

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
ETLC E1-008

### LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2014-22)

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| 2014-22/1  | <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u>   |
| 2014-22/2  | <u>PRESENTATIONS</u>  |
| 2014-22/3  | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u>   |
| 2014-22/4  | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>  |
| 2014-22/5  | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>  |
| 2014-22/6  | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>   |
| 2014-22/7  | <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>   |
| 2014-22/7b | HODGSON MOVES to nominate one member of Students' Council to the Finance Committee.                         |
| 2014-22/8  | <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>  |
| 2014-22/8d | Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life – Student Group Bill First Principles<br><br>Please see document LA 14-22.01 |
| 2014-22/8e | William Lau, President – Report<br><br>Please see document LA 14-22.02                                      |

## Student Group Bill First Principles

1. Student groups are an important part of our University of Alberta community.
2. Student groups are created through University of Alberta Student Group Procedure, Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Bylaws, GSA Board Policy, Students' Union Bylaw, and Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Sports Club Policy.
3. The Students' Union is tasked with administering student groups through Student Group Services (SGS).
4. SGS currently interprets and applies the above policies, procedures, and bylaws.
5. Student groups are an important constituency group that the Students' Union should support with quality service.
6. The Students' Union can formalize SGS operations in Students' Union Operating Policy to more consistently and transparently administer service for student groups.
7. Students' Union Bylaw shall capture the principles of Students' Union student groups, whereas operating policy shall consist of operational details, such as registration procedures and membership thresholds.



February 24th, 2015

**To:** University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2014-2015

**From:** William Lau, President 2014-2015

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for February 24th, Meeting)

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Dearest Council,

What an exciting time of the year, as we creep the candidates' Facebooks and judge their every action. Not in SUB 2-900 though I tell ya, we got work to do.

Now like the previous couple reports, allow me to update you on my progress with my goals. First, let me list off other commitments that I spent my time on *outside of my goals*. Feel free to ask about them at greater length if any of them catch your attention:

- EPSB Legacy Program
  - Dinner with the Provost's team
  - iHeart 2015
  - Making dumplings with Chinese Graduate Students' Club
  - EdmontonWHO 2015
  - Meeting of the Association Coalition (SU/GSA/AASUA/NASA/PDFA)
  - Coffee with Dave Hancock
  - Paintballing with the Boyle Street Student Initiative
  - Board Learning & Discovery Committee
  - Meeting with University Relations
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*Students' Union Strategic Plan*

- Finalized the Mission/Vision/Values of our Strategic Plan
- Presented options to the Strategic Planning Committee for Strategic Goals in collab with Senior Managers
- Next steps:
  - Draft Critical Success Factors & Strategic Goals (In Progress); and
  - Ratification of Strategic Plan at Students' Council (April 2015).

*Vibrant Campus Strategy (Student Mental Health)*

- The creation of a campus wide strategy is facilitated by University Wellness Services and has been delayed due to efforts needed to bring everyone on board.
- Current SU efforts:
  - ~~Hosting an “Open Conversation” on student (mental) health for campus stakeholders to brainstorm and share ideas (January 23).~~
    - Currently brainstorming for follow-up event.
  - Exploring changes in the Terms of Reference for the *Board, Safety, Health and Environment Committee (BSHEC)* to include reporting and accountability of student health statistics and efforts to the Board of Governors.
    - ~~Sent initial principles over to attendees, meeting scheduled for Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.~~
    - Currently in Board Chair's hands. Expected to extend beyond our term, as there are no more BSHEC meetings before May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Exploring integration of *Values in Policy*. Writing values-based policy will ensure that institutional values flow through decision making at all levels and strengthen our institutional culture.
    - ~~Aiming to have a draft proposal by the end of January and approval in April 2015.~~
    - Vice President Finance & Admin, Phyllis Clark currently leading a policy change to ensure that writing of new policies aligns to institutional values.
    - Currently drafting wording for integration into committee ToRs.

- Public Pianos on Campus
  - Piano moving booked for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Student Participation Protocol (Student Consultation)*

- Documents finalized. Presented to Senior Managers and COFA.
- Next steps:
  - Educate & advocate for the use of the handbook, including but not limited to a presentation to Students' Council and RHA.

*Student Life Central (Student Involvement)*

- ~~• Scheduled a meeting on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> with Senior Manager Student Services, Jane Lee, to talk about how we could simply connect students to student groups earlier.~~
- Services staff to lead project for first year students in 2016. Creating customizable involvement materials with Marketing & Communications to be attached to electronic Letters of Acceptance.
- Next steps:
  - Continue communications with Services (scheduling for March); and
  - Build partnership with RO to allow attachment of information (Feb 26th).

*Flight & Hotel Deals*

- ~~• Scheduled a meeting on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> to clarify initial vision and intentions with the project lead.~~
- Reassessed goals and timelines. Project lead identified, with short term goal (April 2015) of securing a partnership with a car rental company.

*\*Students' Union Alumni Relations*

- Met with Office of Advancement to explore logistics behind setting up an endowment. Partnership may be limited due to their policies.
- Next steps:
  - Draft up two documents: 1) a project proposal, and 2) the terms for the endowment we aim to create.

*\*UA-SU Financial Relationship*

- ~~○ Scheduled a meeting to start the conversation between Senior Administration of the University and the SU on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.~~
- Numbers were exchanged between staff. Intent of the conversation was to simply collect each party's understanding of the facts, and discuss principles for a general framework.
  - Draft principles: Predictability, Process, Clarity, Accountability.
- Next steps:
  - Working groups are meeting every two weeks; and
  - Process may be delayed due to necessity of first sorting out MNIF restructure. May extend beyond my term in office.

All the best,



**William Lau**

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