aid the Task Force in ensuring a multiplicity of voices and experiences are included in its work. At minimum, the Cultural Group Council will be invited and engaged in this process.

# 6. Requirements

In completing its Final Report on the structural representation of Students' Council, the Task Force is mandated to uphold the following requirements:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of governance models at other post-secondary student associations across Canada;
- Create an informal Consultation Group, whose membership include historically underrepresented communities. The Task Force shall engage in respectful and ongoing dialogue with the Consultation Group, whom it can draw wisdom from throughout the process;
- Gain the free, prior, and informed consent of the Cultural Group Council before releasing its Final Report; and
- Engaging with current and past members of Students' Council throughout the process.

#### 7. Resources

The following resources shall be made available to the Task Force in the undertaking of its work:

- Chief Returning Officer;
- Speaker of the Students' Union;
- Office of Discover Governance;
- Department of Research and Advocacy; and
- Students' Council.

# Tuition Political Policy - First Principles VP Brown, VP Agarwal, Councillor Vargas-Alba, Councillor Kidd

# 1 Facts

- The Government of Alberta has shown an increased awareness of the importance of post-secondary education in our province.
- 2. The Government of Alberta has the duty to fund the cost of a postsecondary education system that has the capacity for all eligible individuals to participate given the increased importance of an educated populace and the growing demands of an emerging knowledge economy.
- The current tuition levels and costs of obtaining a post-secondary education are contrary to the values of a public post-secondary education system;.
- 4. It is essential that the
  Government of Alberta craft a
  policy recognizing the need to
  alleviate the financial burdens
  borne by Alberta's students in
  accessing the post-secondary
  education system.

# 1 Facts

- The costs that students pay in tuition, should be demonstrated in a transparent way by the University of Alberta.
- In 2018, the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) was amended to include:
  - Giving the Minister of Advanced Education (or equivalent) the ability to freeze domestic tuition;
  - ii. A cap on domestic tuition to not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation across a post-secondary institution, not exceeding a 10% increase per program;
  - iii. A mandate that
    post-secondary
    institutions must
    communicate the entire
    sum of a degree to an
    international student
    when they begin

studies;

- iv. An administration and the Students' Union must present a joint submission in order to apply for approval of an exceptional tuition increase to a faculty or program.
- 3. The Students' Union believes that the Government of Alberta has the duty to fund the cost of a post-secondary education system that has the capacity for all eligible individuals to participate given the increased importance of an educated populace and the growing demands of an emerging knowledge economy.
- The high and unpredictable costs of post-secondary education are barriers to students.
- 5. <u>International</u> tuition is consistently being increased beyond the cost of a degree due to a greater reliance on revenues from international students<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/international-students-universities-ontario-tuition-1.4199489

# **Student Spaces Policy**

# Councillors Sayed, Tse, Vargas Alba

#### 2 Resolutions

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  - i. The Students' Union will advocate that student space development match the rate of deterioration.
  - ii. The Students' Union will advocate for better care of current student spaces and the upkeep of essential learning environments.
  - iii. The Students' Union will advocate that student space development follow the principle of carbon neutrality.
- 2. The Students' Union will advocate for the construction and renovation of classroom space such that they reflect advances in pedagogy.
- 3. The Students' Union will advocate that student spaces are open sufficient hours to address student needs.

- 4. The Students' Union will advocate that space planning account for physical accessibility and students' safety.
- 4. The Students' Union will advocate for spaces that account for the need for universally designed spaces, such that they can be accessed by all students regardless of differences in accessibility needs.
  - i. The Students' Union advocacy on space allocation and building development policies will prioritize buildings that remain most inaccessible to students.
- 5. The Students' Union will advocate for extensive and sufficient consultation with students prior to developing new student spaces on campus.
  - i. The Students' Union will work towards ensuring that students will be responsible for the lowest possible cost for space development, renewal, and maintenance.
- 6. The Students' Union will continue to provide students with space to pursue their academic and extracurricular goals.
  - i. The Students' Union will work towards a better awareness of the current spaces available for students.

Bill 4 First Principles: Separating Bylaw 2200 into two separate bylaws.

- 1. Bylaw 2200 is currently 48 sections long
  - a. The average length of a bylaw is 14 sections.
    - i. This makes bylaw 2200 3.5 times longer than the average bylaw.
- 2. Currently bylaw 2200 governs both Executive committee and Board of Governors Representative (Bog Rep) elections, as well as Plebiscites and Referenda.
  - a. Despite temporal alignment, these items are quite different.
- 3. The Students' Union is dedicated to making governance accessible to all students
  - a. By having both Plebiscites and Referenda, as well as Executive and Bog Rep elections governed by one bylaw only serves to confuse those who seek to understand bylaws.
- 4. Bylaw committee believes due to the unique material within it, bylaw 2200 should be split into two sections,
  - a. One governing Executive committee and Bog Rep elections
  - b. One governing Plebiscites and Referenda

# Bill 5: Reducing reliance on student fees through fundraising.

- 1. The Students' Union is committed to reducing reliance on student fees.
  - a. External donations obtained through fundraising is one way to reduce the reliance on student fees.
- 2. The Students' Union currently possesses the Student Endowment Involvement Fund (SEIF), which provides funds used for awards and scholarships for students.
- 3. Currently there is no Executive Committee position dealing with fundraising for the Students' Union
- 4. Introducing fundraising as a responsibility of the Vice President (External) allows for the position to expand to occupy non-political responsibilities.
- 5. Bylaw committee believes that in an effort to reduce reliance on student fees the ability to fundraise should be given to the Vice President (External) under the distributions of powers outlined in bylaw 1100



OFFICE OF THE

# **President**

**Date**: Oct 1st 2019

**To**: Students' Union Council **Re**: President 2019/20 Report #10

Dear Council,

September was exhausting, but also exhilarating. I definitely had the most difficult month of my life, and could not have gotten through it without the support of the VP's, and our GM - I really am so grateful for them. I am hopeful for the rest of the year, and know that we will do some incredible work together! Fall is always cut short by a frigid Winter, so here's to hoping it doesn't snow too badly for a while. Read ahead for some updates and I look forward to any questions.

#### 1. Executive Committee

- We all hosted our annual Campus Saint Jean BBQ with incredible weather, Beyond
  Meat burgers, and lots of getting out the vote! VP Agarwal, VP Brown and I also went to
  Augustana to do some get out the vote work! We are leading the country in pledges!!
- All of us went to the Chancellor, Doug Stollary, place for an annual dinner and it is always incredible to learn from him, Scott and Derek from the Senate Office was also there.
- The Executive will be launching our *Shadow Days* to hopefully get students to run during the general election, but also just to learn about what it is we do!

# 2. Internal University

#### - Presidential Search Committee

- VP Larsen and I have been busy at work with this Committee. The meetings are long, but we learn a lot each time. The timelines are tight to hire a new President, but we have been moving along well.

# Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

This committee met after a few months of the EDI Strategic Plan being out. We
discussed our work plan for the year, where student demographic collection was
added. I've been advocating for this since I was VPA, so I am really happy to see
this file be completed.

# - Board Finance Property Committee

 We talked about our committee work plan which includes: the MNIF report, mandatory student instructional support fees, tuition briefing/assumptions/scenarios, international tuition and student residence fees.
 We also spent a lot of time in closed discussing budget scenarios.

# - Board Learning, Research and Student Experience Committee

This was the first BLRSEC meeting ever, and we also discussed our work plan which included: the International Strategic Plan implementation update, Undergraduate enrolment report, Annual report from the Office of Student Conduct and Accountability, Annual report on undergraduate financial support, November, Suicide prevention, EDI progress report, and the Sexual Violence Policy implementation.



 We also had a strategic discussion on mental health programs and wellness initiatives where I talked heavily about implementing a cultural lens in our services - as per one of my platform goals.

#### - Brand Audit Consultation

 University Relations is moving on a Brand Platform Development Project to discover an institution-wide comprehensive brand platform around the core institutional narrative, supporting Objective 6 of For the Public Good (FPG). Scott Thornley and Company (STC) have been engaged as brand consultants in the platform development and I met with them to discuss my view of the undergraduate brand. I love discussing this sort of work, so it was a really amazing meeting.

# 3. External Advocacy

# - Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

- I am the Vice Chair of the Governance Internal Review Committee for CASA, and some of the projects I am working on re-working CASA's election procedures, and looking at updated membership fee structure to work with our Ontario schools.

# - External Meetings

VP Brown and I are meeting with the meeting with Advanced Education
 Minister Demetrios Nicolaides next Thursday at the Legislature and with the
 Strategic Advisor from the Office of Mayor Don Iveson Bin Lau.

#### 4. Internal Students' Union

- The 3rd Stride Cohort is getting started!!! I will be at a day-long retreat on Saturday for it.
- I am hosting **Election Workshops** this year, open to the public!! I have a lot to say about the elections and candidates wanting to run, so please feel free to reach out.
- VP Statt, GM Marc Dumochel and I have been really hard at work developing a sustainable solution to the issue of deferred maintenance in SUB. We will give a presentation soon to Council to get some feedback, but we have officially closed the SUB Capital Plan Task Force and are excited to bring the discussions to Council.
- I am meeting with the Office of Human Rights and Disclosure to discuss a vision on how we can get EDI training integrated into our staff structure at the UASU.
- We've launched SU ID cards, ask us to see them, they're pretty sick, in my opinion!

# 5. External Campus Community

VP Agarwal and I were honored to attend a Roundtable Luncheon w/ His Excellency Vikas Swarup, High Commissioner of India to Canada today. It was hosted by UAlberta International with remarks by Dr Cen Huang, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International), Dr Amit Kumar, Interim President, Engage India: Association of Professors and by His Excellency Vikas Swarup, High Commissioner of India to Canada. We were able to talk about the importance of the UASU on campus, student research, mental wellness & academics, and work-integrated learning. It was really an incredible opportunity.



- I was on <u>AlbertaPrimeTime</u> talking about the **potential impacts of the MacKinnon Report** on the Post-Secondary sector. We know this report is just a set of recommendations, but when these recommendations start becoming policy, we want to be at the table to voice our feedback directly.

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 will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union President

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Akanksha Bhatnagar



# OFFICE OF THE Vice President Academic

Date: 10/08/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #9

Dear Council,

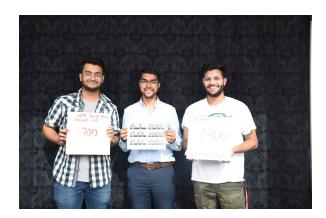
Autumn is upon us with the sweet smell of pumpkin spice, beautiful colours and the crisp chill in the air. Things are moving at a steady pace. Here are some important updates since my last report.

# 1. Be Book Smart Fair

On September 13th, 2019 from 10 a.m. -2 p.m., the Be Book Smart Fair was hosted, with approximately 500 people attend, an overall success! Students learnt about the many alternatives to high cost textbooks, copyright, plagiarism, student advocacy while enjoying free pastries and coffee! I am excited at the turnout, an improvement from last year, and hope to see continued work in educating students and likewise faculty on the benefits of open educational materials. Thanks to the Councillors who volunteered and who came out to the event. This would not have been possible without the support from both students, staff and faculty!







# 2. General Faculties Council (GFC)

GFC started up, the first for the Fall semester, and I chaired the GFC Student Caucus meeting where many of you were there. GFC is the highest academic decision making body at the University of Alberta, and I am excited to see more students run in the upcoming by-elections. At the GFC meeting, President Bhatnagar presented on the Students' Union Executive Goals which were received quite well. The first draft of the free expression principles were brought to GFC where there was robust discussion.

# **Council of Student Affairs (COSA)**

- If you are interested in joining this committee, please feel free to talk to me! There are some open spots, and this would be a great opportunity to learn about student governance, and have your voice heard!



# **Vice President Academic**

# **GFC Academic Standards Committee**

- This was the first committee meeting with the new approved Terms of Reference. ASC will serve to provide oversight on matters related to admissions and transfers, academic standing, and academic programs.
- Approved changes to existing entrance requirements and academic standing regulations for Faculty of Science. Lengthy discussion surrounding the proposed removal of "first class standings" within the Faculty of Science. Most Faculties at the UofA currently do not require students to carry a minimum course load to be eligible for the honorifics With Distinction and First-Class Honors.

# 3. Gov Week Planning Committee

Gov Week will be happening in January 2020 once again! The dates are being decided, however I will be setting up a committee (Gov Week Planning Committee (GWPC)). I will keep you in the loop about this!

# 4. Faculty Association / SU Councillor / SU Exec Mixers

We hosted the first mixer at Deweys where a few FAs, Councillors and the SU Execs were able to meet and get to know each other over some snacks! This was a great time to chat and build connections between the various parts of the Students' Union as an organization. I am looking forward to the next mixers which will be occurring in the next few weeks.

# 5. Free Expression Advisory Committee

The Free Expression Advisory Committee has been meeting regulariary and I am happy to see the extent of consultation that is being done especially on such a tight timeline. If you have any concerns or comments regarding the <u>draft principles</u>, feel free to reach out to myself or any other member of the committee. Alternatively, you can email your feedback to <u>free.expression@ualberta.ca</u>. I am very excited about a community consultation review workshop which will be happening on October 8 (10:00 - 12:00) in Council Chambers (Room 2-100 CC) 2nd Floor, University Hall. This will be an open workshop and panel discussion featuring expert commentary and a scenario based exercise to explore the complexities of freedom of expression in the university context and to discuss the draft principles. I strongly encourage you to <u>RSVP</u> and attend this event so that you are able to provide meaningful and informed feedback!

# 6. ARRC Launch Event

I was happy to attend the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee launch event regarding all the work that has gone into the ARRC Recommendations. Much work over the years have gone into these recommendations, and I am excited to move forward on these. I have set a meeting with Florence Glanfield the new Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research), and am looking forward to future collaborations!



# **Vice President Academic**

# 7. Get Out The Vote - Augustana Campus!

Myself along with President Bhatnagar, Vice President Brown and our External Advocacy Advisor Robert Nelson headed to Augustana Campus to table and get students aware of some of the questions they may have surrounding the Federal Elections. We tabled and were able to get pledges to vote. It was also very nice to see the Augustana Students' Association President and VPs there!

# 7. Campus St-Jean BBQ

The SU executives hosted a BBQ at Campus St-Jean and were able to meet many students, while handing out free food! CSJ has a beautiful and unique culture and it was great to be able to spend a few hours with students from there, and as well with members of AUFSJ.

As always, feel free to reach out to me for anything! If you've read this far - thanks! I filled my candy bowl with new candy, so please come by my office! My office also now smells really nice since I discovered diffusers!

Cheers.

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic

Joel Agarwal



OFFICE OF THE Vice-President (External)

Date: 03/10/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #9

Dear Council,

What a September we had! It was not without its share of challenges and opportunities, but at least it was not snowy.

- **1. CASA ED Hiring:** As Chair of the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's Executive Director Hiring Committee, I have been working with our staff and committee to launch the search process and begin sifting through the applications. It is my hope that I will be able to do interviews in Ottawa in late October, and have the successful candidate start the position in November. This way, the membership will be able to confirm their appointment at Policy & Strategy 2019 at the end of November. Having a new, permanent Executive Director will help address staff capacity at CASA ahead of what will be a lot of planning for Advocacy Week in February.
- 2. GOTV: Our Get Out The Vote team has been very busy all month! The UASU's pledge total is approximately 5,800, the largest amount in the country! Our efforts have included collecting pledges at the annual Campus Saint-Jean BBQ hosted by the Executive (150 pledges!), giving away free popcorn at Augustana Forum (110 pledges!), and hosting a debate on October 3rd. Thanks to all who came to hear candidates from the Liberal Party, Green Party, People's Party, and New Democratic Party. We have also been hosting federal leaders debates at Dewey's, and are working with AUFSJ to host a viewing event for the French debate at Campus Saint-Jean. Finally, I was honored to be asked to be an Alberta guest editor for The Star Edmonton and Calgary as part of their federal election coverage. My message was simple: we need to combat stereotypes and stigmas to empower students and youth to vote. If we all show up to cast a ballot, change will be made. I would like to make a huge shoutout to External Advocacy Advisor Nelson, GOTV Coordinator Ford, and all of our volunteers who are working so hard to engage students. Don't forget that election day is October 21st, and advance polls to vote anywhere are from October 4-9 in SUB!
- **3. UEQ Negotiation:** The CASA Interim Executive Director, Director of EDI, and I have been engaged in renegotiations with the Quebec Student Union (or Union Étudiante du Québec) on the partnership agreement between the two organizations. This partnership allows CASA to be the only federal student advocacy group to represent Quebec students which contributes a great amount of influence to CASA's advocacy. It is my hope that this agreement will be finalized by the membership at Policy and Strategy 2019 at the end of November.
- **4. URSU Trip:** Earlier in September, I travelled to Regina on behalf of CASA to present to the Board of Directors of the University of Regina Students' Union. The URSU are currently observers of CASA, meaning that they have 2 years to attend conferences as non-voting observers before



# **Vice-President (External)**

having to make a decision to join or not join CASA. The presentation I gave was very well received, so I am hopeful that we will continue to see them move towards membership.

- **5. Senate:** From September 26-27, I attended meetings of the University Senate along with the other student Senators. We received presentations from President Turpin, the Deans of the faculties of Law and Business, now former VP University Relations Tam, and discussed the implications of provincial budgets on the University.
- **6. Fundraising**: Now that GOTV and other political and CASA projects are underway or near completion, I have been able to focus on some other goals for this year. I have approached Bylaw Committee about proposing a change to the bylaws governing the responsibilities of the VP External, to add fundraising as a responsibility. Expect to see this change at this coming Council meeting, and don't hesitate to ask questions or voice concerns! I strongly believe that the VP External is well situated to take on fundraising for the SU as I sit on the UofA Senate and Alumni Council, as well as try to liaise with external stakeholders.
- **8. Alumni**: Over the last month, I have participated in meetings of the Alumni Council and Council Priorities Committee. The Priorities Committee has begun evaluating how the Alumni Association can better support students as they transition into post-graduation life. I communicated that the association should be trying to communicate its value to these new grads by aiding in networking and job seeking opportunities. They should also not be, in my view, soliciting donations from alumni for the University until the alumni are at an age where they have paid off their loans and are in a financially stable position to donate. Until then, they can be asked to volunteer their time, but paying off loans greatly comes before donating to the institution they went into debt to attend.
- **9. Brand Platform Advisory committee:** I have been asked to sit on the University's Brand Platform Advisory Committee as the University goes through a rebranding process. So far the committee has only met once, but it is very interesting to learn about the public perceptions of the University and analyze the reasons for various views.

On a personal note, I have been asked to be a co-host for the Rassemblement Jeunesse (or RaJe), put on by Francophonie Jeunesse de l'Alberta (aka Francophone Youth of Alberta)! The event brings together 800 students in grades 7-12 from francophone schools across the province for a day of workshops, concerts, and leadership development. It also instills a pride in being francophone and living in French in Alberta, something I hold very dear.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External)

**Adam Brown** 



OFFICE OF THE

# **Vice President Operations & Finance**

**Date**: October 8, 2019 **To**: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance Report #9

Dear Council,

It was a great first month in the office during the Fall term! During this last month, I've been hard at work with negotiations, event planning, creating advisory committees, the PERKS Beata test, and some other things I'm looking forward to showing all of you soon! Keep reading for this month's dive into the specifics!

### The Businesses

# Dewey's

The planning for the upcoming Dewey's Bash event is almost done! The purpose of the event is to Feature all the new changes to the business (such as the renovations, menu, stage for performances, and the loft is open at all times now). We are hoping that it will effectively communicate the positive changes we have been trying to make and remind students of all the fun their campus bars can offer. The event will be hosted on October 17 from 2-9 and will feature:

- -All Day Happy Hour
- -food and drink tasting
- -prizes
- -live entertainment
- -and a free game of billiards for anyone who comes by!

Look forward to seeing you all there!

# **Advisory Committees**

# The Bars Advisory Comittee

The Bars Advisory comittee will be meeting again in the next week or so to further evaluate the implementation of the new menus and feels for RATT and Deweys after giving the students an opportunities to test out the new direction for the month. Following this meeting, we will have one more meeting of this ad-hoc comittee before its responsibilities are rolled into the permanent Business Advisory Comittee in a month or so.

# The Business Advisory Comittee and the Building Advisory Comittee

I am currently just finishing drafting the terms of reference for these soon-to-be critical student-centric operational committees. As previously mentioned, the Business Advisory Comittee will be taking on the responsibilities of the Bars Advisory Committee and much more once it's fully running. The responsibilities of this comittee will include:



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- -Review the operations and propose recommendations on how to improve operations to increase student satisfaction and overall profitability.
- -Provide advice to senior management in charge of the UASU business operations through the Executive Committee and relevant managers as appropriate.
- -To the best of its ability, the committee will strive to have its agenda and items of discussing parallel those of the Students' Union's own internal Business group.

The Building Advisory Comittee development is also underway. This committee will provide input on the various programming that happens inside of the Students' Union Building, including the implementation of a few of the ARRC recommendations such as a greater presence of indigenous art in SUB, renaming some of the meeting rooms to reflect the land we are on, and the placement of a mural somewhere in the building.

# **Events Coming Your Way**

# United Way

I've been working closely alongside the United Way to plan two of their events for the coming year: their yearly kick-off party and their Warp-up event. It looks like they'll be using our spaces, SUB Stage and Dewy's respectively, for the venues as well as Horowitz catering for the food and drinks. Also, in addition to the venue and catering planning, the United Way Comittee is looking to get students involved to get the word out about the cause and help get people involved in volunteering. If you or someone you know would be interested in this, please let me know!

The first event that's coming your way will be the United Way Coffee Day, where all proceeds from small drip coffee and small slushies will be donated to support the United Way all day October 15. Make sure to pick up one of the two drinks to support the cause! Next up, the United Way will be running the annual Kick-Off Event where they will have speeches and a cultural dance performance on SUBstage around noon, followed by a special RATT on the Patio for the event! The RATT on The Patio will be running from 11-4 so you all will have plenty of time to experience it if you didn't have an opportunity to during the summer. This event will be happening on October 9th at 12:15.

# Follow-Ups

# ARRC Event

The ARRC event went well, the attendance was good and i think a lot of students who where at the poster sale noticed it happening. It was great to see councillors, staff, students, and event the Gateway all make their way out for such an important moment!

# PERKS Web App

The UASU tried out a new rewards program which aims to help us better engage students. *Perks* was a new mobile web app that allowed you to get prizes and rewards for engaging with





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your Students' Union. It is beta testing until the end of September and is now being reviewed and analyzed before its full release. Initial looks are showing very positive feedback and results!

# **UASU Executive Job Shadow Days Fall 2019**

Interested in learning more about what your UASU Executives do? We will be hosting job shadow days to encourage you to run in the general election or to get involved in the UASU. In these two hour sessions, there will be time to learn about the portfolio, ask any questions, and then shadow an Executive to an exciting meeting!

For a basic description of each portfolio visit: <a href="https://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/executives/">https://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/executives/</a>

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,

Lake De

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance



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# **Vice-President Student Life**

Date: 10/08/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report October 8th

Hey Council!

First of all, welcome to the new councillors recently elected in the by-election!

September was a pretty wild month with lots happening on campus, really happy to see we haven't gotten the snow that our friends in the south have. I've detailed in my report here some of the bigger things that I've been working on since we last met, feel free to ask me anything about it.

# 1. Proposal for Restorative Initiatives

As VPSL, I sit on the Restorative Initiatives for Sexual Violence Next Steps working group. This group has been working for the last few months to develop a proposal for the Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Executive Steering Committee. This proposal is called *Implementing a Restorative Practices Initiative: addressing harm in the learning / working / living environment.* The proposal fully embraces the idea of Restorative Initiatives to tackle a wide variety of issues on campus, including sexual violence and much more. As work continues to be done with this proposal, I will be working closely with various University departments to hopefully see this plan come to fruition.

# 2. Campus Safety and Security

Following the Campuses and Facilities Safety and Security Committee's Action Plan work that the University had completed throughout the summer, the committee met last week to look at some data from UAPS as to how our campuses were now doing for safety. Overall, we have seen a significant decrease in incidents in HUB following the locking of the doors, which was very good news. We had also seen an increase in assaults and bike thefts on campus, which raised some red flags. I raised these issues to the committee and we planned some messaging tactics to people to help prevent bike theft on campus, as well as emphasizing the importance of safewalk and other safe practices on campus.

Over the past 2 weeks I have also had the opportunity to discuss campus safety and security to a few media channels including the Jespersen show and CityTV News.

# 3. Council of Residence Associations

The Council of Residence Associations is undergoing a great task this year and developing a long-term strategic plan to help guide advocacy for residences in the future. This strategic plan will also help the Students' Union advocate for students in residence in the future, as part of the strategic plan includes overhauling the SU's Residence policy. The council is also beginning to amalgamate all of the election bylaws for the individual Residence Associations to create an





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overarching elections procedure with the hopes of being able to clear any confusion around how elections are supposed to work.

The Council is also in the midst of re-scheduling RezFest, with more information to come once a date is finalized with the artists!

# 4. Students Who Parent Policy

Consultations and data collection have begun for the Students Who Parent Policy and I am very excited to be leading this policy with support from Councillor Vargas Alba and Councillor Isaac! Keep an eye out for the first principles of this policy, it'll be coming to a Council meeting near you within the next couple of weeks.

So far in our consultations and data analysis, we have found that students who parent are the most significant population of students facing issues of food insecurity, and that First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students are over three times more likely than other students to be parents of dependent children.

# 5. Pedestrian Crossings in the Bus Loop

I had a meeting on the 4th with Facilities and Operations and the University Architect to discuss what the future of the pedestrian crossings could look like in the bus loop. As the bus loop is currently seeing some construction, we are advocating the the University re-surface the crosswalks to reflect LGBTQ2S+ and Trans Pride colours. I will keep all of you posted as to how the work with them goes.

If any of you have questions or comments, please feel free to come and talk to me!

Cheers.

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President Student Life

Jared Larsen

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2019-10/2a	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow a presentation from the UASU Landing Society.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7a	DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVES to approve the Second Principles of Bill I, Updates to Bylaw 1500.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7b	DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVED to approve the Second Principles of Bill 2, Updates to Bylaw 2500.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7c	DIXON/DRAPER MOVED to approve the Standing Orders for the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7d	DIXON/KIDD MOVED to appoint 2 (two) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
	VARGAS ALBA MOVED to amend the motion to read "appoint 2 (three) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Con	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
	DIXON, JAMALEDDINE are declared appointed to the Sustainability Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7e	TSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to approve Second Principles of the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/7f	AGARWAL/BOSE MOVES to approve Second Principles of the Scholarships and Bursaries Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/8a	LARSEN/BOSE MOVED to appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the PAW Strategic Operating Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019-10/8b	BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED to discuss climate change issues.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
	HADDOUCHE MOVED to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019
2019/10/8c	BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED to go in camera	CARRIED	SC-2019-10	09/24/2019

	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, September 24, 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 ADJOURNED AT 10:13PM**

#### **VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-10)**

2019-10/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2019-10/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**,

October 8, 2019 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers.

2019-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-10/2a *Title:* "Introduction to the Student Advisory Committee"

**Abstract:** The Landing Student Advisory Committee is an LGBTQ2SPIA+ advising body that has been created to operate within The Landing and the Students' Union frameworks to advocate and create safer spaces for students in this community. The committee was built on the concept of Intersectionality and holds the core values of responsibility, determination and respect to ensure that all members of the LGBTQ2SPIA+ community have the access and ability to be heard and listened to when decisions that affect them are being made.

**Presenter(s):** Ryan Au, Nadia Sadiq, Kat Clintberg, Parul Kanwar, Mitchell Pawluk and Tahra Haddouche.

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow a presentation from the UASU Landing

Society. CARRIED

See SC-2019-10.01.

#### 2019-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report. Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report

Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

# 2019-10/4 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. Translation Committee - Report. Board of Governors - Report.

# 2019-10/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Student Life, as to how he is responding to the recent increase in bike theft and harassment as outlined in the University's Risk Management Services Health and Safety Indicator Report.

LARSEN: Responded that he is working with the Campus Safety and Security Committee to encourage students to be aware of how they can improve the safety of their property and body when on Campus.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to why he was not present at the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee Recommendation Launch event.

BROWN: Responded that he was unable to attend as the Launch occurred concurrently with a meeting between himself and the University administration.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he would comment on the recently released 2019 Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms's Campus Freedom Index which graded the Students' Union as having an F for its policies and a C for practices.

BROWN: Responded that the Executive was not aware of the 2019 Campus Freedom Index. Noted that the University free expression policy is in development.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to how he expects Aboriginal students to trust him as their representative if he is unable to attend events, such as the ARRC Recommendations Launch, recognizing them.

BROWN: Responded that he was unable to attend as the Launch occurred concurrently with a meeting between himself and the University administration. Noted that he regrets being unable to attend the event.

GATEWAY: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether he would clarify to what 'misinformation' he referred in his report.

AGARWAL: Responded that, contrary to what many students appear to believe, the decision to merge the East Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies department has not been formally approved by General Faculties Council and that there remain to be consultations with students.

KLOOSTER: Inquired, to the chair of Council Administration Committee, as to why coffee was not served at today's Council meeting.

BEASLEY: Determined to investigate this issue.

COOK: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether the Executive has a position in relation to the East Asian Studies merger.

AGARWAL: Responded that the Executive wishes to see consultation with students prior to the University making a final decision on this merger.

COOK: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether the Students' Union's external affiliations impacted the Executive's decision not to participate in the Edmonton climate strike.

BROWN: Responded that the Student's Union has membership with the Council of Alberta University Students, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, and Edmonton Student Alliance. Clarified that these groups operate in reverse pyramids and cannot issue orders to their constituent members.

#### 2019-10/6 QUESTION PERIOD

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Executive, as to whether they would support a motion wherein they recognize the urgency of taking concerted action on climate change and express their solidarity with Global Climate Strike 2019.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Executive, while it will neither oppose nor support the Strike officially, will take action on this issue.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to what results emerged from his meeting with a member of Parliament on combining international student's study and co-op work permits.

BROWN: Responded that, while the members of government to which he spoke support this proposal, the federal government has not yet taken action to implement it.

BEASLEY: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to how student representative associations and individuals can participate in consultations regarding the East Asian

Studies merger.

AGARWAL: Responded that there will be an opportunity for students to attend a town hall. Expressed concern that consultations completed do-date did not involve sufficient reflection on student's views from University administration.

KIDD: Inquired, to Vice President Bhatnagar, as to what the Executive is doing in relation to climate change.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Executive is investigating establishing a fund for sustainability and that there are some other projects which they will discuss in camera.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired, to the Vice President Academic, as to whether there are contacts with whom he can connect her in order to help implement Science Internship Program at the Faculty of Saint Jean.

AGARWAL: Determined to follow up with Haddouche.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the chair of the Policy Committee, as to whether climate policy in development.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded in the negative.

BOSE: Inquired, to Councillor Vargas Alba, as to what actions he proposes the Students' Union take in relation to climate change.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that other post secondary institutions cancelled classes in order to allow students to attend the climate strike. Inquired, to President Bhatnagar, into when the STRIDE program members will meet.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the first meeting will be on October 5th. Noted that STRIDE is beginning to reach its maximum capacity.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to whether he can provide more information about the Dewey's re-launch event.

STATT: Responded that the event will showcase a new menu and space changes, include a happy hour, keg party, SUB stage performances, and free billiards games.

AGARWAL: Inquired, to Councillor Badesha, as to whether he is making progress on improving the availability to microwaves.

BADESHA: Responded that he is in talks with the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society.

BOSE: Inquired, to the chair of Council Administration Committee, as to whether he

will inform the caterers that Council's rice was not thoroughly cooked.

BEASLEY: Responded in the affirmative.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice President Operations and Finance, as to whether student groups can use the Students' Union bars for their events.

STATT: Responded that interested students can contact David Draper who now coordinates these activities for the Students' Union.

# 2019-10/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

# 2019-10/7a **DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVES** to approve the Second Principles of Bill 1, Updates to Bylaw 1500.

See SC-2019-10.02.

DRAPER: Identified that this Bylaw allows Council to ask reference questions to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

CARRIED 22/0/0

# 2019-10/7b **DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of Bill 2, Updates to Bylaw 2500.

See SC-2019-10.03.

DRAPER: Identified that this Bylaw update reflects the fact that Council now can veto mandatory non-instructional fee increases and creations of as per the Alberta Government's Bill 19: An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education.

BROWN: Clarified that the Council cannot change current mandatory non-instructional fees.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether he could describe mandatory non-instructional fees.

BROWN: Responded that these extra fees, which are not charged to support courses, such as the fees for health and dental service.

BOSE: Inquired, to the Vice President External, as to whether students can opt-out of the Academic Support fee.

BROWN: Responded in the negative. Noted that he is in the progress of advocating the University that it only charge fees at cost for the services they provide.

CARRIED 21/0/0

2019-10/7c **DIXON/DRAPER MOVED** to approve the Standing Orders for the Sustainability Ad-Hoc

Committee.

See SC-2019-10.04.

CARRIED 22/0/0

2019-10/7d **DIXON/KIDD MOVED** to appoint 2 (two) members of Students' Council to the

Sustainability Committee.

**VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to amend the motion to read "appoint 2 (three) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee" instead of "to appoint 3 (three) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Committee."

BHATNAGAR nominated MCKENZIE: declined.

BEASLEY nominated DIXON: accepted.

MCKENZIE nominated Vargas Alba: declined.

AGARWAL nominated KIDD: accepted. STATT nominated BEASLEY: declined. KIDD nominated DHILLON: withdrawn.

BADESHA nominated JAMALEDDINE: accepted.

DRAPER nominated LEY: declined.
BOSE nominated SAYED: declined.
DIXON nominated DRAPER: declined.
BOSE nominated HADDOUCHE: declined.

**DIXON, JAMALEDDINE** are declared appointed to the Sustainability Committee.

2019-10/7e TSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to approve Second Principles of the Mandatory

Non-Instructional Fees Policy.

See SC-2019-10.05.

CARRIED 27/0/0

2019-10/7f AGARWAL/BOSE MOVES to approve Second Principles of the Scholarships and

Bursaries Policy.

See SC-2019-10.06.

AGARWAL: Identified that this Policy changes awards to a needs based model and provides a mandate for advocating the University and government for increases awards funding.

MCKENZIE MOVED to amend Section 4 to read "the Students' Union shall pursue a single point of entry to the scholarships and bursaries application process." Carried as friendly.

CARRIED 27/0/0

2019-10/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2019-10/8a **LARSEN/BOSE MOVED** to appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the PAW Strategic Operating Committee.

BHATNAGAR nominated GATERA: declined.
BHATNAGAR nominated MCKENZIE: accepted.
BHATNAGAR nominated BOSE: withdrawn.
BHATNAGAR nominated ESMAIL: withdrawn.
AGARWAL nominated DIXON: declined.
DHILLON nominated KIDD: accepted.

KIDD nominated DHILLON: accepted.

MCKENZIE, KIDD, and DHILLON are declared appointed.

2019-10/8b **BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to discuss climate change issues.

CARRIED

BHATNAGAR: Expressed concern that she feels upset and directly attacked by Council because of the Executive's decision not to attend or formally support the climate strike. Determined that the Executive will attend the Climate Strike as individuals and not in their capacity as representatives of the Students' Union.

MCKENZIE: Supported this decision.

VARGAS ALBA: Supported this decision.

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that Council has lost its sense of civility and that this has created fear and anxiety. Emphasized that Council must treat all persons as humans.

BROWN: Concurred with Agarwal. Noted that councillors should have reached out informally regarding this issue before airing their grievances with the Executive in public.

**HADDOUCHE MOVED** to extend the meeting by thirty minutes. CARRIED

HADDOUCHE: Proposed that councillors wear their Council jackets to the climate change strike.

KIDD: Expressed concern that informally discussing issues such as whether or not to engage in a climate strike does not provide for proper accountability as students will be unaware of what their representatives discuss.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that good solutions to hard problems come through debate
and conflict. Emphasised that councillors have power and should continue to debate
what is important to students.

2019-10/8c	<b>BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED</b> to go in camera CARRIED
2019-10/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2019-10/9a	"Introduction to the Student Advisory Committee" Presentation.
	See SC-2019-09.01.
2019-10/9b	Second Principles of Bill 1 - Updates to Bylaw 1500.
	See SC-2019-09.02.
2019-10/9c	Second Principles of Bill 2 - Updates to Bylaw 2500.
	See SC-2019-09.03.
2019-10/9d	Standing Orders for the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee.
	See SC-2019-09.04.
2019-10/9e	Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy - Second Principles.
	See SC-2019-09.05.
2019-10/9f	Scholarships and Bursaries Policy - Second Principles.
	See SC-2019-09.06.
2019-10/9g	Students' Council Attendance.
	See SC-2019-09.07.
2019-10/9h	Students' Council Motion Tracker.
	See SC-2019-09.08.
2019-10/9i	Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-09.09.

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See SC-2019-09.10.

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