

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 6:00 PM

SUB, Third Floor, South Side

MINUTES (SC 2000-20)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present (6:25)
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Andre Poulin	Absent
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Kyle Kawenami (p)
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Richard Kwok	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	Paul Chaput	Adam Cook (p)
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Absent
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Robert Hartery	Absent
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Present
Engineering	David Weppeler	Present
Engineering	Tim Poon	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Cory Hemingway (p)

Law	Chris Veale	Mike Reid (p) (7:10)
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Nicole Martin-Iverson (p)
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Present
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present
Science	Tim Van Aerde	Present
Science	Mat Brechtel	Absent
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhithetty	Mahylda Hachnawska (p)
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Absent
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Jean Abbott	Present

Observers

Martin Levenson, FACRA (CJSR)

Christine Rogerson, Orientation Programs Coordinator

Heather Clark, Elections

Justin Curran, Elections

Bruce McKae, Elections

Andy Grabia, Student

2000-20/1**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

2000-20/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"**

Church led Council in the singing of the National Anthem

2000-20/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG**

Weppler led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song

2000-20/4**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Brindle/Roesch moved that the agenda of the SC 2000-20 meeting be approved.

Late Additions

2000-20/6c- Off Campus Student Fees Referendum

2000-20/6d- Gateway Referendum

2000-20/7a- Handbook Editor in Chief

Consensus

2000-20/5**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Tuesday, February 6, 2001 SC meeting (SC 00-19)

- a. Executive Committee, Minutes (Information Item Only)
See Document SC 00-20.01
- b. The Minutes of the various SU Boards and Committees are available on the SU WebPage: www.su.ualberta.ca

2000-20/6**LEGISLATION****2000-20/6a
ARTICLE VIII -
POWERS
REGARDING
FINANCE****HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT (THIRD READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Article VIII - Powers Regarding Finance**

Harlow introduced the motion

Levenson (sp. by **Kwok**): Does not see the need for this legislation. Feels that the desired accountability is already present in CJSR. Does not want to jeopardize the relationship that they have with the SU. Does not think that the legislation will do what it is meant to do.**Harlow:** This legislation will serve the students in the best way possible.**Lazin:** I do not think this legislation is legal. I do not think that this is the right way to create accountability. Bylaw 350 states that a referendum shall be unconditionally binding, so why should council have the right to change it, even after six years.**Church:** This amendment provides Council the authority that it already had.

Vote on main motion

31/3/2

**2000-20/6b
ARTICLE V -
POWER TO
AMEND
CONSTITUTION****HARLOW / SAMUEL MOVED THAT (THIRD READING) Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Article V - Powers to Amend Constitution**

Motion was introduced by Harlow.

Harlow: This amendment is the second half of the constitutional amendment.**Veale:** I do not feel that council has the right to change this. If you are at all against this, do not vote yes just because many other people are, at least abstain.

Kwok: I do not feel that I just raise my hand because other people do. I support this motion.

Gall: Does the organization have the right to bring the issue back to a referendum?

Samuel: Yes, they can do that if they want, and if it is successful again then it will be left alone for another six years.

Lazin: This legislation also allows Student's Council to change any fees for students at any time. Council chose to relinquish some of its authority to the students so that there would be more accountability to the students.

Harlow: Disagrees with Lazin. This legislation deals with the heart and soul of this organization, which is the money that is collected from the students.

Poon: After six years can council change the fee several times per year?

Harlow: The amount that any fee can be changed is 15% per year maximum. That can be either 15% up or 15% down. The fee must remain within this limit. It could be changed multiple times per year, but it is still limited to 15%. Effectively though, it is really only possible to do it once per year.

Grabia (sp. by **Agard**): I feel that this legislation does not allow students to have their proper say in these matters.

Wanke: This legislation is not to change what students told us to do, it simply allows us to change things in reflection to the needs if the organization in question.

Gall: This allows us to spend student money responsibly. It allows us to spend student money where it is needed, rather than waste it where it is not needed.

Kwok/Darling: Moved to call the previous question.
Carried

Vote on main motion
28/3/4
Carried

**2000-20/6c
OFF CAMPUS
FEES
REFERENDUM**

COOK/HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board approve the following as a referendum question for the 2001 SU General Elections:

Do you support the proposed amendments to the Students' Union (SU) fee structure (Article VIII of the Constitution) in regards to Off-Campus students (students whose on-campus credits are equal to zero) that will:

1. Classify Off-Campus students (currently considered Full-Time students) as Part-Time students for the purposes of assessing SU Membership and Referendum Fees;
2. Increase SU Membership Fees by \$0.44 per Full-Time student (currently \$23.39) and \$0.22 per Part-Time student (currently \$11.69) for each of Fall and Winter Terms, and by \$0.30 per student (currently \$15.60) for each of the Spring and Summer Terms.

The result of this referendum question shall be binding on the Students' Union as per Article V s.2 of the Students' Union Constitution.

Church introduced the motion.

Church: There was a change in the fees. They were all decreased as there was a mistake in the numbers originally provided.

Poon: I brought the issue forth with the intention of keeping on-campus student's fees the same, and therefore will not vote in favor of this motion.

Harlow: I commend the Engineering students for their diligence in checking the numbers and providing us with the correct ones.

Samuel: Simply to drop the off-campus fees without increasing on-campus fees will make the Student's Union not fiscally viable. The Student's Union would not be able to absorb the cost, but welcome anyone who has ideas on how to make the numbers work to come to the offices and discuss it with the executive.

Vote on main motion

Carried

**2000-20/6d
GATEWAY
REFERENDUM
QUESTION**

McGRAW/HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the following as a referendum question for the 2001 SU General Elections:

Do you support the *Gateway* becoming a not-for-profit corporation that will:

1. Continue to be a student-run and student-directed media organization with a campus focus;
2. Exercise greater independence than it currently does in its editorial and business decision-making by ceasing to be a department of the Students' Union;
3. Receive approximately \$125,000.00 per year collected directly from students through an increase in SU fees (Article VIII s.3 of the Constitution) of \$2.25 per Full-Time student and \$1.13 per Part-Time student for each of the Fall and Winter terms, and \$1.67 per student in each of the Spring and Summer terms.

The result of this referendum question shall be binding on the Students' Union as per Article V s.2 of the Students' Union Constitution.

Church introduced the motion.

Church: This is the question that IRB agreed upon. There is no change in the amount of overall funding, just in how much comes from where.

Levenson (sp. by **Kwok**): What happens if the question fails?

Harlow: Status quo will continue if the question fails.

Grabia (sp. by **Agard**): I encourage councilors to vote against this question because the Gateway failed to collect enough signatures. I would also like to know what Jennifer Wanke feels about this. This question goes against the wishes of 90% of the student body as they did not sign the petition.

Wanke: I support a referendum on the Gateway, but does this question solve the problem with the Gateway?

Harlow: There is a major problem that exists between the Executive/Council and the Gateway staff. I believe that this question maintains the monetary accountability but moves the Gateway away from the day to day political decisions. I urge council to support this referendum.

Clark (sp. by **Brindle**): What council passes last week was not a referendum question because it was missing many important parts. There was also not adequate time for a no side to form. This breaches the bylaws and violates the integrity of the elections office.

Speer: Why is there an increase in fees when the Gateway is already financed by the Student's Union?

Church: Because this is a dedicated referendum fee. It does not come out of the normal Student's Union fees.

Speer: Will this dedicated fee cause the Student's Union fees to go down as a result?

Harlow: Other portions of the Student's Union need the services that the Gateway currently uses, so no they won't go down. The Gateway needs to have enough money to be viable.

Poon: What has changed in the last 8 days in the political policy?

Church: Political policy has stayed the same. This is in direct response to the petition circulated by the Gateway.

Brindle: Does the no side of the campaign have enough time to organize? What about extensions?

Clark (sp. by **Brindle**): February 16th is the deadline, and there can be no extensions past that date because everything must be prepared for the election.

Gall: This question does not promise anything. It is too ambiguous.

McKae (sp. by **Poon**): The deadlines are set in stone. There will only be one day for a yes or a no side to organize.

Lazin: 90% of the students did not say no because not all the students were asked. I feel that a no side would have been more likely to convene with the previous question. Also, has the question been advertised in posters?

Coles: Why should friction between Student's Union departments mean a referendum?

Church: I do not feel that this is about a personality conflict. I would not bring it before Council if it was.

Agard: I do not feel that this is simply about friction. The bigger question is whether a political body should fund a media source or not.

Samuel: The Gateway will become a not for profit corporation.

Wanke: This is not a personality conflict. The only thing that is being disagreed upon is principles. Should a political body have any control over a newspaper?

Read: With all these procedural problems there would be nothing stopping someone from questioning the validity of the referendum.

Zwack/Poon: motion to amend the above motion to read "as a stand alone referendum to be held on March 28th and 29th, 2001."

Zwack introduced the amendment.

Zwack: I feel that Council should follow its bylaws and hold the referendum, even if it costs \$15,000.

Harlow: I do not feel that this situation is so dire that we need to spend an extra\$15,000.

Poon: I would like to know if the CRO would prefer just this question to be brought alone or should the whole election be moved?

Clark (sp. by **Brindle**): I have no preference as I don't want either.

Church: There is no opportunity for council to move the date. The issue should be brought forward this year or left alone.

Jorgensen: We should vote down the amendment and the question and deal with it next year.

Weppler: The Gateway should decide whether to force the referendum this year or leave it until next year.

: Motion to call to question
Amendment defeated

Agard: I do not feel that there has been a lack of time or advertising for the question.

Harlow: If this question is voted down, the Gateway question will collect the required signatures and force their question to a referendum.

Grabia (sp. by **Agard**): I feel that there is not sufficient time for a no side to organize.

Clark (sp. by **Brindle**): The substantive changes violate the bylaws.

Church: IRB just has to word the question, not decide on the bylaws.

Taylor (sp. by **Kawanami**): This question is a compromise between the Gateway's question and the current situation.

Weppler voiced his concern with the Gateway Referendum Question.

Martin-Iverson/Kwok: Motion to call to question
Carried

Vote on main motion
10/20/2
Defeated

2000-20/7

NEW BUSINESS

2000-20/7a
**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED THAT Students' Council nominate three (3) councilors to sit on the Nominating Committee 2001

NOTE: Attached is the Nominating Committee list 2001. Please fill out both charts with the councilors' names assigned to specific committee and return them to the recording secretary after the meeting is over.

Kwok **nominates himself.**

Harlow nominates **Van Aerde**.

Accepts

Agard nominates **Zwack**

Accepts

2000-20/7b

**HANDBOOK EDITOR
IN CHIEF**

WANKE / CHURCH MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Anna Coe and Anne-Marie Ennis as Students' Union Student Handbook Editors in Chief for 2001

Carried

2000-20/8

INFORMATION ITEM

2000-20/8a
**UPDATED
STUDENTS'
COUNCIL
MEETING
SCHEDULE**

Updated Students' Council meeting schedule for the school year 2001/2001 is included in the agenda as an information item only

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faculty Reports

- Pharmacy
- Rehabilitation Medicine

•Next Council Meeting

- Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers

•Future Council Meeting

- April 3, 2001
- April 11, 2001
- April 24, 2001

2000-20/10

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 PM