

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday December 4, 2012  
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## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2012-16)

2012-16/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-16/2      PRESENTATIONS

2012-16/2b     Fall Reading Week Update , Presented by Colten Yamagishi, President.  
Sponsored by Colten Yamagishi, President.

Abstract: I will be providing a brief update on the progress that we have made with the Fall Reading Week proposal. After receiving considerable feedback from Dean's Council we have chosen to investigate a new implementation model for the week/program. The model currently imbedded in SU Policy was deemed unsatisfactory by Dean's Council due to accreditation concerns stemming from the loss of two instructional days. The new proposal does not require the loss of instructional days, but in some years, classes will have to begin before Labour Day (though never in August). This proposal also requires an extension of the last day of classes and the commencement school one day earlier. If we choose to pursue this option in Governance we must first amend the Fall Reading Week Policy at Students' Council to reflect the change in principle. This presentation will provide further background on the current issue and will cover the pros and cons of amending our policy to the new model.

2012-16/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-16/4      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-16/5      QUESTION PERIOD

2012-16/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-16/6e     **McGINN/CRONE move** to rescind the Engagement Policy based upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee in first reading.

Please see document LA 12-16.01

2012-16/7      GENERAL ORDERS

2012-16/7a     **SUMAR Moves** that Student's Council direct the Bylaw Committee to draft a referendum question based on the following:

Do you support the continuation of a Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass) subject to the following conditions?

1) The U-Pass would provide unlimited usage of regular transit service through Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit and Strathcona County Transit during the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Terms only to undergraduate students enrolled in at least one course for credit within the participating municipalities' service area during the Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer Terms.

2) The cost of the U-Pass to each student would be mandatory to any student enrolled in at least one course and would follow the price structure below:

2013-2014: \$147.50

2014-2015: \$155.00

2015-2016: \$162.50

2016-2017: \$170.00

3) The following Spring/Summer students may opt-out of the U-Pass:

- a) Student enrolled in work-experience, co-op, or a practicum outside of the participating municipalities service area for a majority of a term;
- b) Students unable to make use of ordinary transit services by reason of disability; and
- c) Students employed by Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, or Strathcona County Transit.

4) Students enrolled at Augustana are exempt from the U-Pass

5) The Students' Union shall be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with participating municipalities and the University of Alberta, contingent upon the inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions.

2012-16/8

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2012-16/8f

ERC Summary Report

Please see document LA 12-16.02

2012-16/8g

Colten Yamagishi, President- Report

Please see document LA 12-16.03

2012-16/8h

Policy Committee Summary Report

Please see document LA 12-16.04

- 2012-16/8i** Dongwoo Kim- Resignation  
Please see document LA 12-16.05
- 2012-16/8j** Councillor appointment  
Please see document LA 12-16.06
- 2012-16/8k** Audit Committee Summary Report  
Please see document LA 12-16.07

## **I.ENGAGEMENT**

WHEREAS the University has declared the importance of student involvement in building a great university;

WHEREAS a comprehensive and holistic student experience is one that balances exceptional academic and extra-curricular opportunities and experience, both on campus and in the larger community;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS involvement opportunities lead to improvements in the mental, physical, and social health on campus and the larger community;

WHEREAS community and campus involvement actively develops the leadership qualities of individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 2-3, Learning, Discovery and, Citizenship §1-3, 7.



## ERC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **November 27, 2012**

Time: **3:40 pm**

2011 – 2012 **MEETING #11**

### Motions

1.	<b>KIM</b> moved that <i>the November 27 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
2.	<b>SUMAR</b> moved that <i>the Election Review Committee recommends to Students' Council to approve Bills 12 to 14 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
3.	<b>HANWELL</b> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
4.		<i>CARRIED</i> <i>0/0/0</i>

Nov 30, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

My apologies for missing the main agenda with my report. I had some unexpected circumstances come up Thursday night that hindered me from completing it on time.

I have a fairly brief report for you since I spent the entirety of the first week at CASA Advocacy Week in Ottawa. With that said, there has been a lot going on lately within the Students' Union and the University community.

Before I begin my report, I would like to mention a few shout-outs. First I would like to congratulate our friend and co-worker Tim Ira for being promoted as the new Manager of the Centre for Student Development. I am sure that Tim will do a fantastic job and am very excited to see what he has in store for the service. This of course means that we will be seeing the departure of the amazing Tannis Pearson. Tannis has been with us for the past four years and under her leadership we have seen a tremendous amount of growth in the department. Tannis will begin her new job working as the Manager of Service Delivery for the Edmonton Boys and Girls Club/Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I am sure Tannis will continue to do us proud with this great opportunity.

I would also like to congratulate Megan Engel (President of the Last Alliance Club – Tolkien Society) at the University of Alberta for being named as a recipient of the prestigious Rhode Scholarship. Megan is a Graduate Student at the UofA – so she technically is not one of our members (though I believe she is an Alumni) - I thought that her achievement was so incredible that I would mention it here. The Rhode Scholarship will see Megan enroll in an all expenses paid program at Oxford University in England.

Lastly I would like to mention a few of the fun and exciting events that I have had the pleasure of attending this past week. Monday night I was able to attend the Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association (APSA) Mr. Pharmacy Movember Fundraiser Pageant with Councillor Le. Mr. Pharmacy pits male representatives from each of the Pharmacy classes against each other in a battle of wits, charm, pharmaceutical skills, and talent. The event raised over \$15000, which is incredible! On Friday night I had the opportunity to catch bits and pieces of the Greek God and Goddess competition hosted by the InterFraternity Council (IFC). The event is a combination of a battle of the bands and a dance competition between the Fraternities and Sororities on campus. Congratulations to the winning teams Theta Chi and Delta Gamma! I must say the DG's had by far the most amazing dance that I have seen during my time at university. I also had the opportunity (though not a campus event) to see Paul McCartney at Rexall Place. Yesterday I went to watch the Golden Bears volleyball team win their 11<sup>th</sup> straight game against the Mount Royal University Cougars. I expect that this will be a big year for Golden Bears and Pandas volleyball as they are ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in Canada West.

## **CASA – Advocacy Week**

I had a great first experience lobbying on Parliament Hill with CASA. Over the course of the week I had the opportunity to meet with the following Federal representatives:

Jim Hillyer – Conservative MP – Lethbridge

Linda Duncan – NDP MP – Edmonton, Strathcona

Alex Atamanenko – NDP MP – BC Southern Interior

Francoise Ducros – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Senator Thomas McInnis – Conservative Senator – Nova Scotia

Senator Rod Zimmer – Liberal Senator – Manitoba

We also received lobby training and a briefing on current Federal issues. I feel like I gained a lot of new knowledge about Federal politics and the important role that students play in our country's future. I also had the opportunity to see Question Period and watch the Prime Minister and Thomas Mulcair go head to head. It sounds exciting but within the hour I was starting to fall asleep – maybe I should learn French. We unfortunately lost a debate on tax credits vs. upfront grants at our closing plenary.

## **Campus Cup**

I had a lot of fun organizing the 2-900-office staff team in the Campus Cup tournament this past weekend. We unfortunately did not make it to the playoffs even though we went 3-1 in the round robin. I can blame my poor performance losing a 1-on-1 to a University Library staff member for this. Congratulations to the StepDads for winning the recreational division and the Monstars for winning the competitive competition. Our Programming department (primarily Brennan Murphy and former Councilor Avinash Karuvelil) did an excellent job organizing the event. I would also like to thank the Lister Dodgeball League and all of the volunteers who helped out.

## **GFC**

We had a pretty insane GFC meeting this past Monday. Most of the motions passed without question but we had a large conflict during question period. The GFC Secretary cut off a number of student representatives, including the VP Student Life and myself, mid-question while we were inquiring about a Lister update that had been submitted by the Dean of Students. The VP Academic has fulfilled the task of following-up with our concerns.

## **BoG Dinner – Hotel Selkirk**

I attended a Board of Governors dinner at the Hotel Selkirk in Fort Edmonton Park. We had preliminary discussions surrounding the creation of a strategic plan for the Board and discussed our relationship with the government. We also discussed potential opportunities to garner more public focus on the importance of post-secondary education in Alberta. The discussion was very interesting and I hope that we will be able to come up with some innovative pathways to encourage investment in our institution. Though I enjoy the fancy dinners, I may be interested in inquiring where the funds come from to support BoG events.

## **SERC**

At our last SERC meeting we selected a chair (Saima Butt from APIRG) and also participated in a consensus workshop led by Saima. I am very excited to have been chosen as the official committee “food getter”. We spent some time brainstorming topics to investigate this year and talked about the definition of social sustainability in relation to the Students’ Union’s sustainability policy (a discussion suggested by Councilor McGinn).

## **Association Meeting**

We met for lunch with representatives from the Academic Staff Association (AASUA) and the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA). We had a thorough discussion regarding a presentation that we hope to make to the government and chatted about the newest on-goings in the University community. I find it very useful to have these meetings as we often hear of interesting news and sometimes-juicy gossip.

## **Board Finance and Property Committee**

This past BFPC meeting was the most important of the year for the SU and GSA. We had our presentations in response to the tuition, market modifier, and rent increases for 2013/2014. I thought that my presentations were extremely well received. The meeting saw the passing of a proposal for a 2.15% (CPI) tuition increase and a 2.36% rent increase (which is considerably lower than the admin’s initial rent increase proposal) to go forward for final approval at our December 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting. I am quite satisfied with the work done in this area and made sure to have my votes in opposition to the proposals noted. We also saw the submission of the admin’s annual MNIF report. We will hopefully be receiving additional information on the CoSSS fee at Monday’s MBAC-TBAC meeting.

## **Academic Planning Committee**

The last APC meeting had a very light agenda. We approved a new program – Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and saw a presentation on the planning principles for this year’s Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP).

## **Exec Retreat**

I thought that our full-day exec retreat was very useful and provided the executive team with a good opportunity to decompress our thoughts and plans for the remainder of the term. We had a “check-in” session in the morning and discussed a number of our goals/current projects in the afternoon. The VPX, DRPA, and I also met with Martha Hall-Findlay (former MP and Federal Liberal Leadership Candidate) for lunch. Exec retreats provide us with a great opportunity to put the distractions of the workday away and discuss our short-term and long-term strategy.

## **Summary**



The past two weeks were pretty crazy as far as workload goes. Hopefully December will be a slower month. My focus in the holiday season will be shifting back to the Fall Reading Week and Lister.

**Ways to get involved:**

- Start thinking about running for an executive position and let us know if you are so we can provide you with support. Also, please let us know if you know anyone whom you think would be good for exec!
- I was thinking about hosting a job-shadow day for people interested in running for executive portfolios so let me know what you think of this idea.
- Attend Golden Bears and Pandas games (the VPSL usually has a list of upcoming games in his report)
- Sign up for Antifreeze! [www.su.ualberta.ca/events](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/events)

Cheers,

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at [president@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

*Time: 5:30pm*

2012-2013 *MEETING #14*

### **Motions**

1.	The meeting was called to order by <i>KHINDA</i> at 5:30pm	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
2.	<i>McGINN/CRONE</i> moved to rescind the Engagement Policy.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/1 <i>Abstention:</i> <i>SUMAR</i>
3.	<i>KHINDA/CRONE</i> moved to table agenda items with the exception of #5 (New Business)	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
4.	<i>McGINN/CRONE</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:33pm.	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0

Hi Rory,

I'm sending this e-mail to resign from the Students' Council. I thought about this for a while, and I have come to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of the Council and myself to resign before the beginning of the winter term. Thank you for everything thus far.

Best,

Dongwoo Kim



## Students' Union Elections Office

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<b>To:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mr. Rory Tighe Speaker of Students' Council</li><li>➤ Mr. Colten Yamagishi President, Students' Union</li><li>➤ Ms. Amanda Henry Student Governance Advisor, Students' Union</li></ul>
<b>From:</b>	➤ Farid Iskandar Chief Returning Officer
<b>Subject:</b>	Councillor Appointment - Arts
<b>Date:</b>	December 3, 2012

In accordance with Students' Union Bylaw 100, Section 7(6), empty seats on Students' Council shall be filled by *"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."* The last election where nominations were open for the Faculty of Arts in Students' Council was *Students' Council and GFC Election – March 2012*.

In response to the recent vacancy of an Arts position, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kathryn Orydzuk to Students' Council as Arts Councillor for the 2012-2013 year.

If you require any other information regarding this appointment, or regarding the Councillor replenishment process, please contact me at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca).



## COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: November 21st

Time: 5:00pm

2012 – 2013

### Motions

1.	<b>Hodgson</b> moves that the agenda be approved as amended	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
2.	<b>Hodgson</b> moves that the minutes be approved as amended	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
3.	<b>Hodgson/Pham</b> moves to approve the GSJS financial report and to disperse the DFU monies.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
4.	<b>Hodgson/Gensler</b> move to approve the ISSS financial review as presented	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
5.	<b>Mills/Pham</b> moves to adjourn.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0