

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday November 8, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2011-14)

2011-14/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-14/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2011

2011-14/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-14/2a Bill 12 Feedback - presented by Councillor Bellinger, sponsored by Councillor Bellinger

Abstract:

This short presentation will go through the summary of the feedback council gave on bill 12. More details can be found in the ERC report to council. It will include ERC's work on Bill 12 since it was sent back, and most importantly a question period.

2011-14/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-14/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document SC 11-14.01

2011-14/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-14/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2011-14/5a To Councillor Kusmu, Policy Chair from Councillor Ferguson: In regards to the smoking policy currently being discussed in the Policy Committee, what consultation has taken place with individuals on campus that smoke, especially students, and is there any additional consultation planned before Policy presents Council with principles?

2011-14/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-14/6a **WOODS/KARUVELIL MOVE THAT** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #8 in second reading based on the following principles:

1. A motion to impeach a member of the Executive or the Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and only for one or more of the reasons which follow:
 - i) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that such contraventions of Students' Union Legislation be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.
 - ii) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal Law.
 - iii) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
2. A motion to begin impeachment procedures shall be submitted to the Speaker of Students' Council via a motion by petition, which shall require the endorsement of at least one third of the voting members of Council
3. At least nine business days before impeachment proceedings begin, the accused member shall be informed in writing of the allegations being levied against him or her.
4. A motion to impeach shall require two readings. The second reading may not occur at the same council meeting as the first reading.
5. Debate on a motion to impeach shall be conducted in camera.
6. The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend themselves, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for removal.
7. Each reading will require a 2/3rds majority to pass.
8. After the passage of the 1st reading, the respondent shall be placed on a paid suspension until the second reading occurs. This will relieve the accused of their ability to act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union
9. Upon the passage of the second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

Please see document SC 11-14.02

2011-14/6b

ISKANDAR/FEHR MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board Selection Committee, Students' Council appoint Rena Chen, Eve Coppinger, Becky Gormley, and Roy Ho to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

2011-14/6c

NICOL/FERGUSON MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #12 to allow campaigning on voting days for the Executive, Students' Council, and General Faculties Council elections, as well as for Plebiscites, and Referenda in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1) No campaign activity shall take place within 6 meters of a polling station

2) No campaign materials shall be permitted within 6 meters of a polling station

2011-14/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2011-14/7a

KUSMU MOVED TO appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Policy Committee.

2011-14/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2011-14/8a

CAC Summary report to Council

Please see document SC 11-14.03

2011-14/8b

Policy Committee summary report to Council

Please see document SC 11-14.04

2011-14/8c

Raphael Lepage Fortin- Resignation from Policy Committee

Please see document SC 11-14.05

2011-14/8d

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document SC 11-14.06

2011-14/8e

ERC Report on Bill #12

Please see document SC 11-14.07

2011-14/8f

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 11-14.08

2011-14/8g

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document SC 11-14.09

October 20

ISKANDAR/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve expenditure not to exceed \$5000.00 for the purpose of Communication projects.

4/0/0 CARRIED

Bylaw 100
A Bylaw Respecting Students' Council

1. Definitions

In this bylaw

- (a) "Councillor" means any member of Students' Council except
 - i. the President of the Students' Union,
 - ii. a Vice President of the Students' Union,
 - iii. the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - iv. the Speaker of Students' Council, or
 - v. the General Manager of the Students' Union;
- (b) "faculty" means
 - i. any entity designated by University of Alberta General Faculties Council policy as a faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Extension,
 - ii. all undergraduate students registered at the University of Alberta in Open Studies;
- (c) "faculty population" means the average number of undergraduate students enrolled in a given faculty in a Fall term and the Winter term immediately following it;
- (d) "introductory meeting" means the annual meeting of those persons elected to serve on Students' Council for the coming year;
- (e) "legislation" means
 - i. Students' Union bylaws,
 - ii. Students' Union political policies,
 - iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
 - iv. general orders of Students' Council;
- (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of Students' Council or, in his/her absence, any individual designated as having the responsibilities of the Speaker of Students' Council;
- (g) "standing committee" means
 - i. the Audit Committee,
 - ii. the Budget and Finance Committee,
 - iii. the Bylaw Committee,
 - iv. the Council Administration Committee,
 - v. the Elections Review Committee,
 - vi. the Grant Allocation Committee, or
 - vii. the Policy Committee;
- (h) "D.I.E Board" means shall be the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board of the Students' Union (Bylaw 1500) as set out in Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw as set out in Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
- ~~(a)~~(i) "Students' Council" means the Council of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as constituted by statute of the province of Alberta;
- ~~(b)~~(j) "Students' Union" means the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as incorporated by statute of the province of Alberta; ~~and~~and

“Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative” means the individual, other than the Students’ Union President, nominated by the Students’ Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors.:-

3. Composition of Students’ Council

- (1) Students’ Council is composed of
 - (a) the President of the Students’ Union,
 - (b) the Vice Presidents of the Students’ Union,
 - (c) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - (d) thirty-two Councillors,
 - (e) the Speaker, and
 - (f) the General Manager of the Students’ Union.
- (2) The Speaker and the General Manager of the Students’ Union are entitled neither to move, second, or vote on motions of Students’ Council, nor to serve as voting members of standing committees.
- (3) Each Councillor shall represent exactly one faculty.
- (4) Each faculty shall be allocated a number of Councillors equal to the number of Councillors times its faculty population divided by the sum of all faculties’ faculty populations, with any remainder being discarded.
- (5) A faculty shall be allocated Councillors for upcoming Students’ Council elections dependent upon that faculty continuing to include undergraduate students in their student body at the time of the election, and in the next academic year.
- (6) Notwithstanding (4), every faculty shall be allocated at least one Councillor.
- (7) If more than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, they shall be revoked from faculties with more than one Councillor in ascending order of remainder until only thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (8) If fewer than thirty-two Councillors are allocated, additional Councillors shall be allocated to faculties entitled to at least one Councillor under (4) in descending order of remainder until thirty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (9) In the event that two faculties have equal remainders and that this equality prevents the processes set out in (6) and (7) from allocating exactly thirty-two Councillors, the number of Councillors shall be temporarily increased by the minimum amount necessary.
- (10) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union shall determine the allocation of Councillors annually before February 15, and shall forthwith table with Students’ Council

a report detailing the allocation of Councillors and the statistics used to reach that allocation.

- (11) The Chief Returning Officer shall review the allocation of Councillors before each election and determine if the allocation remains valid. If the allocation is no longer valid the Chief Returning Officer shall re-determine the allocation of Councillors and shall report the re-determined allocation to Students' Council as set out in (10).

4. Eligibility

- (1) All members of Students' Council except for the Speaker and the General Manager of the Students' Union are required to be members of the Students' Union.
- (2) Every Councillor is required to be enrolled in the faculty he/she represents.
- (3) No person shall simultaneously hold more than one position on Students' Council.

5. Removal of Members Councillors Resignation

- (1) Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councillor.

~~(1)~~(2) Any member of Students' Council wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Speaker.

~~(2)~~(3) The Speaker shall table in Council any letters of resignation he/she receives.

~~(1)~~ Resignations take effect on the date specified in the letter of resignation or, if no such date is specified, at the time that the letter is tabled in Students' Council.

~~(4)~~

~~(1) Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councillor.~~

- (5) Any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council shall be removed from any Students' Union office that is the result of his/her position on Students' Council or of which his/her position on Students' Council is the result.
- (6) The Students' Union shall immediately recommend that any ~~person~~ Councillor who ceases to be a member of Students' Council be removed from any office in an external organization that results from his/her position on Students' Council, or from any position from which he/she is removed as a consequence of ~~(14)~~ or (5).

6. Impeachment of President, a Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

- (1) Students' Council has the authority to remove the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative through a motion to impeach.

- (2) A motion to impeach the President, a Vice President, or the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and only for one or more of the following reasons:
- (a) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that that such contraventions be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings. ~~Where the respondent on the grounds of Section 6 (2) (a), it is required that that such contraventions be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.~~
 - (b) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the University of Alberta Code of Student Behavior, Provincial, or Federal Law.
 - (c) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
- (3) A motion to impeach must be submitted to the Speaker through a petition submitted by the appellate. The motion ~~which~~ shall require signatures of at least one third of the voting members of Students' Council.
- (4) A motion to impeach shall require two (2) readings, where each reading requires a two thirds (2/3) majority of Students' Council to pass.
- (5) The second reading may not occur at the same Students' Council meeting as the first reading.
- (6) The respondent shall be informed of the allegations being levied against him or her, in writing by the Speaker, at least nine (9) business days before a motion to impeach can appear in first reading.
- (7) The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for impeachment.
- (8) All debate on a motion to impeach shall only occur in camera as defined by Council Standing Orders.
- (9) Once a motion to impeach has passed in first reading:
- (a) ~~The~~ President, or a Vice President ~~representative~~ is placed on a paid suspension. ~~He~~ or she will be relieved of the responsibilities of their office as set out in ~~the~~ Bylaw 1100, and cannot act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union.
 - (b) ~~n~~otwithstanding Section 9 (a), the President, or a Vice President shall remain members of Students' Council until the passage of second reading.
 - (c) ~~t~~he Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative shall remain a member of Students' Council until the passage of second reading.

- (10) Once the motion to impeach the President or a Vice President has passed in second reading, the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.
- (11) Once a motion to impeach the President or the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative has passed in second reading, the Speaker shall:
- (a) immediately contact both the University of Alberta Board of Governors and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology to notify them that ~~that~~ ~~person~~ the impeached individual is no longer recognized by the Students' Council Union; and
 - (b) request ~~from~~ the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology that ~~person~~ ~~being~~ the impeached individual be relieved from ~~the~~ their responsibility as a member of the University of Alberta Board of Governors.

6.7. Replenishment

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall
 - (a) appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or
 - (b) call a by-election for the position.
- (2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.
- (3) Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
 - (a) has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
 - (b) has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
 - (c) is a member of Students' Council.
- (4) The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
 - (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
 - (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
 - (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above.
- (5) Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.
- (6) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Council shall select a new Speaker of Students' Council.

7.8. Start-Up



CAC SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 25, 2011**

Time: **5:04pm**

2010 – 2011 **MEETING 11**

Motions

1.	<i>FERGUSON</i> moved that the <i>October 25, 2011</i> agenda be approved as <i>amended</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
2.	<i>FERGUSON</i> moved that the <i>September 27, 2011</i> minutes be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
3.	<i>FERGUSON</i> moved that the <i>October 13, 2011</i> minutes be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
4.	<i>BELLINGER</i> moved that the meeting be <i>adjourned</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0



COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 04, 2011**

Time: **6:34 pm.**

2011 – 2012 # **10**

Motions

1.	FEHR moved that the October 4, 2011 agenda be approved as <i>amended</i> . Seconded by KARUVELIL .	CARRIED 7/0/2
2.	WOODS moved that the September 20, 2011 minutes be approved as <i>amended</i> . The motion was seconded by KHINDA .	CARRIED 7/0/2
3.	ISKANDAR moved that the Academic Materials Policy be passed. Seconded by LEPAGE FORTIN .	CARRIED 8/0/1
4.	FEHR moved that the meeting be adjourned . The motion was seconded by WOODS .	CARRIED 8/0/1

Due to a conflict of time with work that has presented itself, I will be resigning from the policy committee.

-Raphael Lepage Fortin

November 3, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

Capital Project Planning

The dialogue with our architects, steering committee and stakeholders is moving along nicely. Assisted by our architects, I will present the latest thinking on the SUB renovation project to the steering committee next week. We will move immediately into the workshop phase to begin another set of stakeholder conversations.

PAW Centre

The revised Design Development report was presented to and approved by the Facilities Development Committee last week. The probable costs, schedule and steps for moving ahead with the project are being discussed at tomorrow's PAW Centre Steering Committee meeting.

BFC

We met Thursday, November 3 and covered the Food & Beverage departments. More discussion will follow as the semester progresses. Next up on the agenda are the services.

ONEcard Student Advisory Group

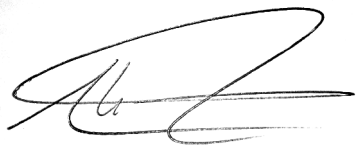
The Vice President (Student Life) and I attended OSAG's first meeting of the year. This is an advisory group to Ancillary Services, providing student feedback on the ONEcard program. A large array of points was discussed, including barriers to using the ONEcard as a payment method and enhancing communication.

Miscellaneous

I spent some time last week preparing for a midterm. Now that it's over, I am glad to be returning my focus to the SU.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca. If you wish to discuss any topics in depth, I would welcome the opportunity to meet in person.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema

To: Students Council

Re: Bill 12 feedback

Hello Council,

I have tried to summarize the feedback we got from Students' Council below. The format the ERC has chosen is divided by concerns. Each Concern is summarized under feedback, followed by a response. Finally a section called Governance with potential amendments. The ERC remains to believe that Bill 12 is appropriate. However we provided councilors with the ability to amend the motions as they wish. Not all concerns can be solved with an amendment, however we provided the amendments where applicable.

Results will be skewed because of an increase in uninformed votes

Feedback:

Some councilors saw that the increase in the base number of voter turnout as a result of allowing campaigning on voting days will occur because of an increase in uninformed votes. Other councilors saw that this bill will undermine "qualified candidates" and will create a bias towards candidates who merely talk to more students on voting days. We see these arguments as two sides of the same coin

Response:

Ultimately our goal is to have a fair election. So long as a bylaw does not give an advantage to certain candidates over others, the ERC believes that the election is fair. Campaigning is not an advantage, it is a right given to all candidates. Some candidates campaign better than others. An election bylaw need not protect a candidate from an opponent who can campaign better. This holds true regardless of whether campaign is allowed on voting days or not.

Next comes the issue of "qualified candidates" given a disadvantage by Bill 12. This begs the question of what is a "qualified candidate"? Is it the candidate with the best platform? Best platform according to whom? Ultimately it is according to the majority of the students who vote. The ERC finds that the need to protect "qualified candidates" is unfounded, as the term depends on the eye of the beholder. The ERC believes that the best judge of "qualified candidates" is 50% +1 or more of the students who vote.

The ERC also believes that the assumption the students are more likely to make an uninformed vote is untrue. As it stands the students cannot see the full platforms of candidates during voting days. Candidates' websites, Facebook Groups, Posters are down during voting days. The only thing that a student can access during voting days are a ~300 words blurb on the SU website, and the Gateway. If we allow campaigning on voting days, a student voting will be able to access candidates' full platforms on their website or Social Media pages. This increases the ability of a student to make an informed vote. The ERC believes that banning campaigning on voting days limit the ability of voters making informed votes.

Governance:

The ERC does not deem that any amendment could solve this issue. We encourage that any councilor who still believes this to be a problem to vote against the motion.

Six meters is not enough

Feedback:

There is no need to go into detail great details about this feedback, but another point raised by council is that six meters is not enough distance around a polling station.

Response:

The ERC used 6 meters as it is metric and close to 20 feet: the same distance referenced in Bylaw 2000 under Section 59:

“(2) During voting, candidates, side managers, and registered members of sides shall not be within twenty (20) feet of any polling station except to vote themselves.”

More importantly, the ERC believes that the distance should not be too long. Poll clerks working in polling station need to be able to easily identify the distance. That is why distances like 20 meters are not welcome, as it is very hard for Poll Clerks to identify whether or not campaign activity is occurring within these distances. For example 20 meters radius within a polling station could be potentially outside of a building such as CAB.

The ERC would like to stress that the reason why we do not allow campaigning within a distance of a polling stations is not necessarily to provide an environment where voters cannot be influenced by campaigning. The main reason is the Polling Stations need to provide an environment where it is clear that the Students' Union does not appear to be supporting any candidates. For example Elections Canada cannot have a Party's slogan in a polling station not because might this influence Canadians' votes, it is because Elections Canada must be unbiased towards all Parties.

Governance:

If a councilor is concerned with the distance then the ERC would suggest the following amendment:

“X/Y move to amend the motion to strike 6 meters, and replace it with ____ meters”

Candidates can set up polling station

Feedback:

There is no rule on candidates going up to students with a computer and asking them to vote. Also there is nothing preventing candidates from setting up polling stations.

Response:

The ERC took this concern seriously and we provided councilors who believe this to be a problem an amendment below. The ERC is also investigating if it is possible for voters to have the ability to “save” their vote. This will grant them the ability to change their vote at anytime during the two days of voting. Meaning if a candidate pressured a student into voting, the student will be able to go back to their ballot and change, so long as it is within the campaign period.

Governance:

If a councilor wishes to add regulations to prevent polling then we suggest the following amendment:

"X/Y move to amend the motion to add the following principle:

- No side manager, volunteer, or candidate shall provide laptops or other devices to voters for the purpose of voting in any Students' Union election and/or referendum or plebiscite."

Increased chance of candidates breaking bylaws

Feedback:

Another concern raised had to deal with increasing the chances of candidates breaking bylaws, and in turn increasing the chances of Election results being overruled. The rationale is that during the intensity of campaigning on voting days, candidate will be more inclined to break the rules in order to win the election.

Response:

When weighing in on whether or not to implement a bylaw one must consider if it is enforceable, however one must not consider whether or not people will break it. There are currently plenty of things that a candidate can do that could get him or her disqualified. Easiest one to point out is if the candidate campaigns on voting days, let alone ask anyone to vote on election days. Breaking bylaws is a serious concern. It is one of the principles that can get an executive impeached. If a candidate is breaking bylaws before they win, then maybe this reflects on the quality of the candidate.

The ERC also believes that the assumption in the first place is unfound. We believe that by the time the polls open, the last thing a candidate will be considering is breaking bylaws, since they will be so close to the end of the election.

Governance:

Since bylaws cannot be created to prevent people from breaking bylaws. The ERC does not see any amendments that could fix this concern. We encourage that any councilor who still believes this to be a problem to vote against the motion.

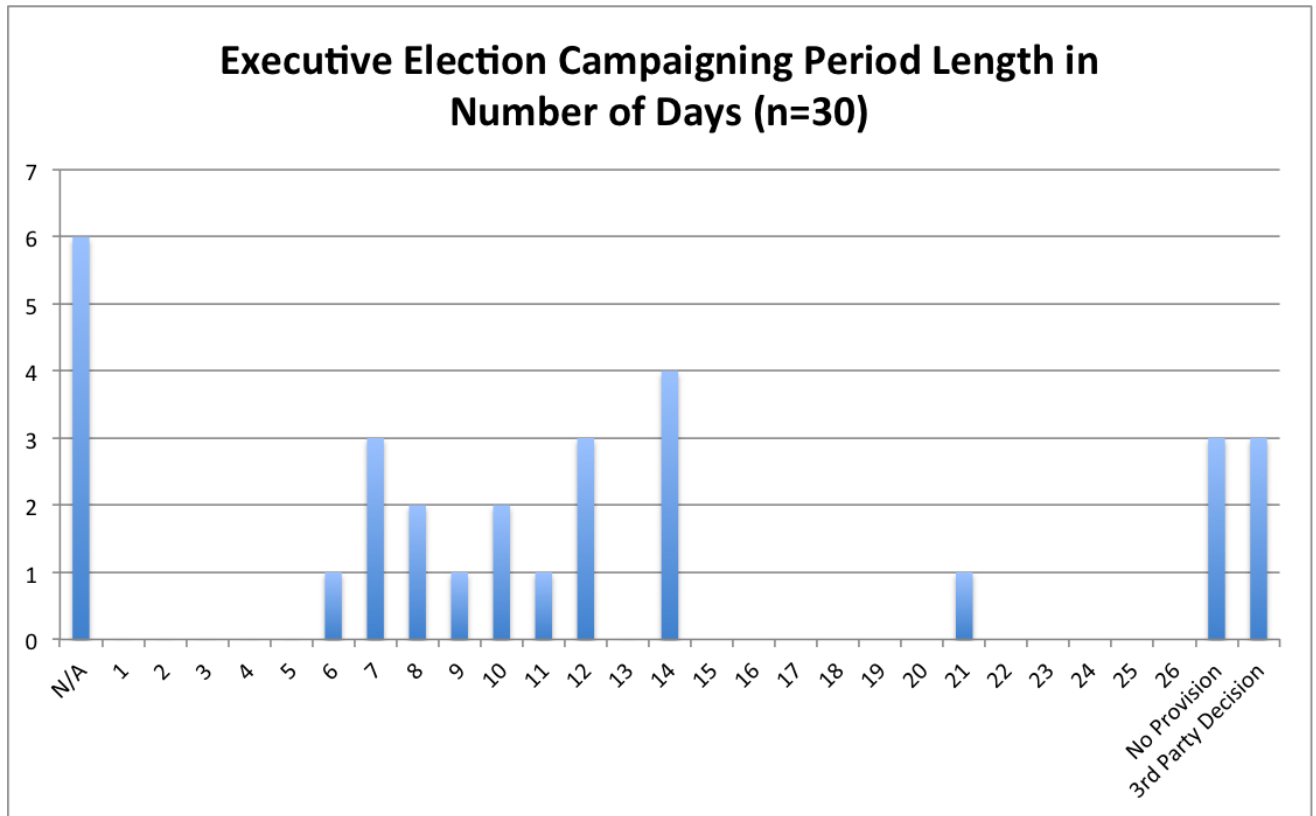
Campaign Period will be too long

Feedback:

Our campaign period is 9 days (including the weekend) and a this bill will increase the number of campaigning days to 11. It was suggested that some of the reasons why candidates do not run in the first place is due to the stress induced on candidates during campaigning. Academic reasons were also cited, as this will mean that most candidates will lose two more days of classes to the campaign.

Response:

The ERC did some research regarding the number of campaigning days that occur in other campuses. Of the campuses that provided their Bylaws online, and outlined campaigning periods in their bylaws (some left this decision to the CRO). We find that the average campaigning days is 10.89 days. Allowing campaigning on election days will bring us more to the middle of the pack. That said the UASU should not be making decision based on what other campuses are doing.



Governance:

The ERC suggests the following amendment to the motion:

“X/Y move to amend the motion to add the following principle:

- 1. That voting days shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the week following the start of the campaign.”*

This would bring the total campaign period to 10 days rather than 9 or 11. We recommended this amendment because the Myer Horowitz forum is not moveable due to its existence in the University Calendar. And we prefer cutting days from the back end of the campaign rather than the front end.

Candidates disadvantaged by being sick on voting days

Feedback:

If a candidate is sick on voting days then it would severely hinder their chances to win.

Response:

While this is a disadvantage, the disadvantage holds during campaigning too. If a candidate is sick during campaigning, be it voting days or not, he or she will be disadvantaged. The ERC does not believe in creating

bylaws to such unfortunate circumstances.

Governance:

We encourage that any councilor who still believes this to be a problem to vote against the motion.

This is not a solution to voter apathy

Feedback:

Last but no least, a concern was brought up that this bill does not provide a solution to the problem of voter apathy.

Response:

The ERC agrees that this is not a solution to voter apathy. The intent of Bill 12 is not to solve voter apathy, it is merely to increase points contact between students and the SU election, which in turn will increase voter turnout.

Governance:

The ERC does not believe that there is any bylaw that could solve this problem. We encourage that any councilor who still believes this to be a problem to vote against the motion.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all the members of the Election Review Committee for their hard work during the last week to make this report possible.

Cheers,
Farid

VPA Council Report

Date: November 4 2011

Hi everyone,

Over the last three weeks, the large majority of my time and energy has been placed squarely on the Undergraduate Research Symposium. I am satisfied with the amount of work that the URS Team has done, but do not want to get too comfortable as there is plenty of preparation left over the next two weeks. Although I have also worked on student attributes and several other topics, the main focus of this report is the symposium progress.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

There are many things to update Council about, so I am going in no particular order. First off, over the last four days, I have worked with the SU Marketing Department to fundraise \$7000, which will go strictly to student awards to be provided to students with excellent research projects at the November 18 poster competition. During the 2011 executive elections, I said on numerous occasions that I would hit a goal of fundraising \$10 000 for the symposium. And I plan on fulfilling that goal, with the deadline being November 11. (Note that the SU received \$10 000 as a base budget for the symposium, and that this \$7000 of fundraising is on top of the \$10 000 we received.)

Moreover, we received over 130 student abstract submissions for the symposium and have reviewed 60 of them. The other 70 will be reviewed by the end of the day (Friday) and I will attempt to respond to the students tonight. On Thursday November 3, I wrote a quick blog post for the su.ualberta.ca website where I briefly described the last 20 minutes before the 5pm abstract submission deadline. It was crazy, to say the least!

Additionally, we are working with the SU Events staff to plan the November 17 Opening Dinner and Keynote Speech event in Dinwoodie Lounge, to be attended by about 200 people. The speeches will commence at 6:15pm with a 5-10 minute speech from Dr. Samarasekera and continue with speeches by Dr. Connie Varnhagen, three undergraduate students with creative research projects and then Dr. John Nychka from Engineering, who is the keynote speaker.

I have helped assemble a team of 30 professors who will serve as judges during the November 18 poster competition. These judges come from a wide variety of disciplines across campus: Physics, Women's Studies, Political Sciences, Mathematics, Human Ecology, Electrical Engineering and so on.

One of the major focuses of the event is sharing student and professor stories. Every student submission needs to be accompanied by a brief paragraph about how the student got involved and how the research has affected their undergraduate experience. Although these stories add

richness to the symposium, they also provide more insight into how the SU should advocate to the university for more undergraduate research opportunities in the future.

On Monday or Tuesday of next week, we will launch a “Big Idea” contest, though you will see the particular details through the poster and SUBTV campaign! I feel that this contest will engage students not currently doing research and who would otherwise have little reason to attend the symposium.

This is not an exhaustive description of the symposium progress, so I invite councillors to ask whatever questions they have. Overall, this work could not be done without the leadership of the URS Team, which has been incredible over the last month. A big thank you goes out to all of them.

STUDENT ATTRIBUTES

The CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies met for an hour on November 3 and focused on dividing the committee members into two working groups: undergraduate and graduate. We also had a lengthy discussion regarding the mandate of the committee and the work that needs to be done by the working groups (namely, consultation) over the next months.

Additionally, the Interdepartmental Science Students Society (ISSS) has written a superb report that summarizes the views of ISSS representatives at the faculty, department and program levels regarding student attributes. Once the symposium is over, I plan to work with other faculty associations to produce similar documents.

CANADIAN STUDENT NURSING ASSOCIATION

From October 28-30, the CNSA and NUA hosted the Western Regional Conference for the Canadian Student Nursing Association, which brought over 100 student delegates from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to the U of A. This conference was led by Councillor Bellinger, who on a very tight timeline put together a highly successful conference that also came in under budget. I served as the co-sponsorship chair on the executive committee, along with Maggie Danko, who put a tremendous amount of work into the conference. Overall, we exceeded \$8000 for sponsorship funding. A huge congrats goes out to Councillor Bellinger, Maggie Danko and the rest of the organizing team.

GOVERNANCE

With the start of each month comes a slew of GFC governance meetings. I attended the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment and the GFC Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Standards, with the GFC Executive Committee taking place on Monday November 7. Both of the agendas were fairly lean. Of note was the Gwyn Morgan speech at General Faculties Council, where he provided an interesting vision of Canadian universities.

Although much of his speech was anecdotal, based off the views of his nephew, I agree with some points that he raised.

TALKING TO STUDENTS

Once the symposium finishes, I plan on spending 1-2 hours per week just going around campus talking to different students, asking them what they enjoy and value in their academic experience, what could be better, what they think of SU initiatives and so on. Over the last few months, I'm pleased that I have done this on a few occasions, but I think that this activity needs to become a habit. There are few things that bother me more than sitting in an office and typing away at the computer, especially as an elected student representative.

CONCLUSION

The next two weeks will be more of the same: undergraduate research planning punctuated by meetings and random things that always seem to pop up. I look forward to your questions!

In solidarity,

-Emerson Csorba

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday October 25, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-13)

2011-13/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

2011-13/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

2011-13/2

PRESENTATIONS

2011-13/2a

Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW)- presented by Kyle Braithwaite. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

Abstract:

The PAW Centre is a new physical activity and wellness facility that includes several program components including a fitness centre, climbing wall, enclosed concourse c/w commercial space, community/teaching kitchen, multipurpose rooms, locker room renovations, squash courts, Steadward Centre, and academic space. The project is a partnership that includes the several stakeholders including the Students Union (SU), Graduate Student Association (GSA), Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation (FPER), and the Steadward Centre.

The project is currently in Design Development and construction is anticipated to commence in the spring of 2012 with an anticipated 30 month construction schedule.

NICOL/ISKANDAR MOVED TO make item 2011-13/2c a special order

Motion: CARRIED

2011-13/2c

SU Financial Statements 2010-11- Presented by Councillor Nicol, Audit Committee Chair. Sponsored by Councillor Nicol, Audit Committee Chair.

Abstract:

The Students' Union financial statements are prepared by management and audited by an external auditor (KPMG). The Audit Committee liaises with management and the external auditor to determine whether it will recommend approval of the financial statements to Students' Council. This presentation will principally discuss the feedback provided by the external auditor and

management on which basis Audit Committee recommends that the financial statements be approved.

2011-13/2b

Safewalk Presentation- Presented by Evan Worman, Associate Director. Sponsored by Councillor Kelly.

Abstract:

I will discuss Safewalk's mission, our history, and client/volunteer numbers. We are currently implementing an assessment to answer the question "Is Safewalk fulfilling its role to meet the needs of the campus community?", we will be asking many groups on campus for input. We are continually updating our service to keep pace with technology and infrastructure, such as new radios or planning for upcoming LRT changes. Two concerns are volunteer consistency; students are working to cover costs rather than volunteering. We also do not have a consistent number of clients.

2011-13/2d

Gateway Presentation- Presented by Alexandria Eldridge. Sponsored by Rory Tighe, President.

Abstract:

Ever wondered what happens to the DFU that students give to The Gateway? Editor-in-Chief Alex Eldridge and Gateway legend Lucas Wagner are here to answer just that question. Alex and Lucas will give you a rundown on what The Gateway does and who makes up the newspaper, as well as a rundown of where our revenues come from and what we spend our money on. They'll also discuss the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) and the role of the Society in operating The Gateway.

ZINYEMBA/BELLINGER MOVE TO recess

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting called back to order at 8:20pm

2011-13/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2011-13/7a

TIGHE/YAMAGISHI MOVES THAT Students' Council appoint the president and the VP academic to the Advisory Review Committee for the Provost and Vice President (Academic)

Motion: CARRIED

TIGHE/ISKANDAR MOVES TO move a motion from the floor
TIGHE/ISKANDAR MOVE TO appoint one (1) member of Students Council to the search committee for the Vice President Advancement.

Nominations: Csorba, Bellinger

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Bellinger

TIGHE/FERGUSON MOVED TO special order item 2011-13/6f

Motion: CARRIED

NICHOL/LIAN MOVED TO suspend standing orders 8.3 to allow for item 2011-13/6f to be dealt with

Motion: CARRIED

2011-13/6f

NICOL/LIANG MOVES THAT on the recommendation of the Audit Committee that Students' Council approve the Students' Union April 30 2011 year end draft financial statements.

Speakers List: Nicol, Bellinger, Yamagishi, Crone, Csorba, Luimes

Motion: CARRIED

2011-13/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Colten Yamagishi, VP Students Life- Oral Report

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

Raphael Lepage Fortin, BoG Rep- Oral Report

2011-13/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Adam Woods, Bylaw Committee Chair- Oral Report

2011-13/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes

2011-13/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-13/6a

ISKANDAR/SUMAR MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #8 in second reading based on the following principles:

1. A motion to impeach a member of the Executive or the Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and only for one or more of the reasons which follow:

i) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Political Policy. It is required that such contraventions of Students' Union Legislation be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.

ii) Charges levied against the respondent for violation of the Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal Law.

iii) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

2. A motion to begin impeachment procedures shall be submitted to the Speaker of Students' Council via a motion by petition, which shall require the endorsement of at least one third of the voting members of Council

3. At least nine business days before impeachment proceedings begin, the accused member shall be informed in writing of the allegations being levied against him or her.

4. A motion to impeach shall require two readings. The second reading may not occur at the same council meeting as the first reading.

5. Debate on a motion to impeach shall be conducted in camera.

6. The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend themselves, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for removal.

7. Each reading will require a 2/3rds majority to pass.

8. After the passage of the 1st reading, the respondent shall be placed on a paid suspension until the second reading occurs. This will relieve the accused of their ability to act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union

9. Upon the passage of the second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

ISKANDAR WITHDREW item 2011-13/6a

2011-13/6b

ISKANDAR/WOODS MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve Bill #10 that Students' Council remove the key reporting requirement from Bylaw 2000 in second reading.

Speakers list: Iskandar

Motion: CARRIED

2011-13/6c

BELLINGER/NICOL MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #11 in first reading, that balloting revert back to the Instant Runoff Voting system for Students' Council, General Faculties Council, and Executive elections.

Speakers List: Bellinger, woods, Nicol, Fehr

SUMAR/ZINYAMBA call to question

Motion: FAILED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2011-13/6d

NICOL/FERGUSON MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #12 to allow campaigning on voting days for the Executive, Students' Council, and General Faculties Council elections, as well as for Plebiscites, and Referenda in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1) No campaign activity shall take place within 6 meters of a polling station
- 2) No campaign materials shall be permitted within 6 meters of a polling station

Speakers List: Nichol, Bellinger, Yamagishi, Crone, Csorba, Zinyemba, Luimes, Sumar, Kelly, Power, Iskandar, McGillvary, Ferguson, Tighe, Le, Kusmu, Liang, Cheema

Automatic Recess at 10:00pm

Meeting called back at 10:10pm

Motion refered back to ERC

2011-13/6e

FERGUSON/NICOL MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #13 in first reading based on the following principle:

- 1) When the number of valid nomination packages received for a race in a faculty is less than the number of seats available in that race the C.R.O. shall extend the deadline for up to 2 days.

Speakers List: Ferguson, Lumes

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm

