

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:00PM Zoom

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.

#### **LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2021-07)**

2021-07/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2021-07/2	CONSENT AGENDA
2021-07/3	PRESENTATIONS
2021-07/3c	VILLOSO MOVES TO allow the Chief Tribune of the DIE Board to present.
	See SC-2021-07.16 & 19
2021-07/4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2021-07/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
2021-07/6	OPEN FORUM
2021-07/7	QUESTION PERIOD
2021-07/8	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2021-07/8b	MONTEIRO/DE GRANO MOVES TO approve the first reading of Bill #2: the First Principles of the Student Governance Code of Conduct to be a schedule under Bylaw 100, on recommendation of the Bylaw Committee.
	See SC-2021-07.18
2021-07/9	GENERAL ORDER
2021-07/9a	KIMANI MOVESTO go in camera.
	See SC-2021-07.17

2021-07/10 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2021-07/10h Budget Memo

See SC-2021-07.15

2021-07/10i Council Submissions

See SC-2021-07.16 - 18

2021-07/10j Chief Tribune of the DIE Board Presentation Slides

See SC-2021-07.19

## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

This form is intended to be used by members of Students' Council to submit items for Council meetings.

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Mover** Dumouchel

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

#### **Abstract**

Please see enclosed memo.

**Attachments** 



20210722 - Budget Changes Memo for SC.pdf



Do what's right, not what's easy. Inspire change for the world. Act with unbridled compassion. Always keep moving. Plan for tomorrow.

#### 22 July 2021

To: Students' Council

From: Marc Dumouchel, General Manager

RE: Report of budget transfers and changes

I am reporting on some planned changes to the budget that will be brought to the Executive Committee on Thursday, July 29.

As part of those changes, I will be requesting from the Executive a limited suspension of Operating Policy 5.3.1 (as allowed under 1.1.1) to allow for three new expenses not anticipated in the budget. That policy states that no non-budgeted expenses can be incurred.

These new expenses will not have a detrimental effect on the SU's bottom line. In fact, our bottom line has improved due to significant improvements to expected revenue.

I am also reporting on a few other significant updates and changes to revenue and expenditure plans, as per the general intent of Operating Policy 5.2. These items are either not technically transfers, or reflect revenue variances, but I thought it appropriate to report them as they meet or exceed the amount threshold for reporting transfers.

#### **Increased Revenue**

Due to the extension of the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program and the addition of the Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) rehiring incentive program, we are expecting an increase in grant revenue of approximately \$700,000.

Due to faster-than-expected return to more-normal levels of activity, we are anticipating a net improvement in business revenues of \$210,000.

The total increased revenue available for this fiscal year is expected to be approximately \$910,000.

#### **Increased Expenses**

Due to increased activity levels in the building, we are anticipating increased custodial costs of \$150,000.

Due to increased activity levels on campus, we are anticipating increased event costs of \$150,000 as we bring programming back to near-normal levels. 5-10% of this increase will also be directed to an Indigenous event program.

We are expecting some demand for increased staff levels across various departments to accommodate for increased activity levels. We are setting aside \$70,000 to accommodate any unanticipated need in these areas. This represents approximately 1% of our overall staffing budget.

We will require some additional investments in meeting spaces to better accommodate hybrid work. We are increasing the capital budget by \$25,000 to accommodate for these needs.

The total increase expenditure for the existing operating and capital program is expected to be \$395,000.

#### **New Expenses**

We are planning to allocate \$10,000 towards the Art Committee for Indigenous art. Initially, we expected to source this from the Sustainability and Capital Fund, but drawing from our unexpected surplus for the Art Committee to both draw additional funds from the SCF as needed and to begin work as soon as possible.

We are setting aside up to \$15,000 to establish an SU Alumni Network. This includes \$10,000 in research and setup consulting, and up to \$5,000 in event expenses. The intent of this project is to develop an alumni network to support professional development, provide political advice and support, and support future efforts to secure private and public funding.

We are budgeting \$60,000 to retain Arc Studio to work with the Students' Union on developing a long-term Building Master Plan and to fund consultation and communications efforts. Initially, we planned to petition the Sustainability and Capital Fund for this project, but given timing constraints and the unexpected new revenue, it seems prudent to fund this out of the operating budget, now that budget constraints are easing. Arc Studios is currently working with the SU on the Horowitz project. Arc's principal (and owner) is Stephen Boyd - a short version of his portfolio is <u>available here</u> - who is best known in Edmonton for his work designing the new international airport tower. On-campus, Arc's most recent work was the CAB renovation.

The total for all of these new expenses is \$85,000.

#### **Remaining Excess Revenue**

The total estimated new revenue of \$910,000 exceeds the estimated additional expenses of \$470,000 by \$440,000.

This remaining excess revenue is being reserved for unanticipated operating changes (such as legal action or budget underperformance), and will be reported to the Executive Committee as information becomes available. It should be noted that, in order to balance the budget this year, we had to carry

forward a surplus from the previous year. If we are successful in increasing revenue, we may decide to allocate that surplus into our operating reserves, which have been somewhat depleted as a result of our conservative revenue assumptions for the current year, or to provide support for capital projects.

#### **Summary of Budget Changes**

Revenue Increases		
Federal grants	\$700,000	
Business adjustment	\$210,000	
Total Revenue Increases	\$910,000	
Expense Increases		
Custodial staff	\$150,000	
Programming expenses	\$150,000	
Other staffing adjustments	\$70,000	
Capital cost increase	\$25,000	
New Expenses		
Art Committee allocation	\$10,000	
Alumni Network	\$15,000	
SUB Master Plan	\$60,000	
Total Increased Expenses	\$480,000	
Net (to be held for contingency and capital)	\$430,000	

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**Mover** Villoso

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Action Requested Presentation

## **Presentation**

Motion VILLOSO MOVES TO allow the "Chief Tribune of the DIE

Board to present

#### **Abstract**

A presentation by Christian Zukowski, the Chief Tribune of the DIE Board, on a brief overview of the board and its plans for the year.

#### **Attachments**



## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mover KIMANI

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Action Requested Discussion

**Discussion** 

Motion KIMANI MOVES TO go in camera

**Abstract** 

Re:Theatre Negotiations

## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Mover** De Grano

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Action Requested Approval

**Approval** 

Montion Montelro/DE Grano moves to approve the first reading of

Bill #2: the First Principles of the Student Governance Code

of Conduct to be a schedule under Bylaw 100, on recommendation of the Bylaw Committee.

#### **Abstract**

The Student Governance Code of Conduct seeks to clarify the roles, responsibilities and behaviour that students in Students' Union governance and its delegated authority uphold as representatives of the organization.

This Code of Conduct will exist as a schedule under Bylaw 100.

#### **Attachments**



Bylaw 100 - Governance Code of Conduct (FP...

## Bylaw 100

### First Reading

#### Student Governance Code of Conduct

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#### **First Principles**

- Students in governance hold positions of trust and responsibility and are held to standards above and beyond the SCOB.
- Students in governance should have clear expectations, roles and responsibilities regarding professionalism, consultation, collaboration, confidentiality, and trust.
- There is a need to clearly understand a conflict of interest and a conflict of duty when acting as a student representative.
- Students in governance deserve positive interactions and experiences within student governance that are free of harassment and discrimination.
- Students deserve to participate in a governance space that is safe and accessible.
- There is a need for clearly defined reporting pathways for dealing with grievances and concerns that members of the Students Union may have about their representatives.
- Pathways and processes for dealing with grievances and concerns should include natural and restorative justice practices where possible.
- Investigations should have clear timelines and procedures to guide them.
- Students in governance should act in good faith while fulfilling their roles and responsibilities and act on behalf of the needs of the students they are representing.

# DIE Board – Presentation to Council

Christian Zukowski, Chief Tribune

# **Overview**

Who are we?

Plans for 2021/22

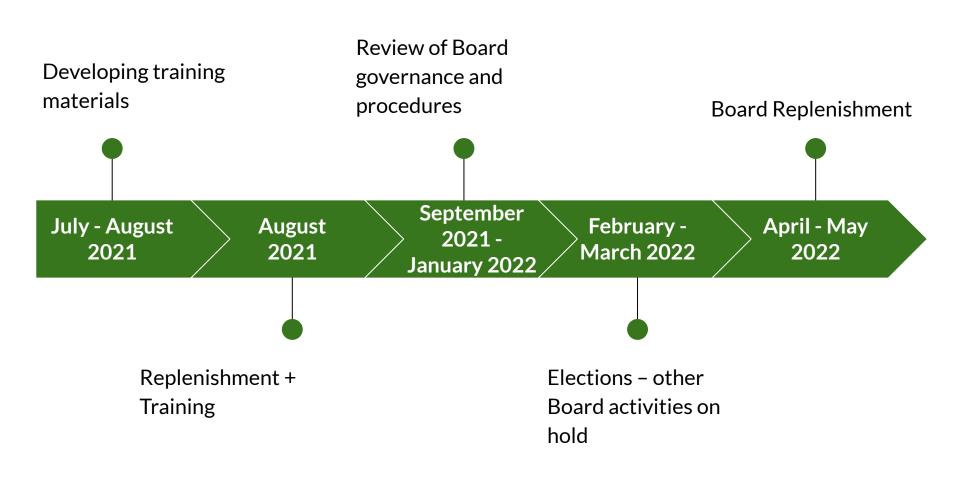
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## Who am I?

- Appointed to the Board in Spring 2018, appointed Chief Tribune in Fall 2020
- Starting 5th year of BA (Hons.) in Political Science in Fall 2021
- Academic Interests: Political Philosophy and Indigenous Governance
- Hobbies: Camping/hiking and music

## Who are we? - The Board

- Established by Bylaw 1500 as the judiciary of the Students' Union
- Primarily tasked with the enforcement and interpretation of SU Legislation, but fulfills other functions as required by bylaw
- May write binding decisions to resolve disputes
- Composed of 8 to 14 undergraduate students, appointed by Students' Council as tribunes



# **Annual Plan - Training Materials**

- Status: In Progress
- Summary: The Board does not currently have any training materials

#### Goals:

- 1. Creation of materials for an annual training session
- 2. Creation of written training materials and handbook
- 3. Coordinate with other branches of SU government to anticipate future needs
- 4. Public facing materials for navigating Board procedures

# Annual Plan - Replenishment

- Status: In Progress
- **Summary:** Replenishment is needed to fulfill Bylaw 1500 requirements.
- Goals:
  - 1. Hold interviews early- to mid-August, prepare appointments for an August Council meeting
  - 2. Complete training session at the end of August
  - 3. Consider replenishment needs for Winter/Spring 2022

## **Annual Plan - Relationships**

- Status: In Progress
- **Summary:** Maintain relationships between the Board and other branches of SU governance.
- Goals:
  - Create/maintain relationships with Council, Bylaw Committee, and CAC
  - 2. Identify common governance issues, concerns, and needs

## **Annual Plan - Board Review**

- Status: Not started
- Summary: Review issues relating to the Board's internal governance and procedures
- Goals:
  - Review and, if necessary, amend the Board Protocols created under Bylaw 1500
  - 2. Forward to Bylaw Committee recommendations stemming from the Board's duties under Bylaw 1500 and others

# Thank you!

## **Contact Information:**

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