

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday July 6, 2010
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2010-06)

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2010-06/7d	<u>PARSONAGE/COX MOVES THAT</u> Students' Council appoint one member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.
2010-06/8	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>
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2010-06/8e	James Eastham, VP Academic- Report Please see document LA 10-06.02
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Hello Council,

A Board of Governors meeting was held on the morning of Friday, June 25, 2010. This meeting is considered the summer meeting of the Board, and is the last meeting of the Board as a whole until business resumes for Fall/Winter. While the agenda for this meeting was not as full as other meetings during the year can be, there were a number of administrative and policy matters that the Board took care of before the summer break.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- Vice President (Finance and Administration) Phyllis Clark presented the annual financial statements for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Board subsequently approved the statements.
- The 2010-2011 meeting schedule for both the Board and its committees was set. These schedules should be available on the Board website for anyone interested.
- Two policies, one dealing with information technology usage and the other dealing with the creation of new legal entities, were approved.
- The Board Government Relations Subcommittee was dissolved.
- A number of changes were made to Board committee memberships. President Dehod and I traded a committee, and as a result I will now be serving on the Community and Government Relations Committee, in addition to my membership on the Board Learning and Discovery Committee, instead of on the Safety, Health and Environment Committee.

I would be happy to discuss at length any of the aforementioned topics, or any other topics relating to the Board, with anyone interested. Feel free to contact me at any point. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Friday, October 15, 2010.

Cheers,
Craig

Good evening Council,

Here is an overview of some of the things that I have been working on over the past few weeks.

STLHE

Along with the Centre for Teaching and Learning, I attended the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education conference at Ryerson University in Toronto. I was involved in presenting a workshop on last year's pedagogical provocations series, and attended various sessions related to issues in teaching and learning.

CTL

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is hiring a new associate director; I have been attending the presentations and workshops that are part of the interview process and will let Council know when a hiring decision is made.

LMS Update

AICT has released their report on the upcoming Learning Management System change (WebCT is being discontinued, so all WebCT users have to change to a new LMS) The report recommended Moodle as the new LMS.

GMail Update

The Gmail project is hoping to make an announcement in the next two weeks, the University and Google are still trying to make the contract comply with Canadian law.

Admission Process Review

The registrar is undertaking a review of the admission process, hoping to streamline it for applicants. They have identified many areas that need improvement and are beginning to outline an action plan to address them.

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Policy Committee

Yo Council,

Previously on P.C.:

We looked at Academic Materials, Deferred Maintenance, Affordable Housing, and the International Student Differential.

We got some lovely exec reports on their goals and how they relate to our policies.

Next time on the P.C.:

We will be looking at the Deferred Maintenance, International Student Differential, Language of Instruction, and General Elections Rally policies

Cheers,
Natalie C. Cox

Report to Council

10-07-06

Prepared by: Aden Murphy, VPX – May 21, 2010



To: Students' Council of the University of Alberta

Hello Council!

Welcome to an exciting sixth meeting of UASU Students' Council. I would like to offer my sincere apologies for not having remitted a report before the order paper deadline.

CASA Update

As you may have gotten this impression from past meetings, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has been taking up a lot of my time for the past month. I am happy to announce that I was elected Chair of CASA at our Board meeting two weeks ago. This is a great honour, but mostly means that I am responsible for overseeing the internal governance of a \$500 000 organisation with 5.5 staff members. The majority of my additional work, which I expect to take around 20% of my time, will revolve around arranging board meetings, reviewing what's happening at CASA home office and talking with the other members of CASA.

With a bit of luck, everything should go relatively smoothly this year in the Alliance and we will be able to focus on getting our message out to government.

Municipal Election

After talking at length with Laura Kennedy from Edmonton Elections, the proposal was made to have an all-day city-wide advance voting station in SUB for the municipal and school board elections on October 18th. The SU's proposal had been for a city-wide voting station for the 18th itself, but the interpretation of municipal voting legislation by Edmonton Elections would make this difficult. More to come.

Tangential to this issue is the voting eligibility requirements set forth in the *Local Authorities Elections Act* are extremely restrictive to students, to the point of being prejudicial. This is something I would like to bring up at our next CAUS meeting to add to our broader lobbying agenda on expanding student voter turnout.

Student Financial Assistance and the Canada Student Survey

For relatively recent activity, I did an interview with Elise Stolte from the Edmonton Journal about students' financial literacy in regards to student financial assistance programs. This interview was the result of the 3rd report on the Canada Student Survey, conducted by CASA, which found that the large majority of students failed a short SFA literacy test, with over half of even upper year loan recipients failing. This report highlights the fact that information on the SFA system is insufficiently centralised, over-complicated and not being accessed by enough students.

In addition, to ensure that I understood the ins and outs of the system, I spent most of last night studying the federal and provincial grants, bursaries and loan eligibility. I live an exciting life.