

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, June 1, 2004 – 6:00PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

2004-03/6

REPORTS

2004-03/6a

Jordan Blatz, President

Please see document LA 04-03.05

2004-03/6b

Lisa McLaughlin, Vice President Academic

Documentation will be brought to council.

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Alex Abboud, Vice President External

Please see document LA 04-03.06

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Alvin Law – Vice President Operations & Finance

Please see document LA 04-03.07

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Duncan Taylor, Vice President Student Life

Please see document LA 04-03.08

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QUESTION PERIOD

2004-03/7a

BARON - Given the low voter turnout in elections, do you foresee the proposed legislation (Bill #4 (Attendance Enforcement Amendment Motion) as being an effective mechanism for all faculties?

2004-03/12

NEW BUSINESS

2004-03/12d

MOTION BY BLATZ/ABBOUD, ORDERED that Students' Council appoint one member of Students' Council to sit on the Vargo Chair Selection Committee that will be meeting on Thursday June 17 from 2:00-3:30 in 2-11 U Hall.

Report for Students' Council
Jordan Blatz
President
June 1, 2004

Good evening Council,

It seems as though the past two weeks have completely flown by, which means that the Executive and I are hitting our stride. I am happy to report that although busy, the past few weeks have been really productive as well. Here are some specifics on some of the major things I have been working on:

1. Presidential Search Committee: We are mostly done the consultation stage and well into the drafting of a position document, that will be distributed to potential candidates. If you have any questions or comments about the PSC, email them to me at president@su.ualberta.ca.
2. Training sessions: We have now finished the last of our training sessions (hopefully).
3. Alumni Association AGM: I attended the annual general meeting of the Alumni Association at the Alumni House. The meeting was brief but I have started to establish good contacts in this arena. It hope to continue building our relationship with the Alumni Association this year and working with them on various events.
4. Meal Card: I met with Michael Beaver from ARAMARK and David Bruch from Ancillary Services to discuss expansion of the meal card in SU businesses. The meetings were great, however, some concerns were raised around the Powerplant and RATT. Bill Smith, our General Manager, and I will continue meeting with these groups throughout the summer.
5. Celebration of PSE: I brought a proposal forward to the executive committee regarding this event. The motion passed unanimously and we are all excited about this event. Tentative bookings have been made for September 29th and I am now awaiting council approval (hopefully to come this meeting) before moving forward.
6. Rural tours: Alex and I will be heading on a rural tour on June 3rd and 4th in Bonneyville, St. Paul, Cold Lake, and Alliance. We are meeting with various groups and I look forward to testing how our message is received by rural Albertans.
7. Federal Election Strategy: We have made posters and banners to advertise the federal election and encourage students to vote. We will also be holding a forum on June 22nd at 7:00pm on SUB stage. I hope you will all be able to make it. For more information, check out www.generationdebt.ca or email Alex or I.
8. Executive Communications Officer: I am pleased to announce that we have hired Michael Horler to be our new ECO.
9. Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA): The executive and I just returned from the CCSA conference in Winnipeg. I had a wonderful time and I made a lot of really good contacts at schools across the country. More to come in a conference report next meeting.

10. GSA: Alexis Pepin, the GSA President, and I had our first meeting. We are looking forward to a renewed friendship between our organizations. I am also working with her in order for the SU to be able to renew it's lease for the Powerplant.

Upcoming meetings/events

- Meeting with Carl Amrhein, Vice President (Academic) and Provost
- Meeting with ETS to discuss U-Pass
- Community and Gov't Relations
- Board Education Affairs Committee
- Chancellor Installation Dinner
- Introductory address at CASFAA

Alex Abboud, Vice President External
Report to Students' Council
June 1st

CCSA

Attended the Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA) in Winnipeg this past Wednesday through Sunday. I left during the last day of the conference in order to be here for Chancellor's Cup. I had the opportunity to meet a number of my counterparts from across the country, and to exchange ideas with them in both formal and informal settings. Highlights from the sessions included the VP External roundtable session, as well as sessions on the media, effective communication, and lobbying and demonstration tactics. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the session on 25 Tips for a Successful Year, from our own Rock Star General Manager Bill Smith. Informal highlights included networking and hanging out after the sessions with other schools – in particular Queens and Western – Dinner Theater, and Earl's.

Chancellor's Cup

Chancellor's Cup went very well yesterday; we were able to meet a number of prominent people, and to talk with them about the Students' Union, and some of our on-going issues and concerns. Thanks to Tyler Daignault and Kyle Kawanami for volunteering, and huge thanks and congratulations to Ariana Barer, who did an amazing job of organizing and planning the Students' Union's involvement in the event.

Federal Lobbying

I have continued to look into the two national lobby groups, as well as the possibility of staying unaffiliated. I have a meeting with Kim Steele from CASA this afternoon. I will likely be recommending shortly that we rejoin CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations), as this is looking more and more like the best choice for us to be able to lobby effectively at the federal level.

Federal Election

The writ was dropped on May 23rd for a June 28th election. Our posters and literature have been sent to the presses, and should be ready shortly. We also have an Edmonton-Strathcona candidates forum scheduled for May 22nd on SUB Stage at 7pm. The Vote! Society of Alberta is also running a 'Democracy Is Sexy' Bar Crawl on the 19th, and tentatively a live music event on the 26th. Look for more information on those two events in my next report to Council.

Here are a few links to sites related to youth voting and the current federal election:

Apathy Is Boring (www.apathyisboring.com)

Rush the Vote (www.rushthevote.ca)

Think Education (CASA) (www.thinkeducation.ca)

Vote Education (CFS) (www.voteeducation.ca)

External Affairs Board

We held our first meeting of the year, where we discussed our goals and objectives for the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10th.

CAUS

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) moved out of SUB and into its new office. The address is 202, 10920 - 88 Avenue N.W. just above Red Bike.

Advocacy Department

Congratulations to our new Executive Communications Officer Michael Horler, who will be with us for the rest of the summer. Michael's been hard at work organizing the rural tour for Jordan and I, and keeping me apprised of the federal election through the daily news clippings he sends out. While we gained Mike in the last couple of weeks, we lost Tony Clark (Executive Policy Information Officer), who left for the Oranger pastures of the New Democratic Party. I wish him the best of luck in the future.

Upcoming

Rural Tour - Jordan and I will be meeting with business and community groups, as well as High School students, in Cold Lake, Bonnyville, and St. Paul this Thursday and Friday.

U-Pass – Meeting with ETS on June 8th

Municipal – Meeting with Councilors Jane Batty and Michael Phair regarding housing and transit issues on June 10th.

Senate – Convocation (attending June 2nd and 11th) and Installation of the new Chancellor (June 11th.)

Report to Council June 1, 2004
Vice President Operations & Finance

Members of Council

After a month of being in office I am finally starting to become accustomed with the demands and rigors of this position. I am starting to appreciate my predecessors words when he said this was “the least glamorous of all elected positions” and a “demanding and largely thankless job.” After spending a month in this position I am only beginning to taste the dedication that Tyler Botten’s has had for the Students’ Union.

So what have I been up to in the past two weeks? Well I attended my first APIRG board of directors meeting and got introduced to a totally new way of debating and holding meetings, which was pretty cool. Had the first Revolutionary Speakers meeting as well. We discussed and tossed about possible names to bring in and a focus for the upcoming year. I also met with Student Legal Services to discuss their finances and the payment schedule for the dedicated fee.

BUDGET:

May 31st brought about the deadline for final budget submissions. I am now holding proposed budgets as submitted by respective departments, and have begun the process of reviewing and fully understanding the budget. Changes to the preliminary budget may occur in response to new information that may have been presented since the preliminary budget. The Budget Committee will be meeting quite frequently for long hours in the next few weeks to review the budget, question proposed changes, and prepare the final budget.

On May 26th we headed out for the CCSA 2004 conference in Winnipeg. Watch for my Conference report which is coming up.

Other Things I have been working on:

DVD Vending Machine – After reviewing the proposals we had received, we have chosen to pursue this opportunity with one of the tenders.

Campus Advantage ABM – I met with David Edwards of Threshold Electronics at CCSA 2004 to complete the details of ABMs that are set to be brought into SUB and the Powerplant. These are white label machines that charge a \$1.00 service fee where the Students’ Union would receive a significant revenue.

Duncan Taylor – Vice President Student Life
Council Report June 1st 2004

Back from sunny.. ah,. Who am I kidding... Back from Winterpeg

Meetings.

Chris Robb and Jordan: About expanding services to La Fac

UAB: Met with Tawana from UAB regarding creating a positive relationship between our organizations.

Jen Wanke: VPSL 2000-2002. Nuff said.

J-Blatz and Dr. Connor. Talked about the Augustana merger and the University's plans to incorporate UofA services at their campus. Jordan and I are looking to head out to Augustana sometime this summer.

Tobacco Reduction: had our first board meeting and we talked about different policies, met the different members of the board and had some frank discussions about where the project will be going. Still working on finding a replacement for Sunita.

Campus Ambassadors: Had to hire a new coordinator for Campus Ambassadors, as the one we hired was unable to fill the position.

CCRAP: 1st meeting, the results of which are in your package. Good times. One would even go so far as calling it "hack-tastic"

SLB/WPC: 1st meeting ever! Different topics affecting Student Life were discussed, goals were outlined for the year. WPC talked about different potential themes, and even managed to narrow down the field to some choice candidates for WoW themes.

CCSA: Had an amazing time meeting with exec from all over the country and talking about programs, events and services offered at different Universities. Went to programs on "Programming like MacGiver", "Working with Student newspapers", "Student Advocacy", "Relationship building", "VP Internal Round Table", "Liability insurance", "Managing Student Clubs" and "Social Leadership".

I'M Coming UP

Meeting with Athletics (hopefully)

Exec day long retreat

More RSS meetings

Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd of had to miss the dance.