

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Monday, January 9, 2018 Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2017-16)

2017-16/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Speaker administered the Oath of Students' Council for the winter term.

Speaker announced that Jonathan Barraclough will assume the vacant position on Students' Council representing the Faculty of Education.

Speaker special ordered *2017-16/7b* from the late additions.

2017-16/2a *Presentation Title:* The Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies Proposed FAMF Referendum

Abstract: A presentation on the proposed OASIS Faculty Association Membership Fee.

Presenters:

Azan Esmail (VP Finance) & Ben Angus (President)

SCOTT/FLAMAN SPONSORED a presentation from the Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) at the January 9th meeting of Council.

See SC 2017-16.08.

ANGUS: Requested that Students' Council approve a taxation measure of 2.50/term fee per term. Noted the FAFM would be utilised to fund grants, outreach, Arts Gala subsidies, and a discount card. Substantiated the proposal citing their survey which received 75 responses.

FLAMAN/HASSAN MOVED to extend the presentation time until the speakers' list is exhausted.

29/0/0 - CARRIED

WILSON/CHOI MOVED to add the additional speaker to the list. **17/1/11 - FAILED**

2017-16/2b *Presentation Title:* The Education Student Association Proposed FAMF Referendum

Abstract: A presentation on the proposed Education Student Association Faculty Association Membership Fee.

Presenter(s):

• Sara Bigam (President) & Wilson Dolan (VP Finance)

SCOTT/FARRIS SPONSORED a presentation from the Education Student Association (ESA) at the January 9th meeting of Council.

See SC 2017-16.09.

BIGAM: Requested that Students' Council approve a taxation measure of \$8/fall term. Noted the fee will provide students with membership to the Alberta Teacher's Association with its attendant benefits (teacher's convention, specialist councils, libraries). Established that the fee is a decrease from the current yearly membership fee of \$10

2017-16/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ilya USHAKOV, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Reed LARSEN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Shane SCOTT, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Robyn PACHES, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

LARSEN: Added to his written report. Noted Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education, will be at the Students' Union Building for 10:00am as part of the Antifreeze event.

SCOTT: Added to his written report. Noted the "UASU Got This" Campaign is now live on the website.

PACHES: Added to his written report. Noted he will be at Dewey's on Fridays from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

2017-16/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit Committee - Report.

Bylaw Committee - Report.

Finance Committee - Report.

Nominating Committee - Report.

Policy Committee - Report.

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee - Report.

The Landing Board of Directors - Report.

2017-16/5 OPEN FORUM

2017-16/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2017-16/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-16/7a PACHES, HOWIE MOVED to approve the first reading of the Student Events Initiative referendum question, based on the following first principles.

- 1. The fee will be \$16.50 per undergraduate student, per semester, in the Fall and Winter semester. The fee will be \$8.25 per undergraduate student in the Spring/Summer semester.
- 2. The fee will be indexed to inflation.
- 3. Students enrolled in the Faculty of Augustana will be exempt.
- 4. Students who are enrolled in programs (including, but not limited to, project, thesis, internship, practicum and student abroad) that take exclusively place outside of the Universal Transit Pass service area are eligible to opt-out.
- 5. The scope of the Student Events Initiative includes the following:
 - Renovations to the Myer Horowitz Theatre and creation of additional event and support space in the Students' Union Building (SUB);
 - b. An increase in grants for student group events by \$100,000 per year, indexed to inflation;
 - c. An increase to funding for featured programming such as, but not limited to, major live acts and speakers of \$100,000 per year, indexed to inflation; and,
 - d. An expanded student ticket discount program for events on-campus and in the larger community; and,

- e. Commitments from the University to invest in renovations to the main floor of SUB to create a north entrance, to appropriately invest in necessary building infrastructure, and to continue with student management of common areas through the year 2050.
- 6. Until the renovation reaches substantial completion, undergraduates will pay 50% of the approved fee.

PACHES: Established that the referendum question concerns the Student Events Initiative; a plan which involves renovations to the Students' Union Building, Myer Horowitz Theatre, and other SUB facilities. Noted the plan intends to promote SUB as a hub for student activities and (2) attract more events and clients. Emphasised that accessibility, flexibility, and affordability were key concerns of students. Noted the fee would be \$16.15 per term per student. Added that costs would be reduced by 50% in the spring and summer terms and until such time as students can see the full value.

CHOI: Inquired into whether the 50% reduction in fee applies to the spring and summer terms.

PACHES: Responded in the affirmative.

HOWIE: Commended the consultations undertaken by the Students' Union.

FLAMAN: Announced his consultations in December identified 57% of students supported \$16.50 as a total fee for the redevelopment.

BILAK: Expressed his personal involvement in the Students' Union was precipitated by the SUB Block Party. Suggested the involvement of students at SU events will inspire greater engagement in the student body.

BROPHY: Suggested that Students' Council have a low bar for the passage of referendums that are in accordance with the rules and regulations. Noted the students should be the ones who decide whether to adopt an increase in fee.

PACHES: Noted that the intent of the Student Events Initiative extends beyond the renovation of space. Affirmed the initiative is designed to create an inclusive and lively Campus for all students.

28/1/0 - CARRIED

2017-16/7b CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVED to approve Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (CREF) dedicated fee unit plebiscite question as listed below.

Proposed Question:

The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (CREF) was created to help ensure that the high quality of Campus and Community Recreation programs, equipment, and facilities remains diverse, convenient, accessible, equitable, and affordable to all University of Alberta Students' Union members. Annually, CREF distributes approximately \$290,000 in grant funding for recreation at the University of Alberta.

The conditions of the fund will include:

- 1. Students may not opt out of this fee;
- 2. The fee will be assessed to each full-time and part-time student. The fee will be assessed in each of the fall, winter, and spring/summer semesters.
- 3. The fund will continue to be distributed to undergraduate students, student groups and for the purpose of ensuring that programs, equipment, and facilities offered by the University of Alberta's Campus Recreation remain diverse, convenient, accessible, equitable, affordable and of high quality to all Students' Union members at the University of Alberta;
- 4. The CREFC will be composed of: the Chair of RAC, who will serve as Chair of CREFC; the Vice-Chair of RAC; one (1) RAC member-at-large; the Students' Union Vice-President Operations and Finance, or their designee from the Executive Committee; one (1) voting member of Students' Council; two (2) student-at-large members, chosen by the Nominating Committee; the Manager / Director of Campus Recreation, or their designee, as a non-voting member; and the Director of Operations for the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, or their designee, as a non-voting member.
- 5. Any Students' Union member or student group can apply to CREFC for funding. Requests must demonstrate a positive impact on student life at the University of Alberta;
- 6. Off-campus students, as defined by the University Calendar, will be included.
- 7. Augustana students will be exempt from the fee.

Do you support the continuation of a \$4.10 fee per student per semester, in each of the Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer semesters, to support the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (CREF)?

CHRISTENSEN: Noted that the CREF Dedicated Fee Unit is up for renewal as per the five-year cycle. Proposed the phrase "support the continuation of" be added to the question to communicate the DFU had already been in existence.

FLAMAN/CHRISTENSEN MOVED to amend the proposed question to read "support the continuation of"

29/0/0 - CARRIED

28/0/1 - CARRIED

2017-16/7b PACHES MOVED to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Physical Activity & Wellness Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC).

PACHES: Noted there is a vacancy on PAWSOC, which oversees the operation of the Van Vliet Centre. Established that the Committee will represent student voice in the management of the Centre.

BILAK nominates USHAKOV: accepted. FLAMAN nominates BARRACLOUGH: declined. SCOTT nominates PIASECKI: accepted. LARSEN nominates BILAK: accepted. THIBAUDEAU nominates LARSEN: declined.

USHAKOV is declared appointed to PAWSOC via secret ballot.

2017-16/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2017-16/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-16/9a Report from Vice President (Student Life)

See SC 2017-16.01

2017-16/9b Report from the President

See SC 2017-16.02

2017-16/9c Report from Vice President (Academic)

	See SC 2017-16.03
2017-16/9d	Report from Vice President (Operations and Finance)
	See SC 2017-16.04
2017-16/9e	Report from Vice President (External)
	See SC 2017-16.05
2017-16/9f	Executive Committee Motion Tracking
	See SC 2017-16.06
2017-16/9g	Student Council Motion Tracking Sheet
	See SC 2017-16.07
2017-16/9g	Students' Council Attendance
	See SC 2017-16.07
2017-16/9h	Votes and Proceedings, SC-2017-15-OP-20170108 - Monday, January 8, 2018 (Not currently available.)
2017-16/9i	Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies (OASIS) FAMF Proposal
	See SC 2017-16.08
2017-16/9j	Education Student Association FAMF Proposal
	See SC 2017-16.09

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06PM.