

*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday October 1, 2002 - 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2002-12/9            **REPORTS**

2002-12/9a            External Affairs Board Report

Please see document LA 02-12.01.

2002-12/14            **NEW BUSINESS**

2002-12/14e            SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed letter of clarification from the Executive Committee to Orientation staff and volunteers, and direct the Executive Committee to send it to the Orientation staff and volunteers.

Please see document LA 02-12.02.

2002-12/14f            SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Students' Union and the Forest Society.

Please see document LA 02-12.03.

2002-12/14g            SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council select one voting member of Students' Council to sit on the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee for the duration of the 2002-2003 year.

Dear Orientation staff and volunteers,

We assume that you are all familiar with the events that transpired at the President's Address on September 3rd, 2002. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify with you our reasons for doing what we did.

First of all, Kail and Mike do wish that they had included more of a welcome to students. However, the core of our message was that there are a great many things about which students should be concerned about the way their University is operating, and we do not regret delivering this message. To those who would say that this was not the appropriate venue for such a message, we would question who designates the appropriateness of the venue. We would also say that tuition increases are a reality to students before they come to campus, and talking about them and the fact that tuition is students' number one concern (undergraduate fall survey) is not inappropriate. In fact, we would argue that it would be inappropriate not to. The speech is also an introduction to students' new Executive Committee; whether they like it or not their new Executive Committee is political, and will not take a passive role while students are turned away. To those who would accuse us of taking advantage of a captive audience to convey our concerns, we respond by expressing our belief that University students are intelligent enough to draw their own opinions from facts presented to them, and that by pretending that all was well we would have been insulting this intelligence.

We appreciate that Orientation can only come about with the insanely hard work of a few dedicated staff and an army of enthusiastic volunteers, and we thank you for being those people. We do not apologize for telling new students what we did or the way in which we did it. But if any of you felt that our actions in any way devalued your Orientation experience, we do apologize for that.

Sincerely,

The 2002-2003 University of Alberta Students' Union Executive  
Mike Hudema, President  
Anand Sharma, Vice President (External)  
Mat Brechtel, Vice President (Academic)  
Steve Smith, Vice President (Operations and Finance)  
Kail Ross, Vice President (Student Life)

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**The Students' Union, University of Alberta ("the S.U.")**

**and**

**The Forest Society ("the Society")**

1. The S.U. agrees to the following:
  - A. Prior to September 30 of each year up to 2009, the S.U. shall loan the Society a sum of up to \$25,000 for the purpose of financing a Christmas Tree selling operation.
  - B. In 2002, no interest shall be assessed on this sum prior to January 31, 2003.
  - C. In ensuing years, the S.U. shall charge an interest rate that is representative of the costs incurred by the S.U. in granting this loan.
  
2. The Society agrees to the following:
  - A. The Society shall repay the loan in full prior to January 31 of the year after which the loan was granted.
  - B. The Society shall remain a Student Group registered with the S.U.
  - C. The Society shall donate 10% of the net profit from the Christmas Tree sale to a charitable institution.
  - D. The Society shall take steps towards self-sufficiency to ensure that no loan is required by 2010.
  - E. If any of the conditions above are not met, the S.U. shall not grant any loan to the Society.