

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# **STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS**

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**Tuesday October 2, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**2001-03/12**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2001-03/12d  
CASA General  
Meeting**

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$3900.00 to send VP External to the CASA General Meeting in Ottawa from October 13-21, 2001.

Please see document LA 01-10.01

**2001-03/12e  
ACEC**

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Athletic Campus Events Coordinator Hiring Committee, ratify the hiring of Christine Rodgerson as ACEC.

# Report to Students' Council

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Amy Salyzyn  
Vice-President Academic  
October 2, 2001

## **I. Brainstorming Regarding Stakeholders (September 19)**

The intent of this meeting was to identify groups with which the Students' Union seeks greater interaction. The stakeholders that we were able to cover spanned a diverse array of groups from international students to alumni. Key gaps in our current activities and key action steps that could potentially secure this interaction were identified.

## **II. GFC Student Caucus (September 19)**

Reports were received from all Faculties present, the agenda was reviewed and initiatives designed to increase our interaction with GFC faculty membership were discussed. Although attendance was unfortunately somewhat lacking great dialogue was generated. GFC Student Caucus appears to be continuing to become a strong and effective forum

## **III. CAAST Meeting (September 20)**

Items discussed included IB/AP Transfer Credit, /approval of new programs in the Faculty of Science, changes to academic regulations in the Faculty of Pharmacy, update on University mathematical requirements and receipt of the Alberta Council of Admission and Transfer's annual report.

## **IV. GFC Facilities Development Committee (September 21)**

The major item of business was reviewing the detailed space programme for the proposed Natural Resources Engineering Facility (NREF). Questions asked included inquiries about how this facilities factors into the new engineering core being developed and what will happen to existing facilities used for Engineering. Additional items included reports on the proposed St Stephens' College Residence and the proposed Integrated Nano Systems Institute (INSI).

**V. Orientation/WOW Volunteer Appreciation Party (September 22)**

It was great to be able to attend this special night recognizing all of our dedicated volunteers and to be able to relive the wonderfulness that was Orientation and Week of Welcome through an amazingly compiled video.

**VI. General Faculties Council (September 24)**

The September GFC meeting presenting an interesting mix of questions, policies and presentations. Throughout this mix, students were very effectively represented by all those student councillors that attended and especially those who presented questions. Specific items included: Questions from graduate students regarding USRIs and ONECards, an oral report regarding Administrative Information Systems, proposal to eliminate the Canadian Studies Program, two Students' Union proposals to enhance student representation on Department Chair and Dean Selection Committees, a presentation on the 2002/2003 University Budget Critical Path.

**VII. Meeting regarding Awards Night (September 25)**

Planning is well underway for the annual Students' Union Involvement Awards. Considerations at this meeting focussed around strategies to increase award amounts that recipients receive. Things look promising that we will be able step up the monetary amounts of awards given to students this year. Thea Varvis, the Academic Affairs Coordinator is currently reviewing and revising the bylaw – look for proposed changes to come to Council soon!

**VIII. Meeting with Alumni Council (September 25)**

This productive meeting allowed us to meet a number of members of the of the Alumni Council and discuss opportunities for coordination on projects. In addition to possible “spirit and pride” related activities (e.g. events for convocating students/Faculty competition weeks), mentoring opportunities were also discussed.

**IX. Meeting Regarding Registration Research Project (September 26)**

With the coordination of our Marketing Manager, Dan Costigan, a proposal was developed for members of an upper level Marketing class to engage in a market-research project investigating issues around registration. The scope of the project is still under development, but it looks to be a fantastic opportunity to gather student opinion and perspective.

**X. Campus Law Review Committee (September 27)**

In addition to receiving year-end reports from various residencies regarding discipline, CLRC reviewed and accepted several proposal editorial changes to the Student Code of Behaviour. In general the new Code seems to be functioning well and there have been clear lines of communication established for those with concerns and questions.

**XI. Meeting with John Hoddinott, AAS:UA (September 28)**

At this meeting, myself and John touched base on the status of the midterm teaching evaluation pilot. A proposal is currently being generated to apply for funding for this project containing both a strategy for administration and an estimation of resources required.

***Up and coming...***

Completion of Stakeholders Meeting (October 1)

Sub-Committee on Standards (CAAST) (October 4)

Council of Faculty Associations (October 4)

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Kory Zwack  
Vice-President External  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001

### **CAFA PSE Vision Meeting:**

- CAFA presented us with their newest version of a pamphlet that will be put out on behalf of all sectors of the post secondary system. The pamphlet will focus on Student Learning, Infrastructure, Meaningful Involvement, Leadership & Governance and Educators.

### **Gripe Tables:**

- The Gripe tables were a great opportunity to get out into the student body and hear their problems with us. Overall most gripes were serious and the two I will address are:
  - Why do you need a SIN card to get your student loan application form processed at the post office?  
*Answer: The post office does not require it, it is national Edulinx policy for any student loan signed through the post office who is a sub contractor of Edulinx.*
  - Where is a timetable so we know when we can get our loans signed?  
*Answer: There is a timetable of what to do for student loans available at Student Financial Aid and Information Centre in 2-700 SUB.*

### **Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfers:**

- This meeting dealt with what will be happening with developing high school English Language Arts program and other revamping to the high school system that affects the universities. Also we navigated the new ACAT webpage which helps students find if a course is transferable from one institution to another.

### **Tuition:**

- Had an additional Budget Advisory Committee meeting to discuss tuition and the pressures currently put on the University. I also attended the press conference held by the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association.

### **Meeting with Parkland Institute:**

- This meeting discussed what would be happening when the Parkland Institute holds its conference here. The conference is happening mid November and is focused on Democracy.

**CASA:**

- It has been decided by the CASA membership to delay the start of our National Campaign for PSE and also to change the focus of our meeting in October to an internal review conference. As a result, the policy committee will be working overtime while in Ottawa to get as many policies done as possible before we wrap up.

**CAUS:**

- Some of CAUS have been invited to attend the future summit regional meetings in Edmonton next week. This will allow us to voice our opinion on education matters. Also, Oliver Bladek, the Chair of CAUS, will be making a presentation to the Student Finance Board in conjunction with Chris and myself tomorrow.

*Up and Coming:*

- CAUS Presentation to Student Finance Board
- New West Banquet and Conference
- Senate Executive
- Mayoral Forum
- Future Summit regional meetings



## CASA Lobby Conference

October 13-21, Ottawa, ON

This meeting is replacing the Lobby Conference that was scheduled for the same time and place. CASA membership decided because of the tragedy in the US, that it is no longer an opportune time for us to go and lobby the government. As a result we will be holding a General Meeting in Ottawa from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. This conference will give us updates on all major issues that we currently are facing and also, it will give all committees (especially mine) to work on new issues and to get a lot done for the March Lobby Conference to be held in Ottawa.

	Per person	# of people	# of days	Total
<b>Air Fare</b>				
VP External	488.88	1		
VIA Rail	80.00	1		568.88
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<b>Conference Fee</b>	325.00	1		325.00
<b>Hotel</b>	166.88	1	8	1335.04
<b>Per Diem</b>	30.00	1	9	270.00
<b>Total amount of conference request</b>				<b>\$2498.92</b>