

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**STUDENTS'**  
**COUNCIL**  
**LATE ADDITIONS**

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**Tuesday July 16, 2002 – 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**2002-06/7** **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**2002-06/7a** Steve Smith – budget (15 Minutes)

**2002-06/9** **REPORTS**

c) Steve Smith – Vice President Operations and Finance.

Please see document LA 02-06.01.

**2002-06/14** **NEW BUSINESS**

**2002-06/14f** SHARMA/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the appointment of Elizabeth Sumamo, Elizabeth Meiling Shih, Emily Kraus, and Chad Moore as student-at-large members of the Awards Selection Committee.

**2002-06/14g** SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed budget, contingent on the approval of a ten thousand dollar sponsorship from the Alberta Public Interest Research Group by the APIRG Board of Directors, for Ralph Nader to speak on the University of Alberta campus, and that the budget operate from the Students' Union's Special Project Reserve.

Please see document LA 02-06.02.

**2002-06/15** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2002-06/15c** Employee Travel Policy.

Please see document LA 02-06.03.

## **Tonight, on *Council Report*: An intimate discussion with Steve Smith, Vice President (Apologies and Retractions)**

**Q:** So Steve, I notice you're sporting a posh new haircut. What can you tell me about that?

**A:** Well, I received this haircut courtesy of Student Activities Co-ordinator Mariel Dagot (who was kind enough to take some time out of her busy schedule of running the Student Life portfolio), at no cost to either me or the Students' Union. However, the S.U. was courteous enough to provide a venue, in the Dinwoodie Lounge.

**Q:** I'll bet that Senior Manager (Facilities and Operations) Margriet Tilroe-West was pleased to hear about that, eh?

**A:** We never told her. Keep it quiet.

**Q:** I hope you found a good use for all that hair.

**A:** I left it in the Vice President (External)'s office while he was in Nova Scotia.

**Q:** That is remarkably creepy.

**A:** I also rearranged the letters on his keyboard to read "fucking loser." Christ, I'm hilarious.

**Q:** Right. . . so, I notice SUB is still being expanded; what can you tell me about that?

**A:** Not a whole lot; I've been leaving most aspects to professionals. You think this organization's dumb enough to entrust a multi-million dollar building expansion to a twenty year old kid who charts policy based on hidden messages he receives in his dreams? Don't make me laugh!

**Q:** Ah, yes. So what about the budget?

**A (takes a swig from a mickey of rye, glares):** What about the fucking budget?

**Q:** How is it coming along?

**A:** It's done. All that remains is for it to pass through Council. If any councilor raises any issue with it, I'll knee them in the groin, knock them unconscious, and leave them for dead outside a Stony Plain crackhouse.

**Q:** Ha ha! What a great sense of humour you have!

**A (takes another swig):** Shut up.

**Q:** Okay, moving right along. . . what's new in the world of dedicated fees?

**A:** I hate them all. They suck up all my time. The Gateway keeps whining about its office space, and the lease agreement – which should be coming forward July 26<sup>th</sup> – had several holes poked in it by lawyers. APIRG wants its money, which is of course impossible because the Vice President (Academic) is spending it as we speak on a bender in Guatemala. At least FACRA agreed to sign that lease...

**Q:** I notice a couple of operating policies coming forward as information items...are those yours?

**A:** They sure are. The travel policy is meant to make sure that our travel costs are as low as possible, as well as to send a message to the University. The posting policy is meant to reduce clutter on the SUB bulletin boards, as well as to give the Students' Union some teeth in enforcing this.

**Q:** I know that you've often complained bitterly in the past about being forced to leave your office and meet people. Have the last few weeks been any better for this?

**A:** Worse, if anything. I met with Councilor Michael Phair and listened as he and Kail bantered about residential property tax. I met with Geoff Hurly of the University's

Facilities Management department to discuss an energy audit on SUB, with Les Steele of the Alberta Federation of Labour to discuss sponsorship of the eco conference, and with Lloyd and Sadd insurance brokers to explore insurance options for the S.U. I also went to the legislature to hear the Council of Alberta University Students make a presentation on deregulation to the legislature Standing Policy Committee on Learning and Employment. That showed some potential to be fun until legislature security confiscated my chicken mask and “Raj against the machine” T-shirt. Worst of all, I had to fly all the way to St. Catherine’s for a Campus Advantage Board of Directors meeting. I hate my life.

**Q:** So, what about crazy, behind the scenes Executive hijinks? Any of those afoot?

**A:** I hate them all. A few weekends ago, eighty per cent of us went on an impromptu executive retreat to Alberta Beach. The Vice President (Student Life) managed the dubious distinction of getting himself kicked out of the same bar twice during a two hour span. But at least I eventually found somewhere to “pitch my tent,” if you know what I’m saying.

**Q:** You’re saying that you had to find somewhere to erect a nylon structure so that you and your fellow executive members would have some shelter for the night, right?

**A (hangs head):** Yes.

**Q:** So what can we expect to see coming down the pipes in the next little while?

**A:** The cursed, god-forsaken, soul-devouring, blood pressure-raising, commie nazi budget for one. Then there should be some revisions to the APIRG Bylaw coming forward in short order, and a couple more operating policies – one on paper use, and another on S.U. sponsorship of external events.

**Q:** We’re about out of time – anything you’d like to leave us with?

**A:** As the Vice President (External) so eloquently put it to the Student Finance Board, “deregulation equals bad.”

**Q:** Thanks very much, Steve. Tune in next week to Council Report for “Mike Hudema: Courageous Eco-Warrior or High-Flying Corporate Sellout?”

**Please note:** every single thing in the above report is absolutely true, except for the part about the Vice President (Academic)’s bender in Guatemala. To the best of my belief, he never made it past Belize.

Proposed Budget for Ralph Nader:

Expenditures:

\$ 30,689	Ralph Nader honararium
\$ 4,603	Travel for two from Washington, DC
\$ 60	Meals and travel for two
\$ 200	Accommodation for two for one night

Total: \$35,552

Revenue:

\$10,000	APIRG
\$2,500	Alberta Federation of Labour
\$2,000	Office of the Vice-Provost & Dean of Students
\$200	Nancy Henneman
\$500	GSA
\$100	2 Private Donations

Sub-Total: \$15,800

Expected Revenue:

\$10,000	(400 students @ \$10, 300 adults @ \$20)
\$10,000	Western Economic Diversification
\$4,000	Union Donations
\$ ?	Council of Canadians
\$ ?	United Nurses Association
\$ ?	Student Groups Grant
\$ ?	ATA

Sub-total: \$24,000

Total: \$39,800

Grand Total: (Expenditures – Revenue) = \$4,248

# ***THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA***

## **OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT**

<i>Policy Number:</i>	<b>14.05</b>	<i>Effective Date:</i>		<i>Page</i>	<b>1</b>	<i>of</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>		<b>Executive Committee</b>					
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	<b>OPERATING POLICY (GENERAL)</b>					
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<b>GENERAL</b>					
	- <i>Topic:</i>	<b>Employee Travel</b>					

### **Introduction:**

The Students' Union is a predominantly student funded organization, and recognizes that students are a demographic with little money to spare. With this in mind, it is important wherever possible to secure inexpensive alternatives to large expenditures. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the field of travel.

### **Policy:**

- 14.05.01 The Students' Union shall not pay for any air travel within the province of Alberta, except as part of a flight plan with an ultimate destination outside of Alberta.
- 14.05.02 The Students' Union shall not pay for any first class or business class ticket for any reason.
- 14.05.03 The Students' Union shall always endeavor to make travel arrangements that are as economical as possible in terms of time, money and environmental impact.

### **Policy History:**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Board/Committee</b>	<b>Date of Council Approval</b>
Created	July 11, 2002	Executive Committee	July 16, 2002