

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday November 5th, 2013
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LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2013-13)

2013-13/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

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2013-13/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2013-13/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2013-13/5a To Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance from Councillor Binczyk.

What is the progress on the Events Calendar and how exactly will the calendar contribute to enhancing Council's visibility at campus-wide events?

What is the progress on the display of council photos in SUB? Will the idea be carried through this year?

2013-13/5b To the entire executive and the Grant Allocation Committee from Councillor Mohamed.

WUSC is currently a DFU under the SU. However, the funds allocated mainly go towards the actual tuition and not the logistics of actually bringing the student to Canada. Such logistics include writing the TOFEL exam, medical exams, and transporting the student from the refugee camp. These costs are often covered through unstable revenue sources such as yearly fundraising, donations, or sporadic grants. The costs usually end up totaling upwards to \$3,000. My questions are as follows:

1. Is it at all possible for the SU to provide funds to WUSC as soon as possible through possible grants or direct transfer?
2. Section 18, sub section 7 (f) mentions GAC's power to give grants to student groups. What is the process for this and does WUSC qualify?

2013-13/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-13/7 GENERAL ORDERS

2013-13/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2013-13/8c** Audit Committee Summary Report
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- 2013-13/8e** Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
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- 2013-13/8f** Future of U of A Calendar
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- 2013-13/8g** William Lau, VP Student Life- Report
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- 2013-13/8h** SCET Summary Report
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- 2013-13/8i** Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report
Please see document LA 13-13.07
- 2013-13/8j** Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report
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AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 29th 2013**

Time: **5.01 pm**

2013 – 2014

Motions

1.	DOUGLAS moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 29, 2013 as tabled.</i>	CARRIED 5/0/0
2.	BANISTER moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 15, 2013 as tabled.</i>	CARRIED 3/0/2
3.	HODGSON moved to <i>extend the Faculty Association financial report deadline to November 30, 2013.</i>	CARRIED 4/0/0
4.	VALDEZ moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	CARRIED



ELECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Motions		
1.	<i>MORRIS</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for September 30, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>2/0/1</i>
2.	<i>SPEAKMAN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/0</i>
<i>Date: October 30th 2013</i>		<i>2013 – 2014</i>
<i>Time: 3.14 pm</i>		



November 4, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Below you'll find an update of my activities from the past two weeks. I'll be absent from this Council meeting as myself and the SU University Governance and Advocacy Advisor are attending the Conference Board of Canada's Skills and Post-Secondary Education Summit in Toronto. Lead in part by our Provost-on-leave, Dr. Carl Amrhein, the conference focuses on national strengths and opportunities for growth within the higher education sector. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me during Council or at any time.

I. Lougheed Leadership Initiative

Based on feedback from Students' Council, the SU submitted our discussion paper on the Leadership College to Dr. Meekison, the head of the project. He agreed to come to Students' Council, if his schedule permitted, to further discuss the University's plans. The issue garnered media attention, through interviews with the Gateway, Metro, and CBC. During the CBC radio interview, the University's VP Advancement indicated that the broader leadership initiative will result in increased funding of CSL and undergraduate research, which is positive news. Petros and I met with the Board Chair earlier today to share our feedback on the Leadership College and the minimal internal discussion that's been had on the building.

The SU has provided the media with an article entitled "Leadership College Proposal a Missed Opportunity" that will hopefully make the case to potential donors that a Lougheed Leadership Initiative should be more impactful than simply a 144-person residence. It can be found online here: <http://su.ualberta.ca/about/news/entry/254/leadership-college-proposal-a-missed-opportunity/> We'll be forwarding the discussion document to Dean's Council and Vice Provost's Council for their information.

II. Suspension of the Printed Calendar

The Registrar's Office has announced that they will be discontinuing the print academic calendar next year, citing both costs and the increasing need for a more usable online calendar. If any students have concerns with not offering a print calendar, they can contact calendarfeedback@ualberta.ca to share their thoughts. I'm hopeful that the University will expedite the development of an online calendar, as it has the potential to make policies and course options clearer for students.

III. Concessions Policy Approval

Over the past eight months I have been a member of the GFC Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Accommodations. I'm pleased to announce that at today's GFC Executive committee meeting we unanimously voted to revise section 23.3 of the calendar. The amendments include making explicit that mental illnesses are reason for deferral of term work or final exams, adding all human rights protected grounds as reasons for deferral, and reference to the University's grade appeals policy so that students have recourse if they aren't satisfied with the concessions made. I'm proud to be a part of a University that recognizes that students face barriers to their full participation in classes, and is willing to accommodate them to the best of its ability.

IV. Miscellaneous

The COFA "We're all in this together" campaign finished last week. Congratulations to ESS President Cecilia Gee for snagging a picture next to each of the 14 different lawn signs. Over the past two weeks I attended meetings of the Council on Student Affairs, University Research Policy Committee, General Faculties Council, GFC Executive, and the Renaissance Committee. I met with the Dean of Students, Vice Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction), AASUA Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, Senior Associate Dean (Undergraduate) from Science and the Associate Deans (Undergraduate) from Arts. Lastly, I had the opportunity to give a keynote speech at the Centre for Teaching and Learning Catalyst Series on what makes good teaching.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 780-492-4236, or email me at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca.

Sincerely,



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Date: November 1, 2013

To: University of Alberta Campus Community

From: Lisa Collins, Vice-Provost & University Registrar

Re: The Future of the University of Alberta Calendar

Dear Colleagues,

This fall, the Office of the Registrar is aspiring to achieve the vision for the University Calendar as outlined in *Dare to Deliver 2011-2015*, which calls for “the development of an enhanced and interactive University Calendar that will be integrated with other administrative systems.” We want to meet this challenge by developing an electronic Calendar that is reflective of a top five university in Canada. We see this as an opportunity to address long overdue mid- and long-term improvements to the usability and functionality of the electronic version of our Calendar.

In evaluation of this project, the Office of the Registrar is discontinuing the print version of the University Calendar. Demand for print Calendars has declined each year. In 2012, the Office of the Registrar stopped mailing print Calendars to Alberta High Schools. We also have slowly reduced the size of the Calendar print run; in 2008, 20,000 copies were printed, compared to 8,500 in 2013. As demand is decreasing for the print Calendar, we are focusing our efforts on delivering a new, improved online University Calendar for the future.

We need to act quickly and efficiently to meet the *Dare to Deliver* timeframe. We are up to the challenge to deliver on this defined task and have outlined the following steps:

1. Termination of the print Calendar for 2014-15, providing online resources in HTML and PDF along with supportive hints and tips for use.
2. Initiate consultation with partners and stakeholders to help shape the project plan for the future Calendar.
3. Start development and execution of the new online University Calendar project.
4. Implement a phased approach beginning with the 2015-16 University Calendar.

2014-15 Calendar & Your Feedback

As stated above, we are terminating production of the print Calendar for 2014-15. We will continue to provide the electronic version of the University Calendar in HTML format, as well as in various PDF versions. Users will be able to download individual sections to their computers and print them if and as required. For example, sections available in PDF include: President’s Message, Inquiries, Academic Schedule, Application Deadlines, Undergraduate Admission, Regulations and Information for Students, Undergraduate Programs by Faculty, Graduate Studies and Research, Open Studies, Course Listings, Glossary, General Information, and University Staff.

We recognize that the current online functionality of the electronic Calendar is not what it could be. Therefore, we will develop guides and tips to help you navigate and use both the HTML and PDF versions during the interim period.

Should you have feedback about the decision to terminate production of the print version of the Calendar, please let us know by **November 20, 2013**. Please send your feedback to calendarfeedback@ualberta.ca or call Carrie Holstead, Manager, Policy & Governance at 780-248-1142.

Future Calendar Vision

We envision the future Calendar to be a resource that all stakeholders, including students, faculty and staff, will use and interact with effectively and efficiently. The overall goals will be to improve the functionality of the University Calendar as a key web-based electronic tool and to provide a user experience that is commensurate with expectations of a top Canadian public university. Within the project, we anticipate to review items such as presentation to the user, approval workflow processes and overall content management. We firmly believe that we can develop a productive and successful product along with the help and consultation of our partners and stakeholders on campus.

Next Steps

The Office of the Registrar will notify the chair of the GFC Executive Committee in writing of our decision to terminate the print Calendar. This notice will be passed to Committee members as an information item between meetings.

Consultation on Future Directions

The Office of the Registrar will begin consultation with campus stakeholders on the future direction of the University Calendar as soon as the final decision on the print Calendar is made. These consultations will inform the overall scope of the project to effectively manage single-source Calendar content, to respond to campus needs with respect to frequency of University Calendar releases, and to optimize the submission, management and presentation of Calendar content.

We look forward to hearing from you and are excited to embark on this significant project that will help improve the way we use and interact with our University Calendar. We are committed to keeping you informed about the future of the Calendar once final decisions and directions are confirmed.

Sincerely,



Lisa Collins
Vice-Provost & University Registrar

November 5th, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Council Report of the Student Life Portfolio

Dear Council,

Take a deep breath, and keep pushing. I know it's that time of the year – but hey let's get each other through it :)

Engagement

- Heroes for Health (H4H) Symposium – Saturday, November 16th in the Telus Centre. Come appreciate the ideas that our students and staff have come up with to create a healthier campus. Register online for the symposium at www.heroesforhealth.ualberta.ca by November 12th.
- Council Outreach – Another month has passed, the newsletter and classroom talks PowerPoint will be released soon – how have these been working for you?
- Athletic Promotions – October 25th Legacy Game was a blast, and set a benchmark for what we would like future athletic games to look like. Conversations will follow-up to see how we could provide more free games, and improve the marketing of varsity games using existing networks.
- Programming and Venues Department – Campus Cup is coming up on November 22nd – we are currently lacking one female member on the Students' Union team! We are also opening registration for Antifreeze right away, which will run in January!
- Campus Musical – I have been facilitating the transition of the Campus Musical to be a sustainable student group. After interviews, we have selected our director this past weekend, and will be selecting a musical this week, and holding auditions starting next week!
- Salsa Initiative – building a bridge between CSJ, the residence community, and Dewey's. Let's see if we can throw our first salsa night at Dewey's by December!
- HUB Megamall Party – leveraging the freakin' expensive lighting in HUB to throw some freakin' bomb gatherings. Targeting January as a welcome (back) event, with possible tie-in to athletics.
- Anchor Splash – Congrats to the PIKEs for winning Anchor Splash!

- Student Group Procedural Changes – recent conversations with the Dean of Students’ office have been fruitful, and will address most, if not all of our asks. The key change has been involving the SU in conversation before the DoS even makes its initial decision to reject a student group’s registration, allowing the SU and DoS to form a stance together, rather than creating a circumstance which naturally puts us in opposing roles. A new draft will be available next week, and I will be sure to circulate it when it is available.
- Academic to World of Work Transition Project – An interesting opportunity was presented to exec over email with a program that would offer students from various backgrounds to tackle case studies together in an industry boardroom with the facilitation of their management. The SU will be supporting a pilot run of the project, and will decide after the pilot run what the partnership may look like. Emails back n’ forth.
- The Infolink ONEcard Service Centre had its grand opening on Friday November 1st. It’s a great example of how the SU and the University can work together to enhance service to students :)
- Engagement of students should be awarded! SU Awards applications have now opened up! Applications close on November 29th at 4:30pm. <http://su.ualberta.ca/services/awards/>

Food

I have been contacting Faculty Associations to gain a deeper understanding of where they provide microwaves, and whether they maintain the microwaves themselves, in hopes that I can leverage Aramark’s resources to unload the maintenance work from FA’s. I will continue working with Ancillary Services to see which other Aramark locations would be sensible locations to place microwaves.

I met with former VPSL Nick Dehod to learn more about his vision surrounding the Community Kitchen. In conjunction with the limited space available, I will be pulling together stakeholders to talk about a Community Kitchen that could potentially play the following roles: 1) teaching cooking, 2) programming for student groups, and 3) food (soup?) giveaways.

Health and Wellness

Flu clinics will be running from November 5-8! Registration will be on the Main Floor of SUB by the bookstore. The operating times are as follows:

Nov 5, 6, 8: 9AM-3PM

Nov 7: 11AM-5PM

On the Campus Cup weekend, there is an event called Hacking Health – a health hackathon bringing together clinicians, developers, designers, students and researchers to create digital health care solutions over the weekend. The Health Sciences Council will cover the registration fee (\$30) for up to 35 health sciences students. Great entrepreneurial learning opportunity ;)

Also, University Wellness Services is partnering up with Alberta Health Services to expand a program called Relieve Stress Now, aiming to build capacity within the campus community following a “train the trainer” model. I will be attending the seminars along with our PSC director to see how we could leverage these resources to empower students to cope with stress.

Oh and – heroes for health symposium.

Internationalization

The previous International Student Issues town hall yielded two things: 1) a petition requesting more information surrounding International Differential Fees (IDF), and 2) a list of priorities and takeaways that the SU could advocate on. I have submitted all the petition asks to GFC as written questions, and I am currently planning a second petition with International students targeting the key takeaways from the town hall:

1. Regulating the IDF
2. Grandfathering tuition rates
3. Revamped scholarship structure
4. Increased services (ie. Job-seeking and Permanent Residency)

Creation of the International Students' Association (ISA) has slowed down as student leaders' availability has decreased with midterms. As meetings pick up momentum, I hope to have SU, GSA, Discover Governance, and the various international student leaders around the table.

Also, International Week. I am encouraging student groups to run programming and leverage the marketing behind I-week. Unfortunately, since time is needed to print programs, proposals are due on November 15th, which is coming up really soon!

Public Transit

Last council report, I shared public statement in response to the City's written response.

<http://su.ualberta.ca/about/news/entry/249/students-request-fairer-transit-fines/>

I followed-up with them to explore again varying options, including a reduced fine upon showing proof of purchase, rather than eliminating the fine. Unfortunately, they aren't too good with emails... which I totally understand 'cause I haven't been that good with them lately either!

On the bright side, a referendum was conducted for Dentistry Students for their Spring/Summer U-Pass and it passed with a 52.9% voter turnout, and 75.3% voters in favour of the program! :)

Residence Issues

I'm really excited for two meetings coming up. One is a Residence Halls' Association meeting this Thursday, because Residence Services will be presenting their business plans for the various residences. On November 12th, Residence Operations will be presenting their priorities to the SU and the GSA.

I am really excited for these two meetings because I sincerely believe that the University and the student body all have the same goals – a successful residence operations should please both parties – I hope that these conversations will better show the SU, GSA, and other student representatives where our concerns fall in the larger picture and plans of the University, so that we can have an understanding of “competing priorities”, have patience for change, and have an appreciation of the processes in place. With a greater understanding, I also believe that it will make our advocacy more effective.

Cheers,

William Lau



STUDENTS' COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 31st 2013

Time: 6.17 pm

2013 – 2014

Motions

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 31, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>
2.	<i>BANISTER</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 17, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/1</i>
3.	<i>BANISTER</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>

November 5th, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

Not too much to report this time around. I fell ill last week so I was unable to attend GFC, and there haven't been any meetings of the Board in the interim. Nevertheless, I've been keeping up to speed with developments and am looking forward to meetings of the Board later in November. I've also started working with former Councillor Quetzala Carson on the acknowledgement of Indigenous territory statement for council – nothing to report now but I'll keep you updated as we move forward.

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight!

In Solidarity,

Brent Kelly

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2013-2014 | [University of Alberta Students' Union](#)

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November 5, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

I'm changing the format of my Council Reports. The first portion will relate to my Executive Goals and the second portion will relate to extra content related to my role as VPOF.

SUB Renovation

The ACFA loan was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on October 30, 2013! That means we now have \$13,000,000 for the SUB Renovations! A big thank you to VP Woods for his work on this. Another big thank you to the many players involved from the University and the Government of Alberta for making this a reality. I believe General Manager Marc Dumouchel slept much better on the eve of Halloween.

Here's a [link](#) for those interested in seeing the wording, but I will paste it below as well:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council approves

- (a) the borrowing by The Governors of The University of Alberta of not more than \$13 000 000 in Canadian funds from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority for a term not to exceed 25 years and at an interest rate not to exceed 4.75% per annum for the construction of the Students' Union Building Addition and Renovation, and
- (b) the issuing of securities and the entering into of agreements for the purposes of the borrowing.

PAW Centre

The Exec and I will get a tour of the PAW Centre in the coming weeks. VP Lau is taking the lead on the Community Kitchen project. GM Dumouchel and I will be working on the RFP packages for retail and food space this month.

North Power Plant

Bart Becker, Associate VP (Facilities & Operations), Ellen Schoeck, Executive Director of the GSA, Megha Bajaj, VP (Student Services) of the GSA, General Manager Marc Dumouchel, and I will be meeting next week to determine the steps moving forward for the NPP project.

The Daily Grind

Sales have been doing very well for the past two months. I'm in regular communication with Jerry Daley, the Senior Manager (Food & Beverage) on ways to improve this operation. The neon sign should be coming in and installed next week. I'm hoping to have a grand opening celebration to solidify the launch of this new operation.

Room At The Top

I haven't been able to work as closely with the RATT operation, but I look forward to seeing RATT reach its potential.

Business Advisory Group

I have a preliminary idea for how this group would work. We are looking to have the materials prepared by the start of December, advertise the group over the Christmas break, and then have the group selected by mid-January for implementation ASAP.

DFU Task Force

The Task Force will have its first meeting within the next couple of weeks. The DFU representatives will be Ryan Bromsgrove from the Gateway and Ian Reade from the Department of Athletics.

Communications Strategic Plan

We've got two meetings under our belt to discuss communications within the SU. I have a general deadline of early December to have this document created, so I look to contributing many hours to this document in the next month.

Financial Reporting

This goal needs to be revisited through discussions at BFC. I will keep Council updated as BFC meets in the next couple of weeks.

Operating Policy Review

President Kusmu and I will be working on one piece of the Operating Policy, the Sponsorship Policy, next week. I will continue to work through the Operating Policy in the coming months.

Inter-SU VPOF Collaboration

The ball is rolling with discussions with a handful of VPOFs across the country. I don't know what the outcome will be, but the future is optimistic!

Feel free to get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

Josh Le

(electronically submitted)