

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 6, 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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2020-25)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

- 2020-25/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2020-25/1aAnnouncements The next meeting of Students' Council will be a ***Special**Meeting* that will take place on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.

2020-25/2 PRESENTATIONS

LEY/VILLOSO MOVED to suspend Council Standing Orders. CARRIED

- 2020-25/2a **KIDD/AGARWAL MOVED** to allow for a presentation from Studentcare. See SC-2020-25.20 CARRIED
- 2020-25/2b **DIXON/LEY MOVED** to allow a presentation from the Sustainability Committee on sustainability recommendations and work plan update. See SC-2020-25.09 CARRIED

- 2020-25/2c **KRAHN/SARETZKY MOVED** to allow for a presentation on the 2021-22 Budget by Marc Dumouchel. See SC-2020-25.10 CARRIED
- 2020-25/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

David DRAPER, Vice President (Academic) - Report. Rowan LEY, Vice President (External) - Report. Alana KRAHN, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report. Katie KIDD, Vice President (Student Life) - Report. Joel AGARWAL, President - Report.

2020-25/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DIXON, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report BADESHA, Audit Committee - Report FOTANG, Bylaw Committee - Report BID, Council Administration Committee - Report AGARWAL, Executive Committee - Report KRAHN, Finance Committee - Report DRAPER, Nominating Committee - Report MONTEIRO, Policy Committee - Report KIDD, Student Group Committee - Report DIXON, Sustainability Committee - Report EINARSON, Translation Committee - Report KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

2020-25/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

SINGH (Guest): Inquired as to whether Bylaw Committee 'consult with and solicit feedback from relevant or affected parties' pursuant to Bylaw Standing Orders 15.3(a) before approving Bill 10 for First Principles.

FOTANG: Deferred the question to Agarwal.

AGARWAL: Respond that the rationale for Bill 10 is to close gaps in SU bylaws. Clarified that First Principles are guiding principles only and that the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA), Council of Residence Associations (CORA), and student representative associations (SRA) will be consulted on the details of Bill 10 in Second Principles.

HERKENDAAL (Guest): Opposed Bill 10 First Principles on the basis that they are being proposed without sufficient consultation and that the additional oversight mechanisms they seek to implement are unnecessary and unduly burdensome for volunteers.

SINGH (Guest): Inquired as to why Bylaw Committee did not seek consultation with affected parties.

AGARWAL: Noted that a central purpose of Bill 10 is to ensure transparency in SRA election reporting.

KIDD: Clarified the extent of the Bill 10 meeting reporting requirements is that SRA will submit an excel sheet once per trimester outlining who they met when and what they generally discussed.

SINHA (Guest): Inquired as to why Bill 10 is being rushed without sufficient consultation.

AGARWAL: Responded that Council is seeking to approve Bill 10 before the end of the session because its aims are important and there is no guarantee it will be implemented if Council defers the Bill.

SUN (Guest): Inquired as to why Bill 10 is necessary to approve in the current session.

AGARWAL: Responded that the SU is concerned about SRA activities given an incident involving an SRA that jeopardised the SU's relationship with its healthcare broker Studentcare by surreptitiously reaching out to a competitor company.

- 2020-25/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2020-25/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2020-25/7a **AGARWAL/ORVOLD MOVED** to go In-Camera. See SC-2020-25.18 CARRIED
- 2020-25/7b **BID/DEGRANO MOVED** to approve Lucas Marques as the incoming UASU Chief Returning Officer for the year 2021/2022. See SC-2020-25.19 CARRIED 22/0/1 Marques abstains.
- 2020-25/7c **DRAPER/BARAZESH MOVES** to ratify the appointment of Darren Choi, Emily Stolz, and Lauren Chomyn to the D.I.E board. See SC-2020-25.03 CARRIED 22/0/0

2020-25/7d **KRAHN/SARETZKY MOVED** that Students' Council approve the financing strategy for the Horowitz Renovation and Expansion project and to authorize the Executive Committee to enter into such agreements as are required to execute such financing, subject to the following terms: (1) Primary financing from the University of \$15.165M over a term of 25 years at a rate not to exceed 4%; (2) Use of SCF retained reserves in an amount of \$1.2M; (3) Fundraising and grants will be pursued, with a goal amount of \$1.5M or such amount as is required to complete the project; (4) Where fundraising and grants amount to less than \$1.5M or are insufficient to complete the project, borrowing the remaining funds from the Student Involvement and Endowment Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1.5M and at a term not to exceed 25 years and an interest rate not to exceed 4%; (5) All financing obligations to be funded from revenues from the Sustainability and Capital Fund levy; and, (6) Any deviations from these terms must be approved by Students' Council by no less than a 75% majority vote.

See SC-2020-25.04

KONRAD: Inquired as to whether there is risk that University will not approve the grant the SU is seeking to finance the Project.

DUMOUCHEL: Clarified that the SU is not seeking a grant but a loan that is financed from Alberta Government treasury bonds and secured via the University. Noted that the approval of the loan is not guaranteed but is expected.

CARRIED 22/1/0

2020-25/7e **DRAPER/MONTEIRO MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of the Assessment and Grading Policy. See SC-2020-25.05 CARRIED 21/1/0

2020-25/7f **KONRAD/OLIVEIRA MOVED** to discuss the development of UAlberta's Government Relations Plan. See SC-2020-25.06 CARRIED

LEY: Proposed that Konrad address the need for the Government to fund facilities that serve special student needs such as Musqua House.

KRAHN: Proposed that Konrad address the need for the Government to support students outside Edmonton and advance regionalism.

2020-25/7g **FOTANG/KRAHN MOVES TO** approve Bill #10 according to the attached Bylaw 8100 first principles. See SC-2020-25.07

EINARSON: Recognised that many concerns about the Bill relate to reporting meetings. Invited individuals interested in the Bill's amendments to contact them.

OLIVERA: Invited individuals interested in the Bill's amendments to contact them.

LEY: Clarified that the Bill does not seek to prevent individuals from meeting with the Alberta Government to discuss issues affecting the student constituency they represent. Noted that the SU is willing to follow the exact same meeting reporting requirements it introduces for SRA in addition to the current reporting it must do for the Alberta Lobbyist Registry. Noted that the purpose of the Bill is to prevent SRA from violating SU political policy or undermining its advocacy.

BLANCHETTE (Guest): Expressed concern that there has been insufficient consultation on the proposed First Principles.

KIDD: Suggested that the Bill benefits SRA in that it enhances the level of support the SU can offer to struggling SRA (lessening the risk of derecognition occuring) and enhances the legitimacy of SRA election results by ensuring their election data is verified.

SINGH (Guest): Expressed concern that the Bill has the potential to elevate faculty associations above SRA such that SRA lose members where there are overlapping constituencies. Expressed concern that the reporting requirements the Bill seeks to introduce would be problematic as the UAISA has meetings the content of which is confidential and bound by non-disclosure agreements. Agreed that it would be beneficial for the SU to verify SRA election data but rejected that the SU should manage SRA elections. Expressed concern that the approval of the Bill is being rushed. Proposed that Council defer controversial aspects of the Bill to the next session where more consultation can be completed.

LEY: Responded that legal issues about meeting reporting will be considered in Second Principles.

DUMOUCHEL: Suggested that it makes no sense for an SRA acting with SU delegated authority to have meetings that are secret from the SU.

BEASLEY (Guest): Suggested that the Bill needs more consultation in order to respect affected parties and to take their views into account to improve the Bill.

FOTANG: Noted that Bylaw Committee is seeking feedback and consultation from Council.

SINGH: Suggested that the proposed meeting reporting requirements would not apply in cases where the ISA student group is meeting with the Alberta Government, even when the meeting is relevant to the UAISA and the SU's interests.

CARRIED 21/0/1

- 2020-25/7h **KONRAD/AGARWAL MOVES TO** debrief tuition advocacy at the Board of Governors. See SC-2020-25.08 [Tabled]
- 2020-25/8 <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
- 2020-25/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2020-25/9a Executive Committee Reports See SC-2020-25.01.14-17
- 2020-25/9b Board of Governors Report See SC-2020-25.02
- 2020-25/9c Council Submissions See SC-2020-25.03-08.18-19
- 2020-25/9d Presentations See SC-2020-25.09-10.20
- 2020-25/9e Students' Council Motion Tracking See SC-2020-25.11

- 2020-25/9f Students' Council Attendance See SC-2020-25.12
- 2020-25/9g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-24) Tuesday, March 23, 2021 See SC-2020-25.13

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:52PM