

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

6:00PM

Council Chambers, University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2016-20)

2016-20/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-20/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-20/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2016-20/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2016-20/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-20/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-20/6a *COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO VP SANDARE:*

For the second meeting in a row, the Vice President neglected to submit his review of the MNIF Policy to the main Order Papers, instead leaving me to submit it to the Late Ads. Can the Vice President explain why he allowed EMPFEST, a personal project, to interfere with his duties as a SU Executive?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

I would dispute the premise of Councillor DeJong's question. The use of the phrase "personal project" is largely incorrect. During the Executive election last year, I promised to connect students with a greater range of the business community, to help provide employment during and after students' degrees. This manifested as EMP FEST. Through my election I was granted a mandate to fulfill my campaign goals. EMP FEST signifies the completion of a campaign goal. As an initiative, created to support students, that fulfills one of the key platform promises, EMP FEST is an initiative that is a direct Executive duty of myself - given by public mandate. Due to the timing of EMP FEST, I had to make priority decisions for my time. The policy has been added to Late Additions.

2016-20/6b

COUNCILLOR DEJONG TO VP SANDARE:

Last Council meeting, the Vice President stated that he would commit more fully to Policy Committee and his assigned work from then on. As he is not following through, would the Vice President consider sending a proxy in his place who has the capacity to commit to the Committee in the future?

VP SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

I believe that it is important that the UASU has solid policies when we talk to the university and the Government. As the official representative to the Governments of Alberta and Canada, and the City of Edmonton it is important that I, as the VP (External) sit on the Policy Committee. As stated in our last council meeting, I have committed to the work assigned by the Policy Committee and will continue to do so, just as he has throughout the year.

2016-20/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-20/7a

DEJONG moves, upon recommendation of Policy Committee, to approve the first principles of the MNIF policy as revised.

Please see SC 16-20.09

2016-20/7b

PACHES moves, on recommendation of Finance Committee, to approve \$134,000 to be pulled from the Building and Tenant Reserve

Please see SC 16-20.10

2016-20/7c

PACHES moves to appoint one member of Students' Council to the PAW Center Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC).

2016-20/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2016-20/8a

BANISTER moves to appoint Tor Potter and Colin Basaraba to serve on DIE board.

2016-20/9

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-20/9a

PAW Center Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC) Resignation by Councillor Nick Dejong:

I unfortunately must resign from my position from PAWSOC as I am

located in Grande Prairie on a work placement.

2016-20/9b Report from the Vice President Student Life

Please see SC 16-20.11

2016-20/9c Report from the Vice President External

Please see SC 16-20.12

CURRENT

1 Facts

1. The University of Alberta is a publicly-funded public institution and therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources.
2. Services can foster a positive student experience.
3. Undergraduate students are willing to pay a reasonable fee for services that benefit them.
4. Mandatory non-instructional fees remain unregulated by the Government of Alberta and can therefore change at the discretion of the University.
5. Mandatory non-instructional fees are above and beyond the tuition fee, which is the mandatory payment for instruction.
6. The cost of a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, educational materials, and living expenses.
7. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to post-secondary education for some students.

REVISED

1 Facts

1. The University of Alberta is a publicly-funded public institution and therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources.
2. Services provided by the University of Alberta can foster a positive student experience.
3. Services provided by the University of Alberta Students' Union are essential components of the student experience.
4. Undergraduate students are willing to pay a reasonable fee for services that benefit them and are of good value for their money.
5. Mandatory non-instructional fees remain unregulated by the Government of Alberta and can therefore change at the discretion of the University and the Students' Union.
6. Mandatory non-instructional fees are in addition to the tuition fee, which is the mandatory payment for instruction.
7. The process used to add or change mandatory non-instructional fees differs between the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union. (Citation)
8. The University of Alberta Students' Union has committed to transparency and accountability on how mandatory non-instructional fees are spent.
9. The cost of a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, educational materials, and living expenses.
10. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to postsecondary education for many students.

3 February 2017

To: Robyn Paches, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)

From: Marc Dumouchel, General Manager

Re: Funding request for the Design Development phase of the Myer Horowitz Theatre renovation project

In order to proceed with the next stage of planning (Design Development) on the MHT renovation project, **I am recommending that you seek authorization from Students' Council to make an un-budgeted expenditure of \$134,000 for the next phase of planning activities. I am further recommending that this funding be drawn from the Building and Tenant Reserve.**

There is time-sensitivity to our planning efforts. The work done in Design Development will be key to securing additional grants and donor support, and is essential to business planning. The Theatre renovation is a cornerstone of our 'event centre' strategy for SUB and for revitalizing campus life. We also seek to ensure that the core project team can be kept together for the next phase of planning, which is the most critical from the perspective of identifying functionality and project scope.

Overview of Expenses

Item	Description	Amount
Architect (Dialog)	Cost of core engineering and architectural development for the Design Development phase. Includes landscape, mechanical, and electrical engineering work, as well as acoustical design work.	\$93,000
Construction Cost Consultant (Carlson)	To provide costing advice to the architects and the project steering committee. This allows adjustments to be made early in the design process, saving time and money later.	\$5,000
Project Management (Steffes)	Students' Union project management fees on Design Development. Russell Steffes has managed all major SU-driven renovations (1993, 2002, 2015).	\$7,000
Geotechnical Survey	Assess the soil and geologic conditions in the area of possible expansion.	\$8,600
Market Assessment	Funds to hire a consultant to assist in additional surveying and assessment of the performing arts market in Edmonton.	\$20,000
Total		\$133,600

Grants Applied For

The Students' Union has applied for a Community Facility Enhancement Fund grant of \$125,000 to support our planning efforts (Schematic Design, Design Development, and later stages of planning). We do not yet know if this will be granted.

Building Reserve

As we do not yet know the status of the CFEP grant, and as it can be applied to other planning activities after Design Development, I recommend that we fund the Design Development stage out of reserves; specifically, the Building and Tenant Reserve.

The Students' Union maintains a number of restricted and unrestricted financial reserves to ensure that money is available for mandated expenses (e.g. Access Fund, DFUs, and the Health and Dental Plan) and for unexpected events. For the purposes of major capital projects like this, there are two funds that have appropriate mandates. The first, the Unrestricted reserve, can be used for any purpose Students' Council sees fit. As of April 30, 2016, there was \$1.1 million in this reserve. The second option, and the one I recommend, is the Building and Tenant Reserve. This Reserve is intended to be used to maintain and develop SUB, which is what this project is intended to do. This Reserve ended the last fiscal year at \$463,006 and is currently estimated to be at \$477,224 at the end of the current fiscal year.

Robyn, should you, Finance Committee, or Students' Council require any further information, please let me know and I will endeavour to provide it. I am also available to meet with Finance Committee and Students' Council as required.



Marc Dumouchel
General Manager

February 10th, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

This report covers the period of February 7th to February 10th.

I would like to congratulate Vice-President Sandare on the success of EMPfest– I know that a lot of students saw value in the workshops and events that were offered throughout the week!

Council Larsen and I were interviewed by CTV on the Peter Lougheed Hall rent. You can catch us on: <http://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1054335>

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

The next meeting is on March 2nd in Calgary so I will be out of the office on that day and possibly on March 1st.

Mental Health Website

The list of Faculty-specific resources and services is complete and I am currently working on categorizing campus-wide resources and facilitating the self navigation process. I am also striving to have this website be available in French as well so I am looking into how feasible that would be!

Residence

Residence Life Task Force

President Rahman and I will be working on compiling the list of principles and priorities that we would like to see reflected in the final recommendation of the task force.

Lister Advocacy

The first general meeting of the LHSA took place on Thursday, February 9th. The LHSA is now in the process of hiring a CRO and two DROs. You can find more information on the website about LHSA elections, should you be interested in that process:

<http://su.ualberta.ca/governance/resassoc/>

Student Groups

We have received a draft of the proposed student group procedure from the Dean of Students' office and are currently reviewing it and providing feedback on whether or not we think it is in line with what the Students' Union proposed in the Fall semester on Student Group administration and discipline.

PROGRAMMING

SUB House Party

We had our first meeting of the SUB House Party Planning Committee on Thursday the 9th. We have 10 participating groups so far:

The U of A Improv group, the Chess Club, the MOD contemporary dance club, the Just Dance Club, the Latin American Students' Association, U of A compliments, the Brewing Association, the Hip-hop club, TEDxUalberta, and the Ski and snowBoard Club.

Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 16th!

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 11 a.m to 12 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

Cheers,

Francesca Ghossein
(Submitted electronically)

Feb. 14th, 2017
To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council

Council Report #19: EMP FEST has come

Hello Council,

I hope you have been well. This weeks Council Report is on the Late Additions because I have decided to find send you a complete update on EMP FEST. I would like to say thank you to all of the students who attended, as well as to all of the hosts/organizers! In addition I would like to start this report off with as thank you to the Office of Alumni Relations for their \$5000 grant that went a long way towards the festival, and the members of the EMP FEST Advisory Committee - comprised of students, the SU, and members of the university - for their help throughout the year. This Council Report is a preliminary update, a more indepth EMP FEST report will be coming out in a few weeks.

UASU

EMP FEST

I am proud to announce that EMP FEST 2017 (the first time this festival has ever been done) was a resounding success. EMP FEST signifies the direct completion of the Vice-President (External)'s publically given mandate (as decided by the 2016 Students' Union Executive Election) to aid and provide students at the University of Alberta with employment opportunities.

Event Engagement

The festival, designed to target students in three general demographics - those in stages of early career development, middle career development, and those in late career development - was comprised of **24 total events** directly attended by a total of **731** students (with an average event attendance of **30** participants). The counting of individual event attendees was done **using the same process as GovWeek events**, to ensure consistency amongst the major Executive initiatives. In order to better engage students studying on our satellite campuses, the speaker based EMP FEST Keynote events were **Facebook Live Streamed** to improve festival accessibility. When counting the number of *Facebook Live views* of the two speaker based keynote events (final count being made at the end of the EMP FEST week) EMP FEST engaged a total of **1,234** individuals, averaging the event engagement rate to **51** individuals per event.

EMP FEST Cost

Mike Sandare, Vice President (External)
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The total cost of EMP FEST will be available in the coming weeks while we acquire actuals for the festival. As it stands the festival appears to be **under budget**. It is prudent for Students' Council to note that the Students' Union received a **\$5000 alumni grant** as well as raised **\$728 from ticket sales to the Networking Night event**.

Event Reporting

As per the recommendation of a councillor in attendance of our last Students' Council meeting, I collected **attendee evaluations** in the same fashion as the Vice-President (Academic) did for GovWeek, using similar metrics. The same evaluation will be sent out to attendees of the Monday and Tuesday night events to ensure better insight into the festival as a whole. In addition, there will be an **Exit Survey** being sent out to event hosts/organizers, and professionals, to gain greater insight on the festival. The information gathered from the festival will be used to create an **EMP FEST Festival Report** to investigate the impact EMP FEST had on students.

As a whole EMP FEST, the inaugural Students' Union Employment Festival, turned out to be a huge success. I came into this year promising that I would help provide students with employment during and after their degrees, and with the completion of EMP FEST I am proud to say that I have been able to. However, I will ensure that EMP FEST goes beyond the completion of a publically given mandate to help provide students with employment. I will be having an exit meeting with the EMP FEST Advisory Committee to discuss the results of the report and put a plan into place to ensure the continuity of EMP FEST in the coming years. I will be sure to share the EMP FEST Festival Report with Students' Council, as well as the general public, once it is complete. Please keep an eye out for the festival report!

“Health curiosity is a great key in innovation” - Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha

Mike Sandare
Vice-President (External), University of Alberta Students' Union (2016-17)