
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Council Chambers, University Hall

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Votes and Proceedings (SC 2016-17)

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

2016-17/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-17/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Oath was taken.

2016-17/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-17/2a The Athletics and Recreation Fee - Presented by Ian Reade & Cheryl Harwardt, Sponsored by VP Paches.

A brief description regarding the programs and services offered by the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation.

POSTPONED.

2016-17/2b Elections Office Overview. Presented by the Chief Return Officer, Donald Ademaj and Deputy Returning Officers, Luke Jansen and Glenda Garrido

BANISTER/MAHAL sponsors presentation.

The Elections Office would like to hear input from Council on our plan for the upcoming elections period, and what they would like to see from the Office for the Executive and Council Elections. We we would also love to communicate with Council on what our goals and objectives for the winter

term are, and improve dialog between Council and the Elections Office, to inspire people to run and vote in our SU Elections.

SUMMARY:

CRO Ademaj discusses why there are two DRO's this year. He explained that with the workload that comes during the election period, two DRO would lead to a more successful election period. Discusses the goal that of having a 25% voter turnout in this coming year's election period.

Discusses how this is much higher than previous years but they believe they can do it. Discusses how they have come to council to gather input on the election period as Council is who will connect the election office to the general public. General overview of the election period. Dates on SU website, exec nomination packages will be released next week. Council nomination packages will be released soon after. Mentions ideas revolving around having forums for students. DRO's discuss how branding will change in this election process. Also, showed some examples of branding options. Wants to encourage students to run for exec/council elections.

VP PACHES:

What metrics to decide turnout of election process?

CRO's RESPONSE:

Voter turnout is just one metric. 1 DRO will focus more on getting out the vote, class talks, going through campus to talk to students early in the election period is an important marketing tool. Also, promo video will hopefully inform students about what elections are and gain more interest.

COUNCILLOR ANGUS:

Do you have a plan to find out why students are not engaged?

CRO's RESPONSE:

Other methods include:

- Changing the design is one tool to invigorate people.
- Getting new students more involved not even by running
- Get them to be involved in knowing who is running, what the elections is about and where/how to vote and where to find that information about candidates available online.
- Their involvement in the exec election and inspiring them to run for election.
- Plans to have the information about that online
- Get them in exec elections and run in council meetings

PRESIDENT RAHMAN TO CRO:

Would you live stream the forums?

CRO'S RESPONSE:

Yes MH has already been streamed. Will make it all open to the public.

SPEAKER SUMAR TO CRO:

How do you plan to increase attendance to these forums?

CRO'S RESPONSE :

MH Forums has always been held as "the forum", the most people attend. Approach different communities on campus and have specific forums for them. Engage with them on SU topics related to them. Getting to those and marketing in those areas is important because those forums should be more focused on because they know each other and will talk amongst each other about the forum. Can spread the word more easily. Substage will be good since people are already there, and attempt to engage with students there.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO CRO:

Thanks for coming. What are the nomination packages dates/deadlines?

CRO'S RESPONSE:

They were sent to Council before the winter break as an item. The dates are on the website. Feb 16 is the nomination deadline. Packages will be out next week, maybe Tuesday.

VP BANISTER TO CRO:

How can students can be involved in terms of helping out with elections without running? Does the office accept volunteers and will you post this on the your website? She suggests to post them on FB on how students can get involved.

CRO'S RESPONSE:

Have had in the past, will consider having volunteers. This will garner some interest. He doesn't guarantee anything. Will accept volunteers in general get out and vote stuff. And we will post it on the SU.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO CRO:

Have we ever looked at how other SU's run their process and their elections process.

CRO'S RESPONSE:

I have looked at macewan and uof Calgary to see how they hold it. Would not like to see combining council and exec election. MacEwan elections run in October. Looked at some ideas/different ways elections are held. The problem with combining elections is looking at the sanity of the elections office, will be too much of a workload, likes aspect of momentum from exec election to being inspired to run for council. He is looking at different mechanisms among different Universities.

2016-17/2c

Nursing Undergraduate Association Faculty Association Membership Fee Renewal: A proposal presentation. Presented by Marnie Colborne, Sponsored by VP Banister.

The Nursing Undergraduate Association is seeking a faculty association membership fee for 2017 for renewal for the next four years. After two online consultations and a Town Hall meeting we will ensure our student's voices are adequately in heard in regards to our proposal FAMF Renewal and proposed increased fee. Students will be well aware of their choice to opt out and in collaboration with the Canadian Nursing Student Association we hope to continue providing students with academic, social and leadership opportunities.

BANISTER/PROCHNAU sponsors this presentation.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO MARNIE:

The allocation plan is smart. This will increase overall participation in the faculty. Have you thought about creating an endowment fund for the scholarships instead of allocating money out of your budget? That way the endowment fund receive other donations and could grow and benefit more students.

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

She's working with the Dean about getting a scholarship. Have not thought of an endowment fund, not familiar with creating a scholarship but will discuss with the faculty. She likes the idea.

VP PACHES TO MARNIE:

I agree with the allocations and categories. From my personal experience, since a specific amount is listed that means you'll never be able to spend more than \$500 in that category. I would recommend putting percentages rather than actual amounts so if the numbers fluctuates then you'd have more flexibility.

VP BANISTER TO MARNIE:

What is the contingency plan if the students don't vote this through or if you get less than mandatory voter turn-out?

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

They will either have to vote for increase, normal, or none.

VP PACHES TO MARNIE:

According to bylaws, a FAMF is re-created every time it expires so increase is the only option - yes or no would be the only option.

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

Open to creating a contingency plan. If it doesn't get an increase, then her answer is no. The money will go to CNSA. They would have to pay regardless if NUA exists or not.

?:*** Student engagement has increased exponentially. In terms of the contingency plan, in case the FAMF doesn't go through, other SAs have an opt in rather than opt out if the desired membership is not achieved.

VP PACHES TO MARNIE:

How do student opt-out of NUA portion if the entire CNSA fee is collected? When you're drafting the questions, make sure to be very clear that CNSA fee is mandatory and you can opt out of NUA fees.

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

They would have to opt-out for NUA. The form just says the NUA amount (\$250) that has to be returned. We voiced it enough that hopefully students understand.

VP BANISTER TO MARNIE:

What's your campaign plan to inform students about the implication of their vote?

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

We will have meetings coming up to talk about it. Will touch base with all faculty association year reps. Will talk to all first years about FAMF and how important their votes are. If they don't vote then they won't have extra educational experience, scholarship opportunities that may be more easier to get. It will getting all the reps to talk to their years and trying to develop ways to have a concise speech. She will continue to social media campaign, FB, so will continue with that.

VP GHOSSEIN TO MARNIE:

So do you plan on students opt out in your office and you reimburse them? So the Registrar won't be assessing them?

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

Yes, once we receive fees, we will write out refund cheques.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO MARNIE:

CNSA fees are mandatory versus the NUA fee regardless if this goes through?

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

Yes, until we are no longer a chapter school.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO MARNIE:

During nursing week, do you have any activities that call out to the bilingualism aspect of your faculty?

MARNIE'S RESPONSE:

There wasn't much this year. We email items in multiple languages, have a bilingual rep that's starting to get into her role and would be able to voice her concerns. We have reps from every cohort.

2016-17/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report.
Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

2016-17/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bylaw Committee - Report.
CAC Report - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
BoG - Report.
FACRA - Report.

2016-17/5 **OPEN FORUM**

B MOHAMMAD TO VP SANDARE:

Why hasn't the SU planned a protest this year despite numerous scandals?

VP SANDARE:

Protesting and advocacy are different ways of getting things done. We need to consider to protest more when there is a strong enough issue and strong enough support to protest. The lister students came out about the meal plan and that is a protest in itself.

B MOHAMMAD TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

During the last board of governors, the international students tuition passed. Why wasn't there more opposition against this move?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

We did oppose it. There's no official representative for international students but there's an ISA.

MR. COOK TO VP SANDARE:

I am curious as to why you have attempted to create an empfest when the university has its own career fair. Why not work with the university to create a bigger and better career fair?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

EMP-Fest is part of his platform re student employment. He works closely with the University. Advisory Committee, Career Centre, Alumni relations. EMP-Fest is addressing not just the idea of career fair but idea of employment, gap exists b/w the way student perceives employment and how it actually happens. He's considering stages not year so this is a more effective way in targeting students' wants in every stage EG students who are not sure of a career vs students who know exactly what they want to do.

B. MOHAMMOND TO VP BANISTER:

Re Leadership College presentation in 2013.

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

Since that proposal, Leadership College has changed its plans. Please follow up with PLC admin members.

MR COOK TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

Why has the SU not taken any steps to boycott divestment movement of fossil fuels considering University's support for sustainability?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN REDIRECTED TO VP BANISTER

VP BANISTER'S RESPONSE:

This will be discussed at the COFA meeting. She hasn't been part of any conversation but will be happening soon and we may have some position.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

There's no political policy covering that movement. Look to members of the Policy Committee. SU is open to collaborating with student groups on campus.

B. MOHAMMOND to COUNCILLOR

ANGUS/NDATIRWA/DEJONG/LARSEN:

Do you support the idea of increasing tuition?

COUNCILLOR ANGUS' RESPONSE:

He would lead towards advocating for this but doesn't have proper channels to make this change.

COUNCILLOR NDATIRWA'S RESPONSE:

There are a lot of factors that increase/decrease tuition. She doesn't think she's qualified enough to answer the question. Doesn't think decreasing tuition will solve the problem. Thinks we need to look at it more in-depth, not just about increasing/decreasing.

COUNCILLOR DEJONG'S RESPONSE:

In favor of decreasing tuition to adjust for inflation. Think international tuition should be regulated by the govt and should be more equitable, doesn't attract talented students to campus. Will review this during the Policy meeting.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN'S RESPONSE:

Support universal access to education, free tuition protest works for a certain time/cause. We should regulate costs in a healthy manner. We have to work with what we have.

RAHMAN/FAROOQ motions to suspend standing orders for 10 mins.
Motion CARRIED.

ALLEN TUCKER (online Q):

What is the SU's position on continuing tuition fee in the long term?

COUNCILLOR MONDA redirects to VP SANDARE

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

Tuition freeze is ST so afterwards, tuition should be increasing. It's not the end goal just for the interim so we can have time for proper consultation so we're pushing for 1992 levels, tying everything to the CPI, making that where we would be at now. Will go down roughly 50%.

B. MOHAMMOND TO COUNCILLOR MONDA:

Same question as ALLEN TUCKER.

COUNCILLOR MONDA'S RESPONSE:

Will review tuition advocacy policy in the upcoming term, we're awaiting results for the govt's response, wants to wait for the results before considering advocacy.

B. MOHAMMOND TO VP SANDARE:

What changed from opposing decreasing tuition to now supporting it?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

Campaigned free tuition like the model in ON. He wanted to push through grants like the progressive grants model in ON so if you're a low-income student, your cost of education (amount of 4 year tuition will be free). Free tuition isn't the answer, doesn't equalize playing field vs grants system for different level income students will make it more equal. The idea of lowering the cost of education, not due to tuition but grants can pay for books, rent, etc. Lowering tuition is tough because it creates barriers to access.

B. MOHAMMOND TO VP SANDARE:

In terms of 1992 policy, does it apply only to domestic students? If so, why not include international students?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

Just for domestic students due to larger role of govt. For international students, the best course of action is regulation that the University has control of eg. API so by putting regulations in the place, it will be tougher for a university to do things very far eg. raising tuition too high.

2016-17/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2016-17/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2016-17/7a **CHRISTENSEN/BANISTER MOVES** to appoint one (1) member to Bylaw Committee.

Please see information item **2016-17/9a** for more information regarding Bylaw Committee.

COUNCILLOR BROPHY nominated & appointed.

2016-17/7b **PACHES/LARSEN MOVES** to appoint two members of Students' Council to Finance Committee.

VP PACHES introduces the motion and Finance committee's responsibilities.

COUNCILLORS ISLAM (Al Hammouri designate), YIM, LILLO nominated.

COUNCILLORS ISLAM & YIM appointed.

2016-17/7c **LARSEN/FAROOQ MOVES** to appoint two members of Students' Council to the Audit committee.

COUNCILLOR LARSEN introduces the item and explains Audit committee's responsibilities.

COUNCILLOR DESIGNATE MORIN and COUNCILLOR HOWIE appointed.

2016-17/7d **BANISTER/MAHAL MOVES** to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Nominating committee.

COUNCILLORS NDATAIRWA & LARSEN nominated.

COUNCILLOR NDATAIRWA appointed.

2016-17/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2016-17/8a **PACHES** moves to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Myer Horowitz Theatre Steering Committee.

2016-17/8b **DEJONG** moves to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group's Board of Directors.

2016-17/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-17/9a **Councillor Hammond** appoints **Paris Morin** as her long-term proxy as written down below.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the lovely Paris Morin as my Councilor-Designate for the winter term. As some of you may know, I will be working in Calgary for the remaining academic year. Paris is a 2nd year Business Student who currently serves on as a Business Representative on General Faculties Council, is VP Finance for the Hide-and-Seek Club, and volunteers with SafeWalk. Please join me in welcoming Paris, and I wish you all a fulfilling last term on council.

2016-17/9b **Councillor Kiani** has resigned from Students' Council for the remaining of the 2016-17 school year.

2016-17/9c Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-17.01

2016-17/9d Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance.

Please see SC 16-17.02

2016-17/9e Report from the Vice President Academic.

Please see SC 16-17.03

2016-17/9f Report from the Vice President Student Life.

Please see SC 16-17.04

2016-17/9g Report from the Vice President External.

Please see SC 16-17.05

2016-17/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-17.06

2016-17/9i Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-17.07

2016-17/9j Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-17.08

2016-17/9k Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-17.09

2016-17/9l Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-17.10