

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday September 26, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-11)

2006-11/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-11/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday October 3, 2006.

2006-11/1a (i) There will be a draw at the end of the meeting by President Power for 2-double set VIP passes for the Golden Bears and Pandas Home Athletic Events (excluding Rookies vs. Bears and CIS Men's Soccer National Championships).

2006-11/1a (ii) Councillor John Chandler resigns from Council.

Please see document SC 06-11.01

2006-11/1a (iii) Councillor Greg German resigns from Council.

Please see document SC 06-11.02

2006-11/2 PRESENTATIONS

2006-10/2a Presentation on Updating Exec Priorities, presented by President Power.

2006-10/2b Presentation on Political Policies, the process and importance, presented by BOG Rep Chris Samuel.

2006-10/2c Presentation on the new Audit Committee Structure, presented by the Audit Committee.

Please see document SC 06-11.03

2006-11/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2006-11/3a Executive Committee – September 22, 2006

Please see document SC 06-11.04

2006-11/3a (i) **POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, donate the profits generated from tobacco sales after May 1, 2006 to AADAC.

2006-11/4

QUESTION PERIOD

2006-11/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-11/5a

University Policy Committee – September 19, 2006

Please see document SC 06-11.05

2006-11/5a (i)

KEHOE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, appoint one (1) member to the University Policy Committee.

2006-11/5b

Grant Allocation Committee - September 12, 2006

Please see document SC 06-11.06

2006-11/5c

Council Administration Committee

2006-11/5c (i)

LE/HENRY ORDERED THAT Students' Council remove Councillor German from the Council Administration Committee effective August 29, 2006.

2006-11/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2006-11/6a

COURNOYER MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles:

That the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate for a financial aid system that:

- produces lower levels of public debt by delivering a greater proportion of non-repayable assistance up front, including but not limited to grants and bursaries;
- is accessible to all Albertans based on demonstrated academic standing and addresses the real financial need,
- recognizes the complete overhead costs of education to the learner including, but not limited to rent and utility costs, textbook costs, transportation costs, food, personal care, and learning technology costs;
- better recognizes the diversity and individuality of the learner by accounting for varying living situations affected by geography, household configuration and alternate modes of study;
- includes adjustments to all forms of financial assistance to reflect rapidly changing market realities as related to the student 'basket of goods,' especially housing;

And that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate for immediate changes to the student loan system to include:

- the removal of the part-time earning exemption;
- the enhancement of scholarship exemptions and spousal working exemptions;
- the removal of the parental contribution requirement;
- to improve the remission program to be more predictable, transparent and accessible;
- to lower interest rates on the Alberta portion of all new and outstanding student loans.

Please see document SC 06-11.07

2006-11/6b

COURNOYER MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following principles:

That the University of Alberta Students' Union oppose the introduction of an income-contingent loan repayment scheme for the Alberta Student Loan Program that:

- Seeks to permit institutions to further increase tuition at Alberta universities;
- Through the use of annual interest rates ensures that lower-income Albertans pay more for their education than higher-income Albertans;
- Erodes the commitment of government to funding public post-secondary education or transfer the responsibility for funding from government to students and their families.

Please see document SC 06-11.08

2006-11/6c

HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

Student Space: study space (varying from study space on the main floor of SUB to study space on the fourth floor (quiet) of Cameron library), activity space for student groups, administrative space for student groups.

The University does not provide adequate student space as defined above. Building development and space allocation policies must accurately anticipate the needs of not simply a cross-section of students that currently attend U of A, but also a reasonable approximation of the demographic of students the building might eventually serve over its lifespan. The arrangement of student space provided by the university must take into consideration student needs for gathering, studying, evolving and learning from one another.

2006-11/6d

HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

A great University is built by providing an enriched academic environment, which includes top quality research as well as excellent classroom instruction. However, research must always be considered an aspect of the University valued as equally important when compared to undergraduate education. The Students' Union shall endeavor, through all possible avenues, to ensure that research at the University of Alberta is appropriately contextualized within the larger framework of the institution's structure.

2006-11/6e

HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt a Political Policy based on the following:

The quality of instruction in the classroom, especially at the undergraduate level, is of paramount importance to every member of the University community and essential to the future of the institution. The Students' Union should endeavor to create and support programs and conditions that serve to promote the importance of teaching, reward excellent practice and emphasize education in pedagogical improvement.

2006-11/6f

HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint three (3) members to the Council Administration Committee.

2006-11/6g

SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the External Policy Committee.

2006-11/6h

HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) member to the Bylaw

Committee.

- 2006-11/6i** **SAMUEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council appoint two (2) members to the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2006-11/7** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2006-11/7a** Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) – Report
Please see document SC 06-11.09
- 2006-11/7b** David Cournoyer, Vice President (External) – Report
Please see document SC 06-11.10
- 2006-11/7c** Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life) – Report
Please see document SC 06-11.11
- 2006-11/7d** In regards with item 2006-01/6c "*Schneider ordered that Students' Council direct the Vice President – Academic to work with the Faculty of Law Administration and Law Students' Association to bring them into compliance with Bylaw 8400 and report back to Council no later than September 26, 2006*".

Attached is the report.

Please see document SC 06-11.12
- 2006-11/7e** Votes and Proceedings – September 12, 2006

Please see document SC 06-11.13

To Students' Council,

This letter is intended to inform you of my resignation from Students' Council, this 14th day of September 2006.

Sincerely,

John Chandler.

Hello Rachel,

I wish to resign from my position on Student's Council.

Greg German

Audit Committee Presentation Reference Material

Audit Committee Standing Orders

(Approved July 25, 2006)

The Audit Committee shall consist of two sub-committees, viz. the "External Audit Committee" and the "Internal Audit Committee" subject to the following:

1. Definitions:
 - (a) Primary member of a sub-committee: shall be a member of Audit Committee who is assigned to that sub-committee;
 - (b) Chair: the Chair of Audit Committee is also the Chair of both sub-committees.
2. The entire Audit Committee shall meet as a whole:
 - (a) Once at the beginning of the year to
 - i. Elect a Chair;
 - ii. Approve Standing Orders;
 - iii. Assign members to sub-committees.
 - (b) To make decisions regarding:
 - iv. Removal and/or replacement of the Chair;
 - v. Changes to Standing Orders.
 - (c) Whenever called for by any member with 72 hours notice or agreement by all members of the committee as a whole.
 - (d) For the first meeting of the Committee in May, September and January, set out a meeting schedule for the following four months.
3. The Committee will assign the task of recording minutes to a member of the Committee.
4. Each member shall hold a seat on either the External or Internal Audit Committee but not both, with exception to the Chair;
5. Section (4) shall not limit members of Audit Committee from attending and voting at meetings of the sub-committee to which they are not primary members;
6. The External Audit Committee:
 - (a) Shall consist of three (3) primary members:
 - vi. The Chair of Audit Committee
 - vii. Two other members selected from the Audit Committee
 - (b) Shall have quorum of three (3) members;
 - (c) Shall review the proposed uses and make a decision regarding disbursement of funds for DFUs not listed in section 6(j), no later than August 31 of each year or within 4 weeks of their submission of documents required in Bylaw 6000(1) whichever is later subject to the following:
 - viii. The committee shall review the disbursement of a dedicated fee unit when:
 1. The Students' Council representative on that dedicated fee's

board is present;

2. All conditions set out in Bylaw 6000(2) have been met.

- (d) Shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership Fees.
- (e) Shall, when there is no other business, review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of the Students' Union organizational units and report, through the Chair, any findings to the Internal Audit Committee;
- (f) Shall communicate directly with the Internal Audit Committee wherever necessary

7. The Internal Audit Committee:

- (a) Shall consist of three (3) primary members:
 - i. The Chair of Audit Committee
 - ii. Two other members selected from the Audit Committee
- (b) Shall have quorum of three (3) members;
- (c) Shall annually select the Students' Union auditor and oversee the Students' Union's external audit;
- (d) Shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
- (e) Shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purpose of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
- (f) Shall, each month, review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of the Students' Union organizational units;
- (g) Shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
- (h) Shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;
- (i) Has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee(s) and/or member(s) of the Executive Committee;
- (j) Shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, and the Refugee Student Fund;
- (k) Shall at the first meeting of the Committee in May, September and January, set out a meeting schedule for the following four months
- (l) Shall communicate directly with the External Audit Committee wherever necessary

8. The Chair:

- (a) Shall ensure that there is an agenda for each meeting that will include, at minimum:
 - i. Call to order
 - ii. Attendance
 - iii. Items of Business (Based on the Sub-Committee's mandate)
 - iv. Adjournment

- (b) Shall, after each meeting of the committee, submit to Students' Council a report to appear on the main agenda including:
 - i. any decisions made by the standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council,
 - ii. any recommendations made by the standing committee to Students' Council,
 - iii. any standing orders adopted by the committee, and
 - iv. a document titled "Summary of Proceedings" summarizing the activities of the committee at the meeting in question.
 - (g) Notwithstanding Section 7(b), if the meeting occurs after that deadline, the Chair shall submit minutes of the Committee as soon as possible so that they appear on the late additions agenda of Students' Council
 - (h) Shall be responsible for booking meeting rooms for meetings of the Committee;
 - (i) May institute Robert' Rules of Order if the meeting would benefit from the imposition of structure;
 - (j) Shall be responsible for ensuring the security of all financial documents;
 - (k) Shall ensure that all electronic communication between a dedicated fee unit and the Committee will be forwarded to the Students' Council representative on the dedicated fee unit's board
9. Members of a subcommittee are encouraged to assign a proxy from within the committee as a whole before asking another Councillor.
10. The Chair shall request to be added to the GAC mailing list and to receive all minutes and agendas from GAC.

Audit Committee Mandate (from Bylaw 100, Section 16 – 2)

Audit Committee:

- a) Has the authority to select the Students' Union auditor;
- b) Shall select the Student's Union auditor annually;
- c) Shall oversee the Students' Union external audit;
- d) Shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
- e) Shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purpose of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
- f) Shall each month review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union budget, the transactions of at least two Students' Union organizational units;
- g) Shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
- h) Shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union budget;
- i) Has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee;
- j) Shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursal of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public

Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund on or before July 31 of each year;

- k) Has the authority to approve disbursement of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- l) Shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, and the Refugee Student Fund; and
- m) Shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership Fees.

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council September 26, 2006

- 1. The following motions were passed at the September 12, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**
 - a. YUSUF/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the Food Services Advisory Group proposal.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
 - b. YUSUF/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee appoint the VP Academic to sit on Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF).
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0 /1(HENRY) CARRIED

- 2. The following motions were passed at the September 19, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.**
 - a. POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend that Students' Council give the profits generated from tobacco sales after May1, 2006 to AADAC.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/1(CUNNINGHAM)/0 CARRIED
 - b. CUNNINGHAM/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expense not to exceed \$330.00 from the Contingency Fund to cover the purchase of a new cash register for CUE.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
 - c. COURNOYER/HENRY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the use of the Alumni Room October 5 from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.
VOTE ON MOTION 3/2(Yusuf,Cunningham)/0 CARRIED

- 3. The following motion were passed at the September 22, 2006 Executive Committee meeting**
 - a. CUNNINGHAM/HENRY MOVED THAT the updated policy regarding Office Allocations to Registered Students' Union Clubs be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/1(Cournoyer) CARRIED

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

OPERATING POLICY STATEMENT

<i>Policy Number:</i>	50.02	<i>Effective Date:</i>	July 25, 2004	<i>Page</i>	1	<i>of</i>	2
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Student Group Services						
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	OPERATING POLICY (SPECIFIC - OPERATIONS)					
	- <i>Specific:</i>	STUDENT GROUPS					
	- <i>Topic:</i>	Office Allocations to Registered Students' Union Clubs					

Introduction:

The Students' Union, in accordance with the Mission of the Students' Union Building recognizes the importance of clubs to enhancing student life, and provides club offices for activities including, but not limited to, club administration, planning, meetings, contact place, information distribution, counseling, and social interaction with group members. Club offices provided for student groups by the Students' Union are for the use of all club members, and not for the exclusive use of the club executive members.

Policy:

50.02.1 The annual deadline for submission of club office space applications shall be September 15. Vacancies will be filled as they occur.

Office allocations are valid for a period of one year, unless the group holding the office contravenes any of the guidelines in section 50.02.5 of this policy.

50.02.2 The Director of Student Group shall accept all applications. In consultation with the Vice-President (Operations and Finance), and in accordance with the criteria outlined below, he/she shall prepare recommendations for office allocations of SUB 040 B,C,D,E,F,G,H,L,M,N,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V SUB 4-16, 6-14, 6-16, 6-18, 6-20, 6-22, by May 15. These recommendations will be presented at the next subsequent meeting of the Student Group Services for discussion and approval.

50.02.3 The criteria for office allocations are as follows:

- a) groups who currently hold office space, and meet these criteria, may be given priority;
- b) the number of members of the group under consideration will be taken into account;

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Updated	Sept.21/06	Executive Committee	

- c) the group's level of involvement in campus life will be a factor;
- d) the level and type of service offered by the group for its members and for the campus community at large will be considered.
- e) the frequency and intended use of space.

50.02.4 Only clubs in good financial standing with the Students' Union shall be eligible for office space in the Students' Union Building. Furthermore, any club owing money to the Students' Union may, at the discretion of the Student Group Services and the Director of Student Groups have their office privileges revoked.

50.02.5 Clubs holding offices will be expected to adhere to the guidelines laid out in the office use contract provided by Student Group Services.

In addition, any legitimate complaints from occupants of the same or neighboring office(s) may be considered cause to deny or revoke office space if measures have not been taken to correct disruptive behavior. Complaints regarding office use or misuse should be directed in writing to the Director of Student Groups, to be passed on to the Student Group Services for consideration.

50.02.6 Office space may be denied to a club if the space is seldom used by the club for club business.

50.02.7 The Executive Committee retains the right to withhold the allocation of any office listed in section 50.02.2

<u>History:</u>	Date	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
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University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

UPC 2006-09

University Policy Committee

Tuesday September 19, 2006

The University Policy Committee held its ninth meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Councillor Kehoe called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. All members were present except for Vice President Henry, who arrived at 5:00 pm. Also, Councillor Nearingburg arrived as a guest at 4:55 pm.

In Executive Committee Reports, Yusuf apologized for not submitting a report and for Henry's being submitted after the deadline. On Henry's behalf, Yusuf explained that they are worried about the University's teaching and learning plan, and possible moves to elevate research. Concerns were raised over the implementation of the consolidated examinations pilot project having detrimental effects on students and contravening the Academic Schedule. Yusuf mentioned that little relevant action has occurred on the Public Health Response Committee, and the Food Services Advisory Group will soon have all members appointed and be ready to go.

In Old Business, the Fall Term meeting schedule was completed, with specific dates and times being approved. It was decided that off-Council Tuesdays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm suited best. Meetings will be held on October 10, 24, November 7, 21. The rearranged text of the Standing Orders from the August 31 meeting was approved. These new Standing Orders will be sent to Council for their information.

In Discussion Period, Kehoe posed the question of whether the Committee was effectively evaluating the University advocacy activities of the SU. How to best facilitate this part of the Committee's legislated mandate will be revisited at the next meeting. Yusuf, on behalf of Henry, introduced concerns surrounding course syllabi and the cost of academic materials. After a spirited discussion involving all members, Henry was asked to report back to UPC at the next meeting with background information on student instructional support fees and including required costs in all syllabi.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting of the University Policy Committee will take place on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

Summary of Proceedings

UPC 2006-09

University Policy Committee

Tuesday September 19, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by KEHOE at 4:05 pm
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
KEHOE/SUMAR moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 5/0/0 CARRIED
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Full minutes of the August 31 UPC meeting were not recorded.
4. PRESENTATIONS
5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
 - b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)
 - c. Other Executive Activities
6. QUESTION PERIOD
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Fall Term Meeting Schedule
UPC to meet on October 10, 24, November 7 and 21.
 - b. Standing Orders
KEHOE/ERUVBETINE moved that the changes to Standing Orders be approved. 5/0/0 CARRIED
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. DISCUSSION PERIOD
 - a. Evaluation of University Advocacy
 - b. Course Syllabi and Cost of Academic Materials
Henry to provide background information at the next UPC meeting.
10. ADJOURNMENT
SUMAR/JANZ moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm. 6/0/0 CARRIED
11. NEXT MEETING
Tuesday October 10, 2006 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room

University Policy Committee Standing Orders

Mandate

In accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students' Union, the University Policy Committee:

- a) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting the business of entities based at the University of Alberta;
- b) shall not make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta; and
- c) shall receive reports from the Students' Union Executive Committee on its on-campus non-tuition-related advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness.

Meetings

1. Quorum of the University Policy Committee shall be four voting members.
2. The University Policy Committee shall hold a meeting, coordinated through the Speaker of Students' Council, before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to:
 - a. elect a chair from within its voting membership,
 - b. set initial standing orders, and
 - c. set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.
3. The University Policy Committee shall establish a meeting schedule on a trimesterly basis, in advance, with the trimesters being:
 - a. May to August,
 - b. September to December, and
 - c. January to April.
4. Additional meetings of the University Policy Committee may be called by either the Chair or four voting members of the Committee, provided that:
 - a. every member of the Committee has received at least seventy-two hours notice of the meeting, or
 - b. every member of the Committee consents to the meeting taking place.
5. Meetings of the University Policy Committee may be cancelled by:
 - a. a simple majority vote of the Committee to amend the meeting schedule, or
 - b. the unanimous consent of all voting members to the cancellation.
6. Meetings of the University Policy Committee shall occur in person and are open to the public, unless the Committee moves *in camera*.

Records

7. The Chair of the University Policy Committee will take attendance at each meeting of the Committee.
8. The Chair of the University Policy Committee shall assign the task of recording the minutes at each meeting to one of the members of the Committee.

University Policy Committee Standing Orders

9. Members of the University Policy Committee may amend their comments in the minutes when the minutes are being approved by the Committee.
10. The Chair of the University Policy Committee shall, after each meeting of the Committee, submit to Students' Council a report including:
 - a. any decisions made by the Committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council;
 - b. any recommendations made by the Committee to Students' Council;
 - c. any standing orders adopted by the Committee; and
 - d. a document, titled "Summary of Proceedings", summarizing the activities of the Committee at the meeting in question, specifically all motions moved.

Membership

11. Should a vacancy on the University Policy Committee occur, then the Committee shall recommend the nomination of additional member(s) to Students' Council at its next meeting.
12. Should the Chair of the University Policy Committee leave the voting membership of the Committee, the position of chair shall be considered vacant and a new chair shall be elected at the next meeting.
13. Any voting members of the Executive Committee involved in University advocacy who are not selected to be voting members of the University Policy Committee shall be considered non-voting members of the Committee.

Chair

14. The Chair of the University Policy Committee shall:
 - a. arrange for the booking of a meeting room, when necessary, for meetings of the Committee;
 - b. arrange for the preparation and distribution of the Committee agenda;
 - c. moderate debate at meetings of the Committee;
 - d. respond to the questions of members of the Committee in a timely fashion;
 - e. assign duties to members of the Committee, such duties pertaining to the fulfilment of the mandate of the Committee;
 - f. maintain the Standing Orders of the Committee; and
 - g. submit reports to Students' Council, as required.
15. Should the Chair of the University Policy Committee be absent from a meeting of the Committee, the Committee shall then elect an interim chair from within its voting membership for the duration of the meeting.
16. The Chair of the University Policy Committee may be removed from the post of chair by a simple majority vote of the Committee.

Responsibilities of Members

University Policy Committee Standing Orders

17. Prior to the end of each Councillor remuneration instalment period, the University Policy Committee shall review its attendance records for all voting members of the Committee.
18. The University Policy Committee may recommend to Students' Council, by a simple majority vote, the removal of any voting member who is not carrying out his/her duties in contributing to the fulfilment of the mandate of the Committee.
19. Any member of the Executive Committee who is named as a member of the University Policy Committee may be reported to Students' Council, by a simple majority vote, if he/she does not fulfill the reporting requirements outlined in the standing orders of the Committee.

Proxies

20. To appoint a proxy to the University Policy Committee, the member thereof must provide a notice to that effect to the Chair of the Committee:
 - a. stating the name and e-mail address of the eligible member of Students' Council who will serve as proxy,
 - b. indicating the duration of the appointment, and
 - c. that is signed by the appointing member of the Committee or e-mailed to the Chair of the Committee no later than two hours prior to the Committee meeting.

Legislative Process for Political Policies

21. When Students' Council refers a political policy to the University Policy Committee:
 - a. the Chair shall, by the time of the next Committee meeting, assign a member of the Committee who is also a member of the Executive Committee to draft a political policy based on the principles passed in first reading by Students' Council;
 - b. the assigned member of the Executive Committee shall submit the draft political policy to the Committee in a timely fashion; and
 - c. the Committee will not recommend to Students' Council any political policy that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading by Students' Council.

Rules of Order

22. The Chair of the University Policy Committee will use his/her discretion in administering an informal style of Robert's Rules of Order to conduct the business of the meeting.

Structure of Sessions

23. The Order of Business for the University Policy Committee shall be:
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
 - b. Approval of the Minutes
 - c. Presentations
 - d. Executive Committee Reports
 - e. Question Period
 - f. Old Business
 - g. New Business
 - h. Discussion
 - i. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

University Policy Committee Standing Orders

Orders of the Day

24. Any voting member of the University Policy Committee may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by the Committee.
25. Orders of the Day must be submitted to the Chair of the University Policy Committee and the Administrative Assistant to Students' Council by noon on the business day prior to the Committee meeting.
26. The agenda package for the University Policy Committee will be published in the following manner:
 - a. an electronic copy will be e-mailed to the Committee members by the day before the meeting, and
 - b. paper copies will be provided at the Committee meeting.
27. The Order of Business notwithstanding, the Chair may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

Presentations

28. Each member of the Executive Committee who is named a member of the University Policy Committee shall provide:
 - a. a basic introduction of his/her goals for the year by June 1, and
 - b. a comprehensive presentation of all goals relevant to the mandate of the Committee by June 30.
29. Each member of the Executive Committee to which a political policy of the University Policy Committee pertains must submit to the Committee an implementation plan for the political policy as of:
 - a. June 30 for all pre-existing political policies, or
 - b. one month from the date of the approval of a new political policy.

Executive Committee Reports

30. Each member of the Executive Committee who is named a member of the University Policy Committee shall provide a written report at each meeting of the Committee on his/her University advocacy activities and those of the entire Executive Committee, and may provide an oral supplement to accompany this report.

Standing Orders

31. The Standing Orders of the University Policy Committee may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Committee, with such changes being reported to Students' Council.
32. The Standing Orders of the University Policy Committee do not expire, but shall be reintroduced at the Committee's first meeting.

Mandate

A Committee known as the Grant Allocation Committee (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) will exist in order to

- “(a) make grants and implement policy regarding the disbursement of funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Refugee Student Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, and the portion of the Students’ Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups;
 - (b) grant loans to student groups in amounts not exceeding \$1,500 per student group;
 - (c) make grants of not more than \$500 from the Eugene L. Brody Fund; “
- in accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students’ Union.

Start-Up

1. The first meeting of the Committee shall be coordinated through the Office of the Speaker prior to the first meeting of the Students’ Council of the University of Alberta Students’ Union (hereafter referred to as “Council”).
2. The agenda of the first meeting must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Election of a chair;
 - b. Approval of standing orders for the Committee;

Chair

3. The Chair of the Committee must be elected from the voting membership of the Committee.
4. The Chair may be dismissed at any meeting of the Committee by a majority vote, whereupon the Committee would immediately elect a new Chair.
5. In the event that a Chair resigns from the Committee, they vacate their position as Chair.
6. The Chair’s responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Providing a location for each meeting of the Committee;
 - b. Moderating debates at each meeting of the Committee;
 - c. Responding to questions from Committee members in a timely fashion;
 - d. Assigning duties to members of the Committee, in order for the Committee to fulfill its mandate.
7. In the event that the Chair is absent at a meeting of the Committee, the Committee will elect a voting member to serve as interim Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Meetings

8. All meetings of the Committee, except for the first meeting, will be
 - a. Co-ordinated by the Chair on an as-needed basis, provided that members are given 72 hours’ notice;
 - b. Five voting members of the Committee may call a meeting, provided that members are given at least 72 hours’ notice.
 - c. The Committee may call a meeting, without notice, provided that there is unanimous consent from all voting members of the Committee
9. Quorum of the Committee shall be four voting members.

Proxies

10. Voting members of the Committee may delegate a proxy to a meeting of the Committee by providing written notice of such to the Chair at least two hours prior to the meeting.
11. In order to be eligible to serve as a proxy, an individual must be a voting member of Council.
12. An individual may only be designated as a proxy once per meeting of the Committee.
13. Elected members of the Committee are unable to be designated as proxies.

Reporting

13. The Chair of the Committee shall, within seven days of the conclusion of each meeting of the Committee, submit a report to Council which must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. A list of the voting members in attendance at the meeting;
 - b. A list of any guests present at the meeting, if any;
 - c. A summary of the votes and proceedings of the Committee;
 - d. Changes made to the standing orders of the Committee, if any;

- e. Recommendations from the Committee to Council, if any;

Attendance Requirement

14. Voting members of the Committee who are absent, without proxy, from two meetings will automatically be removed from the Committee

Allocation of Funds

15. Funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall:
 - a. Be distributed to undergraduate students, student groups, and for the purpose of ensuring that programs, equipment, and facilities offered by the University of Alberta's Campus Recreation remain of high quality, diverse, convenient, accessible, and affordable to undergraduate students.
 - b. Not be used for
 - i. Funding projects that are receiving other Students' Union funding;
 - ii. Transportation;
 - iii. Supplementing University of Alberta staff wages;
 - iv. Awards;
 - v. Volunteer appreciation.
 - c. Not be allocated in such a way that more than one quarter of the funds available in the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund is allocated to any one project or recipient.
 - d. Allocated on an annual basis and shall not be allocated to commitments extending beyond one year from the time of granting.
 - e. Require recipients of funding to provide receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
16. Funds from the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund shall:
 - a. shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams and promotion of varsity athletics
 - b. Require recipients of funding to provide receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
17. Funds from the Refugee Student Fund shall:
 - a. Be used for the support of four undergraduate refugee students at the University of Alberta selected by the World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee.
 - b. Not use more than three percent of the available funds for administrative purposes.
 - c. Use the following granting scheme:
 - i. Sixty-six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to a refugee student in his/her first year of study.
 - ii. Sixteen percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to a refugee student in his/her second year of study.
 - iii. Seven percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her third year of study.
 - iv. Six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.
18. Funds from the Eugene L. Brody Fund shall:
 - a. Be distributed to federally-registered charitable organizations
19. Funds from the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups shall:
 - a. Be distributed to groups registered as Student Groups with the University of Alberta and the Students' Union for the current academic year.
 - b. Not be disbursed to any group having received a student group grant in the current academic year.
 - c. Not be allocated in such a way that a single group receives more than \$1500.00.
 - d. Not be used to fund grants where more the grant itself comprises more than 50% of the total Event or Conference expenses.

Delegation of Granting Authority

20. The Student Groups Granting Committee shall have authority over the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups, as outlined in Appendix A of these standing orders.

21. The Recreation Action Committee shall compile a list of worthy recipients and advise the Grant Allocation Committee how to disburse the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, as outlined in section 15 of these standing orders.

Appendix A

Student Groups Granting Committee:

The committee will be made of the following individuals:

Director, Student Group Services – Chair, non-voting

Associate Director, Student Group Services – voting

3 Student Group Executive Members – voting

3 Students-at-large – voting

The procedure for Granting Sessions will be as follows:

1. Applications will be due at least a week before the session.
2. Packages will be photocopied for all members and made available to them before the meeting.
3. Quorum for a Granting Session will be 5 voting members of the committee.
4. In the case that a student group executive member or student-at-large is in conflict, they will be asked to leave the room during the debate for that particular club. Conflict of interest arises when an individual is a member of the club applying for a grant, or the individual believes that they are unable to make an objective decision, based on past experience with the club or otherwise.
5. The meetings will be held every second month. At the meetings, the committee will be provided with the policy for Student Group Grants as well as a complete set of the applications. The applications will be reviewed individually and a decision will be made. There will be no representation from the groups applying.
6. In order to pass a decision, a 2/3 majority must be in favor of the motion.
7. Groups will be notified of the decision of the committee, as well as the reasoning behind the decision via a mailed out letter and email

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Grant Allocation Committee

Tuesday September 12, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by PAYNE/YE at 5:35 pm
2. ATTENDANCE
Payne, Ye, Cunningham, Samuel and Bugler all in attendance.
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Standing Orders
Open discussion with regards to section 21 in our standing orders, not rubberstamping, but rather looking at how and where we distribute funding and our policy in regards to the Recreation Activity Committee. It was felt because we don't have micromanagement control that we should not delegate out this responsibility but rather under guidance look at their requests and grant as needed.

CUNNINGHAM/YE moved to approve the changes to Standing Orders.
5/0/0 CARRIED.
4. ADJOURNMENT
CUNNINGHAM/SAMUEL moved to adjourn at 5:52 pm.

5/0/0 CARRIED

U of A SU Issue Background Brief

Public Student Financial Assistance in Alberta

September 2006

A many-splendoured aid

A number of different forms of student aid, administered by different agents, are available to Alberta students. Perhaps the most high-profile form of aid is the public student loan; however, in tandem with publicly-administered repayable aid, there is also a mix of public needs-based non-repayable assistance (government grants/bursaries) which are administered under the Alberta Student Financial Assistance program – Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation grants and the Alberta Opportunity Bursary, for example. It bears mentioning also that there are government merit-based academic scholarships, such as the Alexander Rutherford, Jason Lang and Louise McKinney awards, though these merit awards are not strictly understood as aid, which is usually understood to be in some way ‘needs-based.’

Institutions may also administer repayable short-term emergency loans and bursaries, as does the U of A (and even the U of A SU vis a vis the Access Fund), in addition to the institutional merit awards you would expect. Finally, students who have either maxed out their public student loans or who are ineligible for same, can turn to private loans from financial institutions. From a public policy standpoint, however, the main area which can reasonably be lobbied is the public aid component; it bears considering, however, that poorly-considered changes to the public aid system could simply force more students toward private commercial (bank) financing solutions which are substantially less forgiving than public loans.

How public student aid is administered to Albertans

First of all, it is important to note that Albertans receive loans from their home province even if they study elsewhere. Similarly, if a resident of Saskatchewan choses to study in Alberta but maintains Saskatchewan residency, his or her student aid will be administered by the home province. Nevertheless, there is significant commonality between most Canadian students since 60% of any loan comes from the Canada Student Loans (CSL) Program.

The Alberta Student Financial Assistance Program, like most of its provincial counterparts, handles the application for both provincial and federal assistance, and delivers 40% of the initial loan. Both levels of government may deliver some of the assessed aid on non-repayable terms, as with the Millennium Scholarship Foundation bursaries on the part of the Federal government. The provincial program also delivers some targeted non-repayable aid for high-need, northern and rural students.

Until very recently, the process was completely paper-based, but in the last year the province has managed to launch and de-bug the on-line loan application system at alis.gov.ab.ca.

Who is eligible, and for what?

The Alberta Student Financial Assistance program notes the following principles for delivering aid:

- The cost of post-secondary education is a shared responsibility among students, parents, spouses/partners and government.
- Assistance is intended to be supplemental to student and family resources. Assistance is awarded based on financial need.

Source: http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/pdf/studentsfinance/SFCC_FAQ.pdf

This means that students should be dependant on family/household resources if the family/household is of sufficient means. It also indicates that aid is awarded on an inversely proportionate basis to those available resources – that is, aid calculations are based on a ‘means test.’ This is rendered thusly in the Alberta Student Financial Assistance literature:

The student financial assistance a student receives is the shortfall between your eligible expenses and your resources, ie. **your allowable expenses – your resources = your assistance (loans and grants).**

‘Allowable expenses’ consist of:

- 1) **Direct costs of education:** tuition + mandatory fees + books, supplies and instruments
- 2) **Allowable overheads:** living costs + child care (if required)

The allowable overheads are deemed as follows:

- Single student living with parents: **\$362***
- Single student living away from parents: **\$787** (based on shared accommodation)
- Single parent with one child: **\$1,361 + child care**
- Married/common law couple: **\$1,565**
- Married/common law couple with children: **\$1565 + \$376 per child + child care**

*Single students out of high school less than four years whose parents reside within commuting distance of the schools (ie. Public transit is available) are expected to live in their parent’s home.

‘Your resources’ may include the following:

- 1) An ‘expected contribution’ of either savings or part-time earnings
- 2) Part-time earnings during study (the first \$400/mo being exempted)
- 3) Academic awards (scholarships – the first \$3500 being exempted)
- 4) Bursaries and stipends
- 5) Government agency funding
- 6) Other Income (e.g. children's benefits, pensions, rental property)
- 7) RRSPs (with some exemptions)
- 8) Assets (including spouse/partner assets)
- 9) Vehicles (less a \$5000 exemption)
- 10) Spousal contributions (spousal earnings less \$200/mo, if applicable)
- 11) Parental contribution:
 - is required from parents of single students unless you have been out of high school four years or more or you have been available to work full-

- time for 2 or more years
- if more than one student in the family is attending a post-secondary institution, parental contribution is divided by the number of children attending
- sources of parental contribution may include a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and Canada Scholarship Trust Fund

There are maximum loan amounts federally and provincially: the maximum loan a student can obtain each year (\$12,440); similarly, there are lifetime loan limits by program (\$50K for most undergraduate programs, more for professional programs and subsequent degrees, to a max of \$95K for Medicine & Dentistry).

Loan Relief:

The first type of loan relief is **interest relief**: while continuing enrolled in full-time study, no interest accrues on the loans accumulated to that point. Similarly, no interest is applied to the loan in the six months immediately after graduation. These provisions hold for both the federal and provincial loan components.

The other type of loan relief is direct debt reduction, or 'remission' as we know it in Alberta. Alberta applies remission relief at two points in the course of study: 1) after the first year, the "**Alberta Student Loan Relief Benefit**" – for first-time, first-year, full-time, post-secondary students with at least \$7,140 in debts; and 2) the "**Loan Relief Program Completion Payment**" – for completing post-secondary students (for four-year degree recipients this requires a minimum debt level of \$22,140 to qualify for remission).

CSL also offers a small debt relief program, but only for extreme need cases. Incidentally, since 1997 it has been illegal to declare bankruptcy on a student loan. The dubious constitutionality of this was unsuccessfully challenged in a Canadian Federation of Students lawsuit.

For what it's worth, the interest paid annually on an outstanding public student loan is eligible for a tax credit worth 25.5% of the interest for that tax year.

Repayment:

Normally the loans are repayable immediately upon expiry of the six-month interest-free grace period after graduation. A loan holder may select between two punishing interest options: 1) a fixed interest rate of prime plus 5% at time of negotiation; or, 2) a floating interest rate of prime plus 2.5% at time of negotiation. At the moment these are the same provincially and federally, though the province has given some indication that this could change (reduce) in the near future; the trouble is that because of significant remission programs from the province, the provincial loan amounts are much smaller than the federal ones, 40% or (more often than not) less of the total, ergo interest relief doesn't do much.

Challenges to the system:

Living costs are escalating much faster than the loan calculation allowances. Further, living costs have increased substantially more in some parts of the province than in others (e.g. Fort McMurray more so than Red Deer) and there are substantial disparities in cost between the large urban centres and smaller rural settings; either way, the averages amounts are generally considered to be insufficient almost anywhere in the province.

Despite the design of the aim of the system to extend opportunities for participation in spite of economic situation, participation in post-secondary education continues to be dominated by students who come from wealthier families, with 83.4% of youth from families in the highest income quartile attending post-secondary education, compared to 53.3% for youths from the lowest income quartile.⁷ [Statistics Canada, *Access, Persistence and Financing: First Results from the Post-Secondary Education Participation Survey*. (Statistics Canada, 2003)]

The current student financial aid system is failing students on both ends of the equation. Many students are not receiving enough financial aid to complete their program, or even to meet their basic living costs while they study. Limitations in the monthly living allowance calculation, as well as thresholds on part-time earnings, scholarships, and spousal and parental contributions, all contribute to the loss of financial aid accessible to students and do not correspond to students' life circumstances. And at the other end of the spectrum, students (particularly those who don't fit the mould in one way or another, for instance being part-time learners) are stuck with both insufficient resources and punishing debt loads.

Again, however, the provincial government's capacity to alter the system is limited by the fact that 60% or more of a students' loan burden remains under federal jurisdiction; and, so far at least they refuse to apply remission to the federal portion of the loan. Consequently, the idea of pulling out of Canada Student Loans altogether and administering student assistance wholly on a 'Made in Alberta' basis surfaces from time to time. It was thought to have been dismissed during the Learning Alberta process, but seems to have resurfaced with Minister Herard's appointment. The upside would be that remission programs could be expanded to tackle a greater portion of the debt, or the whole system could more easily be realigned towards offering a progressively higher grant/loan mix according to need. The downside is that the system could also be perverted much more easily into a high debt model operating on an elaborate income-contingent basis (imagine the Brick's gimmicky 'don't pay a cent event' meshed with the tenacity of a Columbia House contract).

Finally, there is a difficulty in requesting adjustments to reduce the resources (such as reductions in parental contribution thresholds) and increasing the allowable expenses (increased living allowances, or greater part-time earning and vehicle exemptions) since without other changes – such as increasing the ratio grants to loans – this simply functions to increase students' debt levels, which we have traditionally opposed.

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Income-Contingent Loan Repayment (ICLR) Schemes

September 2006

Summary

An idea hatched by Milton Friedman over 50 years ago, the scheme in its purest form involves receiving a loan to cover the full cost of post-secondary studies, repayable upon graduation as a percentage of income above a certain exempt threshold. However, there are several dangerous pitfalls regarding how the principle loan would be determined and how the repayment calculations post-study would be determined. But more concerning to students is that income-contingent loans increasingly transfers education costs to students and their families, a trend that has increased the financial barriers to Alberta's colleges, universities and technical institutes over the past decade.

Determining an award under an income-contingent loan repayment scheme is often similar to our current system, however fewer restrictions on parental income and included resources may be involved. In determining the total debt load of students upon completing their studies, income-contingent loans rarely include contingency programs such as remission or other debt forgiveness. Students are expected to pay back the total amount loaned out as the starting principle.

Repayment is based on a percentage of income, either as a flat-rate or on a sliding scale. As well, interest is charged against the principle, which means those who take longer to pay off their loan ultimately pay far more for their education. Those who take longer, by definition, are those whose income is low – the poor will pay more for their education than the rich.

Student debt is a real problem for Albertans – and income-contingent loan repayment is not the solution. Real debt by graduates will increase, and paying that debt back will often will become a lifelong endeavour.

Detailed analysis

The case for some form of ICLR scheme is seductive in part because the adjectives 'flexible' and 'equitable' are often found in the same sentence. But the need for loans that are more flexible and equitable is the result of dipping funding and rising costs to students, while ICLR is simply a financing scheme, not a meaningful funding and affordability remedy.

Furthermore, while it is true that there are incarnations of ICLR that may in fact be decidedly more flexible and substantially more equitable than our current loan system, our specific objection to the implementation of ICLR is the very real possibility of an inflexible and inequitable incarnation of ICLR. Perhaps the most often-quoted cliché applied in the debate is that 'the devil is in the details.' And thus, further on, we shall address the details of ICLR systems.

Before discussing the particulars, however, it must be clearly understood that we harbour a number of philosophical objections to the very consideration of ICLR, and these should be understood as the underpinning of our position:

1. Radical reforms to the loan system have arguably only come to the fore because education is no longer seen as affordable thanks to grievous increases in costs. There is demonstrable cause and effect at play here, and loan reform only seeks to change the effects, and does not itself address the root cause.
2. No amount of tinkering with the student loan reform will fill the premier's promise for the country's most affordable tuition policy. When you buy a fridge at the Brick for \$1000 and pay for it next year it is effectively the same fridge at the same price as if you bought it today. 'Flexible' payment absolutely does not affect the substance of the transaction.
3. The underlying philosophical basis of ICLR that the individual who shall benefit (financially) most of their education should be the main bearer of that cost is anathema to us.

To expand upon the first and second points, it is our belief that the very fact that loan reform is in question amounts to an admission that the costs of education have skyrocketed well beyond the capacity of the loan system meant to help students manage those costs. **And since we generally do not accept that those costs are fair as they stand, to accept loan reform would be inconsistent with our firmly held position on tuition rates.**

Though we recognize that each student certainly has a stake in their future, we do not see this as a closed system. The future relies as much on having skilled graduates. To conceive of cost and benefit in ICLR's atomistic philosophical terms is ignorant of the pivotal role of higher education in the development of societies. **Furthermore, it is our position that students' stake in their education is already significant enough in terms of the opportunity costs, hardships and time investment of studying as opposed to working.** Why then, other than for the sake of fiscal expediency, is it necessary to make students pay significant sums on top of this already significant commitment?

Nevertheless, it is perfectly understandable that ICLR is being considered (although we hope it is just part of a complete spectrum of possibilities) since the idea has taken root in a number of international jurisdictions, and found traction in both Quebec and Ontario more recently. With respect to the Rae Review's findings in Ontario, it is easier to understand their position on ICLR since a deficit-wracked government is in no position to feasibly relax the tuition burden on students. In their case, finance reform may be the only feasible option. But since the 'there's no money' excuse really has no basis in fact in the Alberta context, the more viable and to-the-point option of addressing affordability at the point of initial cost cannot be dismissed. **This is a political climate of opportunity, not one of compromise, so why be seduced by the desperate confabulations of other jurisdictions who have been forced to compromise?**

To restate, then, in other words: ICLR or any other radical reform of the loan system is a reactive solution to an artificial problem; that artificial problem is the cost barrier born of

the injurious tripling of tuition over the last fifteen years, a problem this jurisdiction could easily attack directly.

Specifics:

Since the question has been raised, we saw fit to carefully consider the whole of the ICLR landscape and discuss some of the essential strengths and weaknesses of the phenomena. Understand, however, in no uncertain terms that the following comments should not be construed as an endorsement of any kind of ICLR. Given all this qualification, however, it comes to this: ICLR is just an idea. Contrary to what some student groups would have us believe, it is not inherently evil, though it does have philosophical underpinnings that are unpalatable to some. Like any public policy, however, it can look good on paper and turn out poor in implementation; or worse, fundamental characteristics that initially made said policy palatable are sometimes subject to change, rendering it woefully disagreeable.

In respect of the elements of a hypothetical good ICLR system, there are a number. There are usually six facets to a so-called 'hard' or 'true' ICLR system, which we shall recap and then consider point by point:

1. An income threshold below which no payments are required
2. A fixed rate of repayment of marginal income above the threshold
3. A lengthy repayment period
4. No real interest on the loans
5. Universal coverage (all can and do participate)
6. Loan collection through the income tax system

In respect of the first three, obviously the minimum threshold and the proportional payment on income above it are the defining characteristics of income-contingency; likewise a lengthy repayment period is understood as implicit given the so-called 'flexibility' afforded to low-income grads.

In point four enters the rub – real interest neutrality. In a number of jurisdictions (most notably New Zealand) ICLR was introduced as real interest-neutral – i.e. that the full cost of real interest (beyond CPI) would be subsidized for the length of the loan. That promise lasted three years. A system of ICLR which fails to guarantee a real interest subsidy is an unfair and regressive system; by the same token, one which does would represent an improvement over the current system. It is important to note that for an ICLR system to be truly equitable it must not compound the loan by any more than overall inflation, otherwise there is an implicit benefit for those who pay sooner – i.e. those who earn more, which would be regressive. In order that a prospective student, who may not even anticipate the impact of long-term interest rate uncertainty, much less understand it, be protected from compounding debts outpacing payments, the interest rate neutrality of an ICLR loan must be guaranteed. It is true that such a guarantee would represent a major benefit to student borrowers, but the significant benefit comes at significant public cost, particularly during a period of high real interest, and as such would require a serious and unswerving public commitment. **To be absolutely clear, an equitable ICLR system**

would have to entrench this real interest neutrality; any exception to or departure from this would render the system implicitly unfair for lower income graduates and as such would be completely unacceptable to us.

The question of universal coverage has two dimensions in our view: firstly, it means that all persons would have access to the loans regardless of means tests and, in particular, expectations of parental contribution, since the basis of the system is the post-degree financial position, not that at time of entrance. Secondly, **universality would mean that benefit would be equally shared, meaning that those who can afford to completely discharge the loan upon graduation should receive absolutely no financial break or incentive for doing so, as this would almost universally represent an inequitable subsidy to the wealthy.** Although we are, on the one hand, troubled by the implications of permissive lending and high debt as poor socialization (and again dispute its very need), a useful ICLR system must make room for everyone regardless of circumstance.

As for loan collection through the tax system, this is one plus for 'hard' ICLR since this is a much more direct and efficient way to collect payment than the existing separate collections apparatus, though it has been criticized in some jurisdictions for creating animosity and undermining the self-reporting 'honour' basis of the tax system. Whether this could be implemented for Alberta probably depends on whether ICLR is adopted nationwide and hinges on the integration of Canada Student Loans and the federal tax collection system, which seems unlikely in the short term. It also bears mentioning that if the implementation of this system were to coincide with a tax cut, then the message would be that graduates can expect to effectively pay a higher tax for a period after their graduation, while non-grads and former-grads enjoy the tax benefit; people will see right through this. Tangentially, and on a more pragmatic note, were Alberta to adopt ICLR it would be better to do so in tandem with CSL and other jurisdictions, or for Alberta to opt out of CSL entirely in order to avert borrower confusion over two different systems.

Make no mistake: an implementation of ICLR would represent a tectonic shift – it would represent a change in the 'social contract' between government and citizens, most especially prospective students and their parents. The reason for putting it in these terms is that for student advocates to be able to hypothetically accept any ICLR system it would not only have to embrace the critical attributes noted above, but government would need to declare and promise in no uncertain terms that these terms were enshrined and fully above political whim. These promises would include:

1. A fair and reasonable minimum payment threshold, itself adjusted to CPI
2. A fair and reasonable set marginal rate of repayment above the threshold
3. Full and irrevocable real interest subsidy for all time, no ifs ands or buts
4. Universal coverage and equal benefit for all participants
5. No early discharge discount
6. An unqualified commitment to ongoing cost-based regulation of tuition

With respect to the final point, palatability of an ICLR implementation would ride overwhelmingly on the unequivocal guarantee that tuition rates would continue to

be regulated, unlike a number of jurisdictions (including Britain, Australia, & New Zealand) where tuition rates have exploded in tandem with ICLR implementation.

Under these hypothetical circumstances, *and these circumstances only*, an ICLR scheme would represent an improvement over the current loan system. Any abbreviation or reversal of even one of these foundational conditions would render the system a step sideways or backwards. Again, though, this should not be construed as an outright endorsement of ICLR since we continue to advocate for a philosophically different approach. We still ardently maintain that the best course of action includes conversion of core aspects of the loan system to grants in tandem with removal of the parental contribution expectation, plus a rollback and subsequent cost-based regulation of tuition.

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
Report to Students' Council
September 21st, 2006

Updates in the Week of the Quotation Mark

1. Professor of the Week! – THIS IS IMPORTANT. So pay attention.

In the September 14th issue of *The Gateway*, the SU launched a program known as Professor of the Week. The aim is to recognize “professors who demonstrate sincere enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates and a willingness to go above and beyond what is normally expected of a professor” on a weekly basis.

What does this mean to you? First off, look for it in *The Gateway*! Secondly, tell your friends to look for it in *The Gateway*! Thirdly, nominate professors by filling out the form (in *The Gateway*!) and also available at the front desk of 2-900 SUB, faculty association offices, SU Info Desks, and the end of this report! Then email it to avpa@su.ualberta.ca.

(nudge, nudge – this is one of those “outreach” things we occasionally like to talk about).

Now, onto the other important stuff.

2. SMART Classroom Access for Student Groups– This continues to tick.

3. Committees! – ARG, GFC student caucus and a number of other things I do met. On the 25th, the main GFC will meet. On the 28th, so will COFA. They are all discussing academic thingamajigs – more on that later. Except COFA – they’re discussing charity and charity-like events. While that may be at odds with my espoused commitment to faculty-level advocacy,¹ those of you who think that are, well, wrong.

4. The ACADEMIC PLAN...

In its continuing mission, to explore strange new (and old) strategic directions, to seek out new learning opportunities, but not new ways to pay for them,² to boldly go somewhere and hopefully somewhere that this University has never gone before...³ the University takes a report and runs it through a committee system! Had you going there, didn’t I? For a split second, you thought something fun was going to happen. Haha! Joke’s on you!

Anyway, the Academic Plan is a big deal, as it charts the direction of the University for the next four years – a ‘plan’ if you will, ‘academic’ally speaking. The new one is currently in draft stage, with high hopes of being passed on November 27th. As some of you may recall (though I doubt it) we submitted our very own shiny little document to the process leading up to this draft – I told you it was coming and what was in it. I really did.

Stuff you Expect to See

Meetings! Again!

¹ What? Didn’t you hear me espouse it?

² That goes in a different piece of paperwork. Derr.

³ Also, hopefully, somewhere good. But we’ll get to that later. Much later. Welcome to the bureaucracy.

- GFC – student caucus, Facilities and Development Committee (FDC), APC, main GFC (GFC), GFC Executive (GFC Executive), Academic Standards Committee (ASC) and the Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) in the recent past or impending future.
 - Students’ Union items on the agendas upcoming (gasp! Does that mean I’m doing stuff? Crikey.)
 - ASC – proposed revision to course syllabi to include the estimated costs of course materials.
 - CLE – discussion item on the possibility of conducting formative feedback at the U.
- Many, many appointments and one on ones – with members of the campus community (including the Provost). These dealt with all kinds of things (including the agenda items listed above, as well as consolidated exams, the Augustana Students’ Association by-election and other “interesting”⁴ little tidbits), and were generally productive.
- Review of the VP Facilities & Operations- The proceedings are still confidential, but will be revisited with you folks after the Board of Governors has handled it.

Upcoming Engagements

- FA road trip! – Sam, potentially Dave, and I are planning on going out into the wide world that is campus to talk to FAs about their advocacy priorities, our advocacy stuff, and scheming in general. Should be good. So far, these meetings have been easier to set up than Council committees... huzzah?
- Some IT Committees – ... On a totally unrelated note, there’s also a lot of advocating and advocating type planning going on in the next little while. Plus, I already told you about the GFC.
- Information Exchange Agreement – We need to be meeting with the Registrar’s Office in the next year to update this sucker. Stay tuned, or weigh in as you see fit.
- University Key Performance Indicators and Evaluative stuff – Many “interesting” things are brewing in terms of what the University is doing/wants to do and what external agencies (Maclean’s being the key point) here, there and everywhere are doing/want to see done with regards to measuring/ranking/benchmarking performance of postsecondary institutions (*ahem* the U of A) in relation to each other, internally and with particular attention to teaching and learning. I will be doing work in this area to eliminate the number of forward slashes required to discuss.

Something You Don’t Expect to See

Fun Fact⁵ - People hear through the grapevine that the UASU has a really great exam registry, and then ask me for advice on how they can get their own really great exam registry. We have a model service in da house, people. Just thought I’d share.

Fun Fact #2 – One of the things the U is looking at in the contexts of the Academic Planning Process is asking for funds to create 500 new faculty positions at the U.

⁴ Dang. There I go with that word again. Oh well. Be interested or perish! (or, you know, stop reading. To be frank, I’m surprised that you’re still with me at this point.)

⁵ Ho-ho! Fun, you say? In the Academic realm? Count on it (well, don’t really. It’s rare. But I couldn’t paraphrase Jim Carrey if I said anything ‘realistic’ about my general level of fun-ness.).

Professor of the Week

Excellent **teaching** is the foundation of an **outstanding undergraduate education** and the university community needs to begin to value everyday achievements in undergraduate teaching. The Students' Union is looking to recognize professors who demonstrate sincere enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates and a willingness to go above and beyond what is normally expected of a professor. We're looking for professors with interesting and innovative methods of engaging students in the learning process and an exceptional grasp of the subject that they teach.

Professor:

Course for which they are being nominated:

Reasons for nomination (attach additional space if necessary)

Nominations can also be picked up/submitted at any Faculty Association office or InfoLink desk, or at the SU Executive Office front desk. Nominations can also be emailed to the Associate VP-Academic Tasneem Karbani at avpa@su.ualberta.ca.

UPDATES

CAMPUS CAMPAIGNS!: We have had a successful first two weeks of recruiting volunteers for our campus campaigns. In the first week of classes, we signed up over 150 SU members interested in getting involved in campus campaigns.

We will be having our first SU Volunteer Orientation meeting tonight (Thursday September 21), so I will update Council in my next report on how the meeting went. **A BIG THANKS** to our Campus Campaigns Coordinator Jessica King and our Advocacy team and volunteers for spreading the word and signing up volunteers during WOW at the Clubs Fair!

On **Wednesday September 27 at 10am**, we will be marching from SUB Stage to the Administration Building to hold a tuition payment media event highlighting the high price of tuition at the U of A. **Councillors are invited to join and to spread the word!**

On **Thursday October 5 from 11am to 1pm**, we will be holding a **discussion forum** in the SUB Alumni Room on Tuition and the future of Post-Secondary Education in Alberta. Planned invites include Liberal Advanced Ed Critic Dave Taylor, ND MLA Raj Pannu, Minister Denis Herard, and more. Sam and I will be doing classroom speaking to promote the event. **Councillors are invited to join and to spread the word!**

EXTERNAL POLICY IS IMPORTANT: Where do you think the SU should be externally heading? **Share your ideas!** Chat with me, EPC Chair Chris Samuel, or other EPC members. *Let's get those creative juices flowing!* ☺

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: AVPX Pam Aranas is looking for **volunteers** to be part of this year's High School Leadership Conference on November 24 & 25 – contact Pam at avpex@su.ualberta.ca.

NEW TUITION POLICY: I am expecting Minister Herard to announce the new "affordability" package before the end of September. It looks like the new policy will include tying annual tuition increases to CPI, setting tuition at 2004 levels, and decreasing interest rates on student loans. I have seen the draft framework and though it includes some positive baby steps, it does not go nearly far enough in ensuring that PSE in Alberta is truly affordable.

SENATE: I attended the Senate "Folkways Alive" Reception in the Arts Building on September 14. On September 15, I attended a Senate Plenary meeting and had the chance to talk with Senators about Bill 40 and the new Tuition policy, as well as other SU initiatives. SU Senators Chris Skappak and Duncan Taylor were also there. After the plenary, I went on a tour of NINT.

SFB: On September 21, I'll be presenting to the Student Finance Board on behalf of CAUS. It will be a joint presentation with ACTISEC and the issues we

will be bringing forward are the future of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, the outcome of A Learning Alberta, and the student financial portion of the proposed "affordability" policy.

U-PASS: The Students' Union scored a big victory at St. Albert City Council on September 18 when Council voted to approve a \$90 a semester U-Pass for U of A and MacEwan students from St. Albert. Sam and I attended the meeting. We received media from the Gateway, the Edmonton Journal, and the St. Albert Gazette.

We have also begun negotiating with the University on their investment in the U-Pass project. Negotiations are taking place at the Budget Advisory Committee and have been going positively. Also, we will be making a final presentation to the Edmonton TPW on October 3.

Don Iveson and I have been meeting with the University Administration to figure out what the administration of a U-Pass would look like if a question were to be brought forward and passed by a referendum next spring.

UNITED WAY EVENT: This year, the SU has joined forces with the GSA to hold an event for the United Way. It will be a music night on October 13 at 7:30pm at Dinwoodie. Trevor Tchir will be displaying his musical talent! Tickets are \$10. Email Pam Aranas for more info (avpex@su.ualberta.ca).

Upcoming:

September 21	Presenting to the Student Finance Board
September 26	Lunch with Sandra Conn, UA VP External Relations
September 27	Tuition Payment Event
September 29	Grand Opening of the Faculty of Native Studies
September 30	Breakfast with the Chancellor at the Lister Centre
October 4	Budget Advisory Committee
October 5	PSE & Tuition Discussion Forum in SUB Alumni Room
October 23-25	Rural Outreach to Peace Country
November 24/25	High School Leadership Conference

Questions about this report? Got an external issue? Let me know in person, by phone -492.4236, or by email vp.external@su.ualberta.ca.

Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)

Report to Council

September 26, 2006

Greetings Council,

Sorry my last report was somewhat lacking. I'll try to make up for it by being diligent in including my normal report in the main agenda.

- ❑ Week of Welcome: I still can't believe it's over! Phew! Overall, I think things went extremely well. All the small changes (and the big ones too!) seem to have paid off, and there were a number of unexpected bonuses that came up thru the week! I want to thank all the councillors that came out to help, with notable thanks to Kory and Samuel for volunteering their improv talents, Brittney for supplying WOW with the French connection at our CSJ BBQ, Janz and Kehoe welcoming new students with a warm pancake breakfast, and Ben and Theresa for being all over the place. Thank guys!
- ❑ WOW wrap-up: Now that WOW is done, the daunting task of following up with everyone is now at hand! My goal is to make next year's WOW even better by leaving a comprehensive report so anyone can learn all the tips and tricks for events.
- ❑ Food Services Task Force: Time to fill members! We're waiting for CAC to become operational to appoint waiting members, and for the GSA to select members at their next meeting. The Exec Committee hasn't appointed anyone either... hmmm... I'll get on that!
- ❑ ECOS Development Task Force: Going VERY well! I'm hoping to come up with one, maybe two sets of recommendations to be hashed out at Council for a new direction for this service hopefully before December if things stay on task! I think this sort of discussion is bringing a number of issues to light in terms of the role of ECOS as a service and as an advocate, and those discussions will set the future direction of this service.
- ❑ Pandemic Planning: There was a scenario-based exercise that sought creative input in the pandemic plan, and to give our discussions a better context for the formation of the plan. There isn't a plan in place yet, but we're getting closer.
- ❑ Bar Safety: Probably one of the interesting things I've done this week, I was part of a presentation to the Community Services committee (a subcommittee of City Council) for a set of recommendations regarding the Responsible Hospitality Institute recommendations. Specifically, I spoke for an inclusion of a student voice in the policy direction, development, enforcement and management of the hospitality zones of Edmonton. This means input in a City-wide initiative to work with bars and other businesses to create a safer Edmonton. Our message was clear: We would like to be part of this group, so that we may use this as a template for future discussions with the City concerning public transit and affordable housing. The recommendations were approved in principle, and my role in the process will come become official. This will call the need for a (GASP!) external political policy for the VPSL!

- ❑ Political Policy: MNIF done! Strategy has been coming along to include a broader mechanism for the formation of these groups so that the VPSL or volunteers aren't overly stressed for time. UPC should be getting a presentation in the near future regarding implementation. In the works for creating more!
- ❑ Service Interviews: I'm in the midst of interviewing for open positions in the services right now due to two resignations, one from InfoLink and the second from SDC. Also there are the OVC and OPC interviews!
- ❑ Student Group Services: Just an update for a few questions regarding Student Groups: I'll be part of a meeting tomorrow with Dean of Students regarding the consultation position, and where I can broach the issue of our bylaws. Let me know if you would like an update during question period. I know a number of councillors were interested in this
- ❑ Recreation Action Committee: I had an interesting discussion with the RAC chair, Patrick Stratton, and we're very eager to renew the relationship with the SU and RAC, and find out how we can help each other and find what's best for students. In a broader context, I think that this is attempting to address a problem where there is no solid representation between council and RAC, or UAB for that matter. If anyone is interested in participating in these discussions, please let me know and I'll try to include a council voice in future meetings.
- ❑ Volunteer Appreciation Party: Action Geeks! I hope those of you involved with either Orientation or WOW decide to come!
- ❑ SU apparel: This stuff ROCKS!! It's not too late to get yours!

On the horizon!

- Sep 22: SGS Review w/ DOS
Kickboxing class!
Mandatory Fees strategy meeting
- Sep 23: Campus Ambassadors training
- Sep 25: WOW wrap-up with the services
GFC! + Presidential reception!
ECOS Development Task Force
OVC/OPC interviews
- Sep 26: Public Health Response Committee
Council
- Sep 27: Long Walk for Tuition
InfoLink interviews
AFC
SLAC/PC
- Sep 28: Campus Law Review Committee
Recreation Action Committee
Council of Faculty Associations
InfoLink Interviews (backup time)
- Sep 29: Volunteer Appreciation Party
- Oct 3: Alcohol Policy Review Committee

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday September 12, 2006
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-10)

2006-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

- 2006-10/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on September 26, 2006.
- 2006-10/1a (i) Payroll forms for Councillor Remuneration are due by September 14, 2006 at 4:00 pm in 2-900 to be eligible for pay on September 28, 2006. Please note the SU pay day is the second last business day of the month.
- 2006-10/1a (ii) Councillor Chris Le resigns from UPC, CAC and Students' Council. Councillor Schneider resigns from CAC and EPC.
- 2006-10/1a (iii) Please welcome new Science Councillor Steven Dollansky.
- 2006-10/1a (iv) Tickets for Persons' Day Breakfast will be available for purchase from Heather Grab (student).
- 2006-10/1a (v) DIE Board Notices. Please take a few and post around campus. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

2006-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

- 2006-10/2a **POWER MOVED THAT** Students' Council table the presentation on Executive Goals (item 2006-10/2a).

Motion to Table: CARRIED

- 2006-10/2b **SAMUEL MOVED THAT** Students' Council table the presentation on Political Policies (item 2006-10/2b).

Motion to Table: CARRIED

- 2006-10/2c **ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT** Students' Council table the presentation on the Audit Committee (item 2006-10/2c).

Motion to Table: CARRIED

2006-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

POWER MOVED TO suspend the rules preventing item 3a(i) from late additions

being moved to the current agenda.

Motion to Suspend: CARRIED

POWER/HENRY MOVED TO add item 3a (i) from the late additions to the order paper.

Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/3a (i)

POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the following draft agreement for a Food Services Advisory Group.

Speaker's List (mm): Power, Chapman, Nearingburg, Councillor, Chapman, Samuel, Bugler, Janz, Ye, Henry, Kehoe, Councillor

CHAPMAN/SEMENUK MOVED TO refer the agreement back to the Executive Committee.

GREY/ERUVBETINE MOVED TO table the motion.

Motion to Table: CARRIED

2006-10/4

QUESTION PERIOD

MATHEWSON MOVED THAT Students' Council suspend Standing Orders to allow for a proxy during the second half of the meeting.

Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-10/5a (i)

HENRY/ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "General Election Forum" (second reading).

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

HENRY MOVED TO amend the main motion by striking the word "thethe" from the last Be It Resolved clause.

Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/5a (ii)

ERUVBETINE/JANZ MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Access to Co-operative & Internship Programs" (second reading).

Speaker's List (mm): Eruvbetine, Henry

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/5a (iii)

HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Add-Drop Deadline" (second reading).

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/5a (iv) **HENRY/JANZ MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees" (second reading).

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/5d (i) **MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT** Bill #3 be read a second time.

Bill #3 – Audit Committee Mandate (sponsor; CHAPMAN)

Principle (second reading)

1. Bylaw 100 s. 16(2)(j) shall be struck and be replaced with the following principal:

The Audit Committee shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursement of the CJSRFM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund within 4 weeks of the DFU's compliance with Bylaw 6000 s. 2 with a deadline no earlier than August 31.

Speaker's List (mm): Chapman

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/6a **MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT** Students' Council read Bill #11 a first time.

Bill #11 – Elections Combined

Principles (first reading)

Bylaws 2100, 2200, and 2400 will be combined pursuant to the following principals:

1. Definitions will be amended to be made consistent across all elections;
2. Regulations for referenda and plebiscites will be clarified;
3. Deadlines will be consolidated;
4. Regulations formally applying to candidates will also apply to registered sides of referenda and plebiscite campaigns and all Campaign managers;
5. Faculty Association Executives and Returning Officers can act as a volunteer for or endorse any candidate or slate;
6. Councillor candidates may not act as a volunteer for or endorse any candidate or slate;
7. When a candidate is disqualified for budget violations they will be prohibited from engaging in further campaign activities;
8. Rules surrounding budgets, budget violations, or general expenses that apply to candidates will also apply to referenda and plebiscites;
9. The D.I.E. Board shall NOT HAVE TO convene a meeting less than twelve (12) working hours prior to the commencement of voting for the purpose of hearing and ruling on all appeals of the C.R.O.'s rulings;
10. The C.R.O. may NOT delegate any of his/her responsibilities to faculty associations;
11. Where any member is guilty of a serious contravention, the C.R.O. may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further penalties be brought under the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw.

Speaker's List (mm): Henry

Main Motion: CARRIED

LEWIS/COUNCILLOR MOVED THAT Students' Council suspend the Standing Order that requires a recess.

Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/6b

ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT Bill #12 be read a first time.

Bill #12 - Students' Council Scholarship(s)

Principles (First Reading)

1. Councilors have a full or partial opt-out mechanism for councilor remuneration.
2. Councilors who fully opt-out of councilor remuneration may refer to themselves as volunteers of the Students' Union.
3. All opted-out money goes into a newly created Students' Council Scholarship
4. The scholarship shall be dispersed with the following principles as guidelines:
 - It
 - a. shall equally represent all interests within the Students' Union;
 - b. can only be awarded to undergraduate students;
 - c. may not be awarded to an employee, councilor, or executive of the Students' Union;
 - d. will be awarded once a year and not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000);
 - e. will be administered by the Awards Committee;
 - f. shall have a requirement which promotes Students' Council outreach.
 - g. A detailed report shall be forwarded to the last meeting of Students' Council for the Fall semester.

Proposed Draft

- a) Payee's may contribute part or all of their remuneration into an account named the Students' Council Scholarship(s)
- b) Councilors who give-up their entire remuneration may refer to themselves as volunteers of the Students' Union.
- c) The criteria for the scholarship(s) shall be formulated by the Awards Committee within the following constraints
 - The scholarship(s)
 - i. shall equally represent all interests within the Students' Union
 - ii. can only be awarded to undergraduate students
 - iii. may not be awarded to an employee, councilor, or executive of the Students' Union
 - iv. will be awarded once a year and not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
- d) Selected students will be required to submit an essay whose topic shall relate to the SU Government and/or the Students' Council prior to receiving their award.
- e) A detailed report shall be forwarded to the last meeting of Students' Council in the Fall semester and shall include entries as in (d) above.

Speaker's List (mm): Eruvbetine

ERUVBETINE MOVED TO amend the main motion by replacing "the last meeting of Students' Council for the fall semester" with "Students' Council in a timely fashion"

Amendment to the Main Motion: CARRIED

Speaker's List (mm): Chapman, Samuel, Ye, Tieman, Lewis, Henry

CHAPMAN/HENRY MOVED TO refer the motion to a committee created of one member from BFC, CAC (permanent member), Council and the VP Operations and Finance to report to Students' Council by January 31, 2007.

Speaker's List (ref): Chapman, Lewis, Henry, Power, Cournoyer

PAYNE/TRAYNER MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the previous question: CARRIED

Motion to Refer: DEFEATED

PAYNE/TIEMAN MOVED THAT Students' Council recess for 5 minutes.

Motion to Recess: CARRIED

CHAPMAN/SCHNEIDER MOVED TO refer the main motion to the Council Administration Committee and the Council Administration Committee to report back to Students' Council by January 31, 2007.

Speaker's List (ref): Eruvbetine, Lewis, Payne, Shamanna, Henry, Eruvbetine, Chapman, Lewis, Schneider

YUSUF/LEWIS MOVED THE previous question.

Motion to move the previous question: CARRIED

Motion to Refer: CARRIED

CHAPMAN/LEWIS MOVED TO lift from the table, item 3a (i).

Motion: CARRIED

2006-10/3a (i)

POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the following draft agreement for a Food Services Advisory Group.

CHAPMAN/SEMENUK MOVED TO refer the agreement back to the Executive Committee.

Speaker's List (ref): Yusuf, Lewis

Motion to Refer: DEFEATED

Speaker's List (mm): Yusuf, Chapman, Janz, Kehoe, Henry, Power, Yusuf

Main Motion: CARRIED

HENRY/PAYNE MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

Attendance (2006-10):

President	Samantha Power	Y
VP Academic	Amanda Henry	Y
VP External	David Cournoyer	Y
VP Operations & Finance (& Executive VP)	Chris Cunningham	1/2
VP Student Life	Omer Yusuf	1/2
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Chris Samuel	Y
Faculty Representation (42 voting seats)		
Argic/Forest/HomeEc	<i>vacant</i>	
Argic/Forest/HomeEc	<i>vacant</i>	
Arts	Chandler, John	N
Arts	Janz, Michael	Y
Arts	Lewis, Cam	Y
Arts	Richardson, Brock	Y
Arts	Schneider, Tim	Y
Arts	Sumar, Al-Amyn	Y
Arts	<i>vacant</i>	
Arts	<i>vacant</i>	
Arts	<i>vacant</i>	
Augustana (Faculty)	<i>vacant</i>	
Business	Payne, Ryan	Y
Business	Cook, Michael	Y
Business	Gamble, Eamonn	Y
Education	Semenuk, Harold	Y
Education	<i>vacant</i>	
Education	<i>vacant</i>	
Education	<i>vacant</i>	
Engineering	<i>vacant</i>	
Engineering	Eruvbetine, Prem	Y
Engineering	Kirvan, Paul	Y
Engineering	Mathewson, Kory Bertagnulli, Justin	Y
Engineering	Nearingburg, Ben	Y
Law	Tieman Jonathan	Y
Medicine & Oral Health Sciences	Ye, Carrie	1/2
Native Studies	<i>vacant</i>	
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>	
Nursing	<i>vacant</i>	
Open Studies	<i>vacant</i>	
Pharmacy	<i>vacant</i>	
Physical Education	Gray, Darren	Y
Rehab Medicine	<i>vacant</i>	

Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Bugler, Brittney	Y
Science	Chapman, Theresa	Y
Science	Dollansky, Steven	Y
Science	German, Greg	1/2
Science	Hussein, Bayan	Y
Science	Kehoe, Justin	Y
Science	Shamanna, Sylvia	Y
Science	Singh, Alamjit	Y
Science	Trayner, Brendan	Y
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)		
Speaker	Morris, Jason	Y
General Manager	Smith, Bill	N

Guests:

Rachel Woynorowski, CRO